

## Heppner finishes seventh in wrestling tournament

The Heppner Mustang wrestlers competed in the two-day, 20-team Jo-Hi Invitational in Joseph, OR last Friday and Saturday.

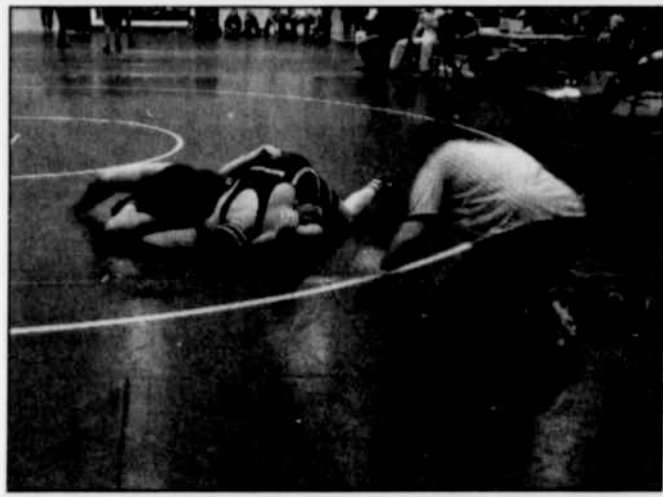
With only six scoring wrestlers, the Mustangs finished seventh overall, just 1.5 points behind sixth-place Baker City. Four of the six varsity wrestlers placed in the top four of their weight class.

Heppner, which finished seventh overall in the state in 2012-2013, is currently ranked ninth in the state for 2A wrestling.

The Mustangs were led by senior Jared Lemmon. Lemmon defeated top-10 ranked wrestlers from 4A, 3A and 2A and did not allow any opponent to score an offensive point. He won the 132-pound championship bout with a first-round pin against a two-time state placer. Lemmon accounted for 28 of the team's 88.5 tournament points.

Heppner's second highest placer was a new Mustang, Kyle Aldrich, who finished third at 182-pounds. Aldrich went 3-1 in the tournament, losing only to the eventual champion from Grangeville, ID in the championship semi-finals. Aldrich and his family recently moved to Heppner. He formerly wrestled for Baker High School as a freshman.

Ryan Smith (106 lbs) and Jesse Boyd (138 lbs) each placed fourth in their weight classes. Boyd entered the 16-



Top: Mustang Kyle Aldrich pins his opponent from Grangeville, ID for third place in the recent Jo-Hi Invitational. Bottom: Jared Lemmon in his first-place spot on the podium at the Jo-Hi Invitational in Joseph last weekend. The Joseph tournament has a history of giving unique prizes for first place; Lemmon holds this year's first-place prize, a D. Moncrief print of deer in the mountains. —Contributed photos

man, 138-pound bracket unseeded and battled to a 4-2 record, having his best tournament performance of the year.

Treston Maben (152 lbs) and Cord Flynn (160 lbs) also won matches and scored tournament points for Heppner. Will Lutch-

er went 1-2 in a non-scoring role at 138-pounds.

Also competing for Heppner were Jacob Moses and Joe Garcia, both at 152 pounds.

The Mustangs next wrestle in Boardman at the Riverside Rumble on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m.

## Heppner JV cleans up the court against TigerScots, Bobcats

The Heppner High School junior varsity basketball team started the New Year off with a bang by getting two wins this past weekend.

After the long holiday break the JV team came back and beat the Weston-McEwen TigerScots by a score of 54-38 and defeated the Union Bobcats 53-40.

Against the TigerScots the team led after every quarter. It was 22-17 at halftime and then the Mustangs stretched the lead out to 10 points after three quarters. They were able to handle the Weston-McEwen pressure and then scored off of it often.

Jesse Corbin led the team in scoring with 22 points. Ross Cutsforth had 13 points and several rebounds. Caden Hedman followed with eight points and Jake Lindsay had five. Kevin Murray scored four and Weston Putman two. Kolby Currin, Kaden Corbin and Ryan Cecil all contributed in the game by playing strong defense and rebounding the ball.

In the game against Union, the Mustangs again led at the end of every quarter. The game was much closer than the final score indicates. It was 27-20 at halftime and 38-32 after three quarters. The

Bobcats cut the Mustang lead to two points with only a couple of minutes left in the game. Heppner continued to attack the rim and got many points off of fast-break baskets to secure the win.

Jesse Corbin scored 14 points and Cutsforth added 12. Hedman followed with eight points and Currin scored seven. Lindsay hit two big threes and finished with six points. Putman and Kaden Corbin each scored three.

The Mustang JV record now stands at 4-1. They have games at Irrigon and Grant Union this week.

## Mustang boys sweep Holiday Hoop tournament

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team won their third tournament of the season as they captured the championship of their own Holiday Hoop tournament recently. Heppner defeated the Echo Cougars and the McLoughlin (Mac-Hi) Pioneers for the title.

In the first game against Echo, the Mustangs used a suffocating defense and a fast break offense to jump out to a lead of 21-6 after one quarter. The lead was 35-11 at halftime and the Mustangs would go on to win the game by a score of 61-32.

A balanced attack saw Brian Rill lead the team in scoring with 13. Patrick Collins added 12 points and Andrew Hatfield had 10. JC Putman followed with seven, Logan Grieb had six and CJ Kindle five. Ross Cutsforth scored four and Tate Gentry and Jaden Orr both had two points on the night.

Collins led with 13 rebounds and Orr followed with six.

The Mustangs then took on the Pioneers for the championship and won that game by a score of 50-36. Heppner jumped out to a 16-9 lead after one quarter, and led 27-20 at halftime. The Mustangs then outscored Mac-Hi 23-16 in the second half to get the win.

Leading the way for Heppner was Collins with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Grieb scored 15 and had five rebounds and two assists. Rill scored seven, and Kindle had seven points and four assists for the game. JC Putman scored four points and collected six rebounds. Orr had four big rebounds on the night.

Heppner then got back into league action last weekend by hosting the Weston-McEwen TigerScots. In a close game that saw the lead go back and fourth several times the Mustangs lost the game by a score of 67-60.

Collins again led the team with 19 points and 14 rebounds. Grieb torched the nets for 18 points. He also had four rebounds and two assists. JC Putman had nine points and five rebounds in the game. Kindle scored eight and had seven rebounds and six assists. Rill contributed



Above: Heppner's Logan Grieb (#5) takes the shot during the Holiday Hoop tournament game against Mac-Hi. The Mustangs took the tournament championship, defeating the Echo Cougars 61-32 and the McLoughlin Pioneers 50-36. Below: Mustang Brian Rill (#23) leaps above the Bobcats while Patrick Collins (#15) and JC Putman (#0) guard his back during the game against Union last weekend. Despite a driving game by the Mustangs, they couldn't overcome the Bobcat shooters, and lost the contest 76-61. —Photos by Sandra Putman



six points.

The team then travelled to Union to take on the Bobcats. The Mustangs lost this one by a score of 76-61. Heppner played well in this game, but the Bobcats shooters could not miss when they fired up a three-pointer.

Collins scored 16 and had five rebounds. Kindle had 13 points, three rebounds, three assists and three steals. Rill added 12 points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Hatfield, Cutsforth, Grieb and JC Putman each scored four points on the night. Grieb also had three assists, and Jesse Corbin scored two points and had two assists.

The Mustangs have an overall record of 7-4 and a 1-3 record in league play. The team travelled to Irrigon on Tuesday night for a game with the Knights and goes to John Day on Friday to take on the Grant Union Prospectors.

## Nordic ski club begins season

The Arbuckle Nordic Club will have its first scheduled ski on Jan. 11.

The club will not have designated weekend leaders this year.

If weather conditions allow, every Saturday through early March will find the club meeting at the Heppner City Park at 9 a.m.

The skiing is local, with members car-pooling for about 25 minutes before beginning to ski. Those attending are asked to bring a lunch to eat around the big warming fire.

Some skiers visit around the fire and return to the vehicles while others may ski on for more exploration and exercise, eventually returning to town before 3 p.m.


Individual or family dues are still \$5 annually. Anyone who doesn't have ski equipment but who would like to participate, call Bill Ewing or Steve Brownfield and they may be able to arrange a loan of equipment for you.

Information about the overnight ski into a local cabin will be available



Top (L-R): Nordic ski club members and guests Curtis Harper, Terry Harper, Dave Fowler, Misty Bennett, Dan VanLiew, Kristi Crowell, Molly Rhea and Macy Rhea Crenshaw started the season last Sautrday. Bottom: Molly Rhea gains a short lead on Kristi Crowell to lead the way for the Arbuckle Nordic Ski club on a crisp January day last weekend. —Contributed photos

toward the end of the ski season.



www.cbec.cc


### WASHINGTON DC YOUTH TOUR APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

At CBEC, we take great pride in highlighting the value of cooperative membership to children. After all, they are our members-in-training. We provide a variety of programs that benefit young people, from safety demonstrations to sponsoring youth activities across our five-county service territory.

We are seeking applications for a program we are particularly proud of – the Washington Youth Tour.

During the annual Washington Youth Tour, more than 15,000 high school students from across the country descend on Washington, D.C. to learn about government, history and the role of electric cooperatives. CBEC is sending two high school juniors selected from the high schools in our service territory. All expenses are paid (except spending money).

The next trip is June 12-19, 2014. Applications are available from CBEC's website ([www.cbec.cc](http://www.cbec.cc)). Applications are due January 17, 2014.



#### Washington DC Youth Tour

- Open to all current high school juniors whose parents receive electrical service from CBEC
- Applications are available now on the CBEC Website [www.cbec.cc](http://www.cbec.cc)
- Applications are due January 17, 2014
- 2014 Washington Youth Tour is June 12-19

**ALL DEADLINES: MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.**