

Heppner boys' basketball splits weekend play

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team opened league play this past weekend and split their games with the Stanfield Tigers and the Pilot Rock Rockets. The team's record at this time in the young season is 5-2 overall and 1-1 in Blue Mountain Conference play.

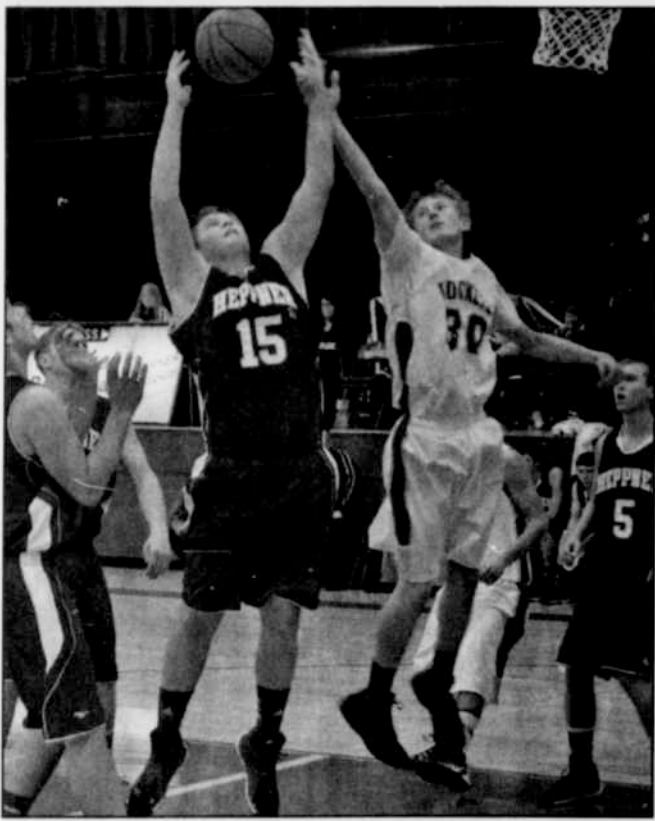
It was a close and hard-fought game all the way with the Tigers. Stanfield led 31-25 at halftime, but the Mustangs played better in the third quarter and only trailed 47-45 at the end of three. Heppner took the lead for a short while in the second half but could only score six points in the fourth quarter and ended up losing the game by a score of 59-51.

Patrick Collins led the team with 15 points and eight rebounds. Logan Grieb scored 13 points, and had five assists and three rebounds on the night. JC Putman scored six, with five rebounds, two assists and three steals. CJ Kindle tallied eight points, two assists and two rebounds. Andrew Hatfield scored six points and Brian Rill had three points, two assists and four rebounds for the game.

In the game at Pilot Rock, the Mustangs started fast and led after the first quarter 15-4. The Mustangs were outscored in the second quarter 13-9, but still led the game 24-17 at halftime. The Mustangs came out strong in the second half and attacked the basket and scored often. They put up 38 points in the second half compared to only 17 for the Rockets. The final score of the game was 62-34.

Collins again led the team with 22 points and 13 rebounds. Grieb scored 16 and had four assists. Tate Gentry scored five points and had three steals in the game.

Weston Putman scored five points and Ross



Top: Mustang Patrick Collins defends against a Rocket as he goes for a basket during their recent game. Collins was Heppner's top scorer in both of last weekend's games. Bottom: Heppner's JC Putman attempts a steal during the recent contest against Stanfield. -Photos by Sandra Putman

Cutsforth had four. JC Putman scored four points and hauled down eight rebounds.

Kindle had two points, six assists and four rebounds for the game. Rill scored two, and had three assists,

three rebounds and three steals. Hatfield also scored two points in the win.

The Mustangs will host the Heppner Holiday Hoop Tournament this weekend and play the Echo Cougars on Friday night.

Mustang girls tame Tigers, shot down by Rockets

The Heppner High School girls' basketball team opened league play this weekend by splitting their games with Stanfield and Pilot Rock. The team currently has a 4-3 record for the season.

The Mustangs beat the Stanfield Tigers at home on Friday night by a score of 55-35. Heppner took control of the game early and did not look back as the girls dominated the Tigers in every phase of the game. The Mustangs led at halftime by a score of 29-22 but it was in the second half that they really turned up the heat. Because of the strong defensive pressure the Mustangs applied, Stanfield was only able to score a total of 13 points in the second half. Heppner shot the ball well and was able to score 26 points in the second half to secure the win.

Leading the way in scoring for the Mustangs was Blake Greenup with 18 points. Maddie Lindsay and Kelly Wilson followed with nine each and Jessica Kempkin added eight.

Kayla Kindle had five points while Micha Hintz and Paige Grieb tallied three each. Lindsay hauled in a total of 16 rebounds on the night. Kindle and



Heppner's Kayla Kindle goes for the shot against the Rockets last weekend while Maddie Lindsay looks to assist. -Photo by Sandra Putman

Kempkin each had seven. Hintz recorded six assists in the game.

Heppner then travelled to Pilot Rock on Saturday to take on the highly-regarded Rockets. The host Rockets shot the ball very well in their own gym to open the game and led at the half 43-17. The Mustangs played better in the second half and were only outscored 24-23.

Wilson led the team in scoring with 14 points. Hintz and Kindle followed with seven each. Greenup scored six and Kempkin four. Lindsay finished the night with two points and 10 rebounds.

The Mustangs take on the Echo Cougars this Friday night as part of the Heppner Holiday Hoops Tournament.

Heppner JV basketball starts season strong

The Heppner High School Junior Varsity boys' basketball teams have a combined 5-2 record on the year so far.

The JV1 team plays on the same night as the varsity team, and the JV2 team has had other games scheduled to allow them to get more experience.

Several boys play on both teams in order to allow them to play in more games this season.

In their first game the JV1 team beat Imbler by a score of 29-21. In that game Jesse Corbin scored 12 points to lead the team. Caden Hedman had six and Jake Lindsay five.

Weston Putman, Kevin Murray and Kolby Currin scored two points each for the Mustangs.

Last weekend the team lost to Stanfield 51-33 but they then bounced back to beat Pilot Rock 49-23. In the Stanfield game, Putman scored 10 points and Ross

Cutsforth nine.

Murray and Jeremiah Petzoldt each scored five for the team. Kaden Corbin had three and Hedman one.

At Pilot Rock the team led from start to finish. Lindsay and Murray led the team with nine points each.

Cade Arbogast followed with eight, while Putman and Hedman had seven each. Cutsforth was next with six, Currin had two and Petzoldt claimed one.

The JV2 team beat Condon by a score of 37-29 to start their year. Lindsay scored 11 points to lead the Mustangs. Hedman chipped in 10, Currin eight, Kaden Corbin six and Jeff Dowdy two.

They next beat Stanfield 56-54. A basket by Kevin Murray at the buzzer was the difference in this one. Once again Lindsay led the team in scoring with 19. Murray followed with 15, with nine of those

coming from the free throw line. Hedman scored seven, Currin six and Petzoldt five. Ryan Cecil scored four points in the game.

The team then lost to Arlington 47-46. They had a shot at the buzzer to win but it didn't go in.

Hedman scored 16 points in the game and Currin had 10. Lindsay, Murray and Petzoldt all had six each and Arbogast scored two.

In another game with Stanfield the Mustangs opened up a big lead and were able to hang on to get the win by a score of 50-45. Everyone on the team scored in the game and it was Murray who led them with 14. Lindsay and Hedman both had 10 points and Currin eight. Kaden Corbin, Cecil, Arbogast and Dowdy all had two points for the Mustangs.

Both teams have the holiday season off and don't play again until Jan. 3.

Ione men's, women's varsity basketball scores

Ione v Condon/Wheeler, Dec. 17

Men
Ione 85, Condon/Wheeler 66
Bailey Haguewood, 23
Jailin Conboy, 20
TJ Patton, 15
Dalton Hughes, 13
Luke Jones, 8
Jason Juarez, 5
Tre Neal, 1

Score by quarter
Ione: 25, 19, 24, 17, ...85
Condon/Wheeler: 12, 17, 18, 19, ...66
Women
Ione 21, Condon/Wheeler 53
Lauren Garrett, 6
Adara Hasbell, 4
Jacqueline Juarez, 3

Maddie Camp, 2
Miranda Taylor, 2
Emily Holland, 2
Rachel Holland, 2
Score by quarter
Ione: 0, 4, 9, 8, ...21
C/W: 26, 14, 6, 7, ...53

Ione junior varsity boys' stats

Dec. 17 @ Condon/Wheeler

Danny Doherty, 0
Donald McElligott, 2
Joe Doherty, 2
Austin Carter, 2
Zane King, 5
Daniel Holtz, 2
Jason Juarez, 11
Colton Hollis, 0
Tre Neil, 16
Joel Stillman, 5
Score by quarter
Ione 19,28,45,45
Condon 6,17,19,27
Fouls
Ione 7, Condon 6

"We got a lay-in off the opening tip and we never looked back," said Ione Assistant Coach Brian Spivey.

"The boys played a tough defense which created a lot of turnovers and scores for Ione. Our offense is starting to gel, getting good ball movement, rotation, which is creating opportunities to score."

Dec. 20 @ Riverside
Danny Doherty, 0
Henry Padberg, 3
Donald McElligott, 0
Colton Hollis, 0
Austin Carter, 0

Zane King, 2
Daniel Holtz, 0
Jason Juarez, 0
Hector Aguilar, 0
Tre Neil, 18
Joel Stillman, 7
Joe Doherty, 6
Score by quarter
Ione 10, 17, 29, 36
Riverside 13, 29, 39, 51
Fouls
Ione 18, Riverside 7

"We came out and played Riverside with a lot of intensity," said Spivey. "It was a pretty close game most of the way; it was a tough day for a couple of our shooters, ball just wouldn't drop in the hole, and turnovers also plagued us."

Sophomore Tre Neil had 18 points and seven rebounds, Jason Juarez had three rebounds and six assists, freshman Donald McElligott had four rebounds, three blocked shots and six steals.

"Tre played a great game; he is strong under the bucket," concluded Spivey.

Proud of my boys, how they hung in there against a

3A school."

Dec. 27 @ Irrigon

Irrigon JV 43, Ione JV 33
Player: Reb, Ast, Pts
Danny Doherty: 0, 0, 3
Henry Padberg: 1, 1, 1
Donald McElligott: 5, 0, 7
Austin Carter: 2, 0, 0
Zane King: 2, 1, 2
Jason Juarez: 3, 3, 6
Hector Aguilar: 1, 0, 0
Tre Neil: 4, 0, 2
Joel Stillman: 2, 2, 8
Joe Doherty: 4, 0, 4
Score by quarters
Ione JV: 7, 20, 29, 33
Irrigon JV: 5, 23, 40, 43

"The game was close in the first half, came out in the second half and couldn't get many shots to fall in the bucket. Irrigon had a big third quarter and that really hurt us; couldn't quite close the gap after that," said Spivey.

Dec. 28 v. Umatilla

Umatilla JV 39, Ione JV 41
Player: Reb, Ast, Pts
Danny Doherty: 1, 0, 0
Henry Padberg: 1, 1, 7
Donald McElligott: 5, 0, 4
Austin Carter: 0, 0, 0
Joe Doherty: 0, 1, 6
Zane King: 1, 1, 0
Jason Juarez: 4, 5, 4

Hector Aguilar: 2, 0, 0
Tre Neil: 11, 0, 20
Score by Quarters
Umatilla JV: 6, 15, 22, 39
Ione JV: 10, 15, 33, 41

"We came out and played Umatilla tough. Our defense was a lot better tonight than it was against Irrigon the night before. Ione boys were kicking themselves from the night before for letting the Irrigon game get away from them; they played hard and held the lead to the final buzzer against Umatilla," Spivey said.

"Tre' Neil had a whale of a game, 20 points and 11 rebounds in two quarters. Tre' was a dominating force in this game. He was unstoppable! Jason Juarez also had a great game with five assists, four steals. Most of the assists was dishing off to Tre'.

"The team is getting better each game; they are looking forward to the Joseph game next week and then getting back into league play," concluded Spivey

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