Heppner boys take Hoop classic from Cardinals in hard-fought match

The young Heppner High School boys' basketball team continues to play well and improve as the season goes on. They lost a close game in Imbler last Tuesday, but came back strong to win the championship of the Heppner Hoop Classic played this weekend.

Against Imbler, the Mustangs led after one quarter of play 15-12. They then trailed 27-22 at halftime. Strong play and good shooting gave the Mustangs their 40-39 lead after three quarters. Heppner was then outscored 16-9 in the final frame to give Imbler the win by a score of 55-49.

Coach Jeremy Rosenbalm said, "This was a good test for the boys and we just didn't execute down the stretch and didn't take advantage of our opportunities."

Patrick Collins led the team in scoring with 17. Brian Rill had 12 and Logan Grieb nine. Andrew Hatfield scored five and CJ Kindle followed with four. JC Putman had two points in the game. Collins hauled down 13 rebounds and Grieb followed with eight. Grieb had four assists for the game and Rill three steals.

The Mustangs next played and defeated the Arlington Honkers by a score of 64-40. Heppner jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back. They led at halftime by a score of 37-20, and 53-23 after three quarters.

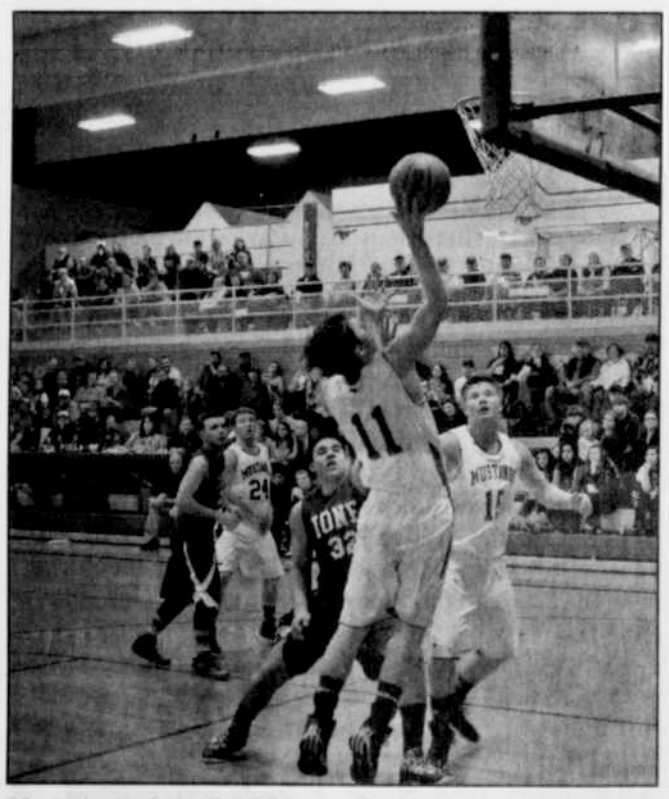
Logan Grieb goes up for the ball against an Arlington player as Patrick Collins and J.C. Putman look on. *-Contributed photo*

Jesse Corbin and Collins led the team in scoring with 13 each. Grieb was next with 10. Rill, Hatfield and JC Putman each scored six points and Weston Putman and Ross Cutsforth followed with three each. Kindle and Tate Gentry rounded out the scoring with two points each. Collins grabbed 12 rebounds and JC Putman had 10. Kindle hauled in eight rebounds and had four assists in the game. Grieb, Rill and Hatfield all contributed two assists on the night.

On Saturday night the Mustangs faced the Ione Cardinals in the championship game of the Hoop Classic. Heppner won the game by the score of 67-62. The Mustangs shot the ball well early and jumped out to a 23-16 lead after one quarter. Both teams scored 14 points in the second quarter and it was 37-30 at halftime. Ione outscored Heppner 32-30 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to catch the Mustangs.

Leading the way for Heppner was Patrick Collins with 21 points, 23 rebounds and five assists. Freshman Logan Grieb followed with 16 points, six rebounds and five assists. JC Putman had 12 points, four rebounds and two assists on the night. Jesse Corbin had five points and Brian Rill had four points, four rebounds, four assists and four steals. Andrew Hatfield also scored four points, CJ Kindle had three and Ross Cutsforth two.

This weekend the Mustangs open up league play with the Stanfield Tigers coming to town on Friday night. They will then travel to Pilot Rock on Saturday to take on the Rockets.



Mustang Andrew Hatfield goes for the basket while teammate Patrick Collins blocks Cardinal Tre Neal during the hard-fought game for the Hoop Classic Championship last weekend. *-Contributed photo*

Cardinal Basketball makes good early-season showing

Ione won 53-43 in its boy's varsity game against Arlington on Dec. 10. Bailey Haguewood led the attack with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Jailin Conboy added 11 points and Luke Jobes, Dalton Hughes and TJ Patton had eight points each, while Tre' Neal chipped in two more points.

The Ione JV boys' basketball team also won against Arlington on Dec. 10.

"It was a close game through the first half," said Ione Coach Brian Spivey. "We came out in the second half and made a good run in the third, taking a nine-point lead into the fourth. Arlington made a run and tied it. Donald McElligott made one of two free throws to give us a one-point lead with 18 seconds left. We played tough defense on them to the buzzer. Arlington got a shot off with three seconds to go and it rimmed out. It went down to the wire-it was anybody's game. Arlington is always tough. This was a good win for Ione."

On Friday at the Heppner Hoop Classic, the Ione girls played Crane, losing 33-50. On Saturday, they played Arlington, winning 50-13, to secure third place in the tourney.

The Ione boys played Crane during their Friday matchup, winning 87-64. On Saturday, they were in the final matchup with Heppner for the tournament championship. Ione lost in the final moments by a few points, making the final score 67-62.

Select game stats are as follows:

Cardinal Bailey Haguewood goes up for the reverse lay-in against Arlington. *-Photo by Paula Emmel*

Ione Girls v Arlington, Dec. 10, 54-24

Player: Reb, AST, PTS
Adara Hasbell: 6, 1, 10
Maddie Camp: 2, 0, 4
Katyln Bass: 1, 0, 0
Emily Holland: 7, 1, 2
Sadie Hasbell: 8, 0, 7
Jackie Juarez: 8, 1, 9
Miranda Taylor: 3, 0, 4
Rachel Holland: 6, 3, 6
Lauren Garrett: 4, 6, 8
Hannah Padberg: 10, 0, 4
Total: 55, 12, 54
Score by quarters:
Ione: 15, 6, 21, 12
Arlington: 4, 7, 8, 5

Ione Girls v Arlington, Dec. 14, 50-13

Player: Reb, AST, PTS
Adara Hasbell: 3, 0, 3
Maddie Camp: 0,1,0
Katyln Bass: 5, 1, 2
Emily Holland: 5, 3, 11
Sadie Hasbell: 11, 0, 3
Jackie Juarez: 2, 0, 9
Miranda Taylor: 0, 1, 4
Rachel Holland: 21, 0, 10
Lauren Garrett: 2, 1, 8
Totals: 49, 7, 50
Score by quarters:
Ione: 10, 9, 17, 14
Arlington: 2, 7, 1, 3

Ione JV Boys v Arlington, Dec. 10

Player: Pts.
Danny Doherty: 0
Donald McElligott: 7
Joe Doherty: 3
Austin Carter: 0
Zane King: 3
Jason Juarez: 12
Hector Aguilar: 0
Tre' Neal: 8
Joel Stillman: 7
Daniel Holtz: 0
Score: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Fouls
Ione: 7, 21, 37, 40, 14
Arlington: 8, 22, 28, 39, 14

Ione's Joel Stillman, playing for the JV team in the game against Arlington, drives to the basket. *-Photo by Paula Emmel*

Lady Card Rachel Holland gets the opening tip-off in the girls' varsity game against Arlington. *-Photo by Paula Emmel*

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