

## Ione JV boys end season on up beat

By Paula Emmel

The Ione High School junior varsity boys' basketball team finishes the year with a 7-6 record.

"I am very proud of the boys this year," says Coach Jim Swanson. "It was a very hard year to get in a good rhythm, as we had about five games cancelled due to the other team not able to play because of not having enough players. Three of the games were only two quarters. We had only eight boys play, and they gave me 100% every game. They were a fun group."

Jason Thompson, Bailey Haguewood, August Peterson, TJ Patton, Joseph Doherty, Daniel Holtz, Joel Stillman and Oskar Peterson made up the team, with several seeing playing time on both junior varsity and varsity squads.

### Game by Game Highlights

**First game:** Ione JV beat Pine Eagle 49-13. Thompson 15 points, A. Peterson 17 points, Haguewood 11 steals, Thompson 12 rebounds and A. Peterson nine assists.

"It was a great game to start the season. We had 44 rebounds to their 22," said Swanson.

**Second game:** Lost to Riverside 38-48. A. Peterson 13 points, Thompson and Haguewood nine points, and A. Peterson eight assists.

"We played a very powerful 3A team. I am very proud of our kids staying with them," Swanson said.

**Third game:** Loss to Horizon Christian 31-77.

"Horizon Christian has a very good JV team, the best I have ever seen. They hit 11 threes and built a big lead," said Swanson.

Stillman and Haguewood 10 points, Haguewood 10 rebounds, and A. Peterson 10 assists.

**Fourth game:** Loss to Riverside 45-55. Haguewood 22 points and nine rebounds, A. Peterson eight assists, and Patton 12 points.

"Bailey had a great game and again we kept up with a team that played a lot of varsity players," Swanson said. "Again, I am very proud of them to compete with Riverside."

**Fifth game:** Ione beat Arlington 25-14, playing only a half-game. Haguewood had 16 points and nine rebounds; A. Peterson had eight assists.

**Sixth game:** Ione beat Helix 42-17. Haguewood had 18 points and 11 rebounds, A. Peterson eight assists, and Doherty 11 points.

"We built a big half lead and then we cruised the rest of the game," said



JV Freshman TJ Patton in the Ione v South Wasco game on Feb. 11. -Photo by Paula Emmel



JV Sophomore Bailey Haguewood in the Ione v South Wasco game on Feb. 11. -Photo by Paula Emmel

Swanson.

**Seventh game:** Ione beat Condon-Wheeler 29-28.

"This was a great game down to the end," Swanson said. "Bailey had 10 points and 18 rebounds. Gus had eight assists again. Joel Stillman did an outstanding job at point guard. Jason hit a clutch shot that sealed the game."

**Eighth game:** Ione beat a Big Sherman County 61-38.

"Our best game so far," said Swanson. "We played with great confidence. Led by Bailey with 28 points and 10 rebounds; Gus had 10 points, four steals and 11 points. Joel had eight points and five steals; Jason, six points and seven rebounds. Ione had only 13 turnovers for us as a team. We stand at 5-3 and 4-1 against league teams."

**Ninth game:** Ione lost to Echo in a half-game, 13-22. Haguewood had nine points and five rebounds, and A. Peterson had three assists.

**Tenth game:** Loss to Dufur in a half-game, 23-27.

"This was a game that, if we could have played a full game, we would have won. We let it slip in the last seconds," said Swanson.

Haguewood had 13 points, four rebounds and

three steals.

**11th game:** Loss to Condon-Wheeler 23-47. Haguewood had 11 points and 15 rebounds; Stillman, seven points and five rebounds.

**12th game:** Beat Helix 48-36. Haguewood 20 points; A. Peterson 12 points and four assists; Thompson seven points, 8 rebounds.

"We had 19 steals, led by Gus with seven," Swanson said. "Good win. Daniel Holtz got his first bucket and played a great game."

**13th game:** Beat South Wasco County 37-29. A. Peterson had 10 points, six assists and five steals; Haguewood had eight points and 11 rebounds; and Thompson seven points and six rebounds.

### Season highlight

"Ione played a very tough and fast Riverside team two times, and we only lost to them by 10 points each time. This was a great team builder for us. We were 6-4 in our league play, and I think we could have won two of those losses, if we played full games," said Swanson.

The team was led for the season by Bailey Haguewood with 129 rebounds and 194 points. August "Gus" Peterson had 90 points and 85 assists.

## Mustang wrestlers compete at state

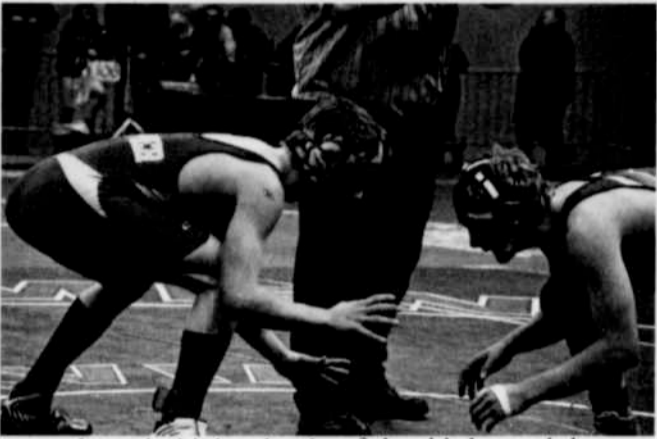
The Heppner Mustangs wrestling team took four qualifiers to state competition on February 24 and 25. The venue for the OSAA state championship tournament is the 12,000-seat Memorial Coliseum in Portland with classes 1A/2A through 6A competing simultaneously on 12 mats. Wrestlers must be one of the top two in their weight class at the district tournament to qualify for state. Heppner competes in the OSAA's combined 1A/2A Special District 4 with 10 other teams from eastern Oregon.

Heppner started the tournament strong and the team was standing in fifth place overall after the first championship round despite having far fewer wrestlers than any of the other leading teams. Three of the four Mustangs won their way to the championship semi-finals. None of them won their semi-finals bout Saturday morning, however, dropping them all to the one-and-done grind of the consolation bracket.

District champion Jared Lemmon entered the tournament seeded third in the state. He knew he had his work cut out as the 120-pound bracket was loaded with six previous state placers, including three state tournament finalists from the 2010-11 season. Lemmon's first and only loss of the tournament came in the semi-finals against the eventual state champion and 2011 All-American Tucker Davis from Culver. Lemmon went 3-1 for the tournament with all three wins coming by fall within the first two minutes of the match. The sophomore's third-place finish earned him a spot in the Parade of Champions Saturday night and made him the first Heppner wrestler to become a two-time



Above: Jared Lemmon, locked with an opponent during the state championship tournament in Portland last weekend. Lemmon was 3-1 for the tournament, only falling to eventual state champion Tucker Davis. Below: Unseeded sophomore Treston Maben dominated the third seed from Culver at 138 pounds -Photo by Jeremy Lanthorn



state placer in high school wrestling. He was also the first Heppner wrestler to stand on the podium twice at middle-school state.

Unseeded sophomore Treston Maben dominated the third seed from Culver at 138-pounds in his first match by a major-decision score of 10-2. Maben finished one win short of placing in his first state tournament.

Senior Garrett Gibbs wrestled at 182-pounds in his first state tournament after pulling off an upset district championship the week before. He pinned his first opponent to advance to the semi-finals before being sent to the consolation bracket. He also needed one more win to earn a spot on the podium, and his next opponent was the same he had upset the week before in the district finals. He nearly pulled off a repeat come-from-behind pin in the closing seconds

of the third round, but ran out of time.

Heppner's fourth state competitor, junior Tim Nelson, had the misfortune of drawing the returning state champion in his first match, David Henry from Oakland. Henry is ranked second behind only a 6A Barlow state champion at 220 pounds in the state all-class rankings. After dropping his first match to Henry, Nelson could not mount a comeback in the consolation bracket.

The four competitors were the most Heppner has ever qualified for the state tournament in a single year. Two other Mustangs finished third at the district tournament, making them state-qualifier alternates. With three of the four qualifiers and the two alternates returning as team leaders for next year, the Mustangs will have high expectations.

## Junior rodeo awards held



Cris Patnode, mother of Devin Kennedy, presents Gracie Orem the DAK Spirit of Rodeo Buckle. The award is presented in honor of Devin to the Cayuse rodeo member who exemplifies the spirit of rodeo...a child who works hard, stays determined and has fun. -Contributed photo



Back (L-R): Garrett Robinson (Senior Boy All Around), Jace Currin (Pee Wee Girl All Around), Jaiden Mahoney and Kolby Currin (Junior Boy All Around). Front (L-R): Jett Stewart, Tripper Stewart and Blane Mahoney. Not pictured are Gracie Orem, Hattie Orem and Sallie Orem. -Contributed Photo

The Cayuse Junior Rodeo Association held their annual awards banquet on Sunday, Feb. 19, in Hermiston.

The association is open to kids five to 18 years of age in Oregon and Washington. Participants compete all summer at rodeos around the region. The top

point accumulators in each division win awards at the end of the year and the all-around winners in each age division win a saddle.

Gracie Orem from Heppner won the Devin Kennedy Memorial Award this year; the award is given to the child who best represents the spirit of rodeo.

## Little League tryouts next week

Heppner and Ione Majors boys' tryouts will be held March 7 and 8 from 4:30-6 p.m. at Majors ball field/George Waterland field by the dam. Boys are asked to bring their own mitts and bats. Mandatory one night attendance, but two preferred. Contact Corey Sweeney at 541-256-0355 with any questions.

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