

Mustang girls turn out 'best-played games of the season'

Split weekend games, but not by much

The Heppner girls' basketball team put together two of their best-played games of the season so far and came away with a split of their conference games this weekend. The Mustangs beat the Stanfield Tigers 36-15 and then took the league-leading Pilot Rock Rockets to the wire before losing 37-33.

In the game with the Tigers, the Mustangs struggled to score early but still led 4-0 at the end of the first quarter and 13-7 at halftime. Heppner outscored the Tigers 23-8 in the second half to secure the win.

In maybe her best game of the year, Kayla Kindle scored a game high 10 points, had five rebounds and two steals. Maddie Lindsay followed with eight points and eight rebounds. Kelly Wilson scored seven points and dished out three assists. Micha Hintz had five points and three rebounds for the game. Blake Greenup scored four points, had six rebounds

and two assists. Jessica Kempkin scored two and had seven big rebounds on the night.

On Saturday night the highly-ranked Rockets came to town and the Mustangs nearly pulled off the upset. Heppner led 10-9 after the first quarter and the game was tied at halftime 18-18.

After three quarters the Rockets led by the score of 27-26. The Heppner crowd was into the game and the student cheering section was very loud. The game was close to the very end, and the Mustangs had opportunities, but it was not to be on this night.

Greenup had a big game with 13 points, four rebounds and two assists. Wilson followed with seven points and eight rebounds. Kindle had another good game with six points, four rebounds and two assists. Lindsay scored five points and had seven rebounds on the night. Paige Grieb had two points and two rebounds. Hintz had four



Kayla Kindle (#11) and a Pilot Rock Rocket struggle over the ball while Micha Hintz (#10) and Maddie Lindsay (#20) guard Kindle's back in Saturday's edge-of-seat contest. The Mustangs took the Rockets to the wire in a tough game but eventually lost 37-33. -Photo by Sandra Putman

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the Weston-McEwen TigerScots and then host the Union Bobcats.

Mustang boys hold even record



Heppner Senior Andrew Hatfield (#11) tries for the net in a contest the Mustangs ultimately lost against the Stanfield Tigers. -Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Boys Varsity basketball team gained another split on the weekend in conference play. Their overall record is 11-6 and 5-5 in BMC play.

Heppner lost to Stanfield by a score of 69-39. The Tigers shot the lights out of it early in the game and jumped out to a 26-9 first-quarter lead.

Mustang post player Patrick Collins went down in the second quarter with an injured ankle and did not return to the game.

The Tigers led at halftime 45-22 and then held the Mustangs scoreless

in the third quarter to make the score 56-22. Heppner outscored the Tigers in the fourth quarter but it was too late for the Mustangs to make up lost ground.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was JC Putman with eight points and four rebounds. Logan Grieb scored seven points and had three assists. Ross Cutsforth had seven points and Jesse Corbin five. Collins scored four and Brian Rill had three points and six rebounds. Weston Putman and Tate Gentry each scored two points on the night and Andrew

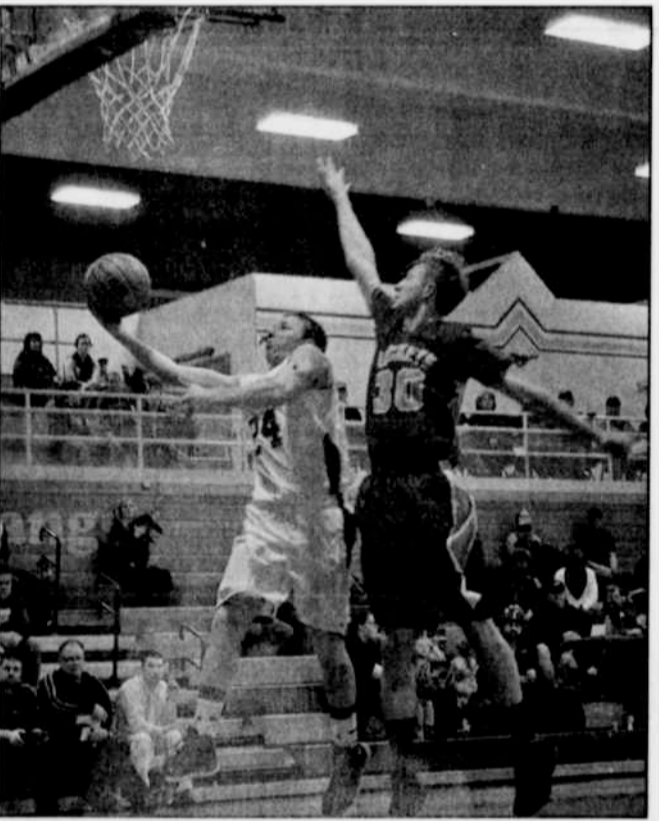
Hatfield had one.

The Mustangs won their game on Saturday night against the Pilot Rock Rockets by a score of 78-30. Heppner jumped out to a 20-4 lead after one quarter and led 41-9 at halftime. The score was 61-16 at the end of three quarters as the team coasted to the win.

Logan Grieb led the team with 20 points and four assists. Ross Cutsforth had a strong game and scored 14 points. Collins came back from the ankle injury to score 12 points

and haul in 11 rebounds. CJ Kindle played an inspired game and scored nine points, had six rebounds, four assists and two steals. Rill also scored nine points and had four rebounds for the game. Jaden Orr had five points, Corbin three and Hatfield two.

This weekend the Mustangs have two important conference games. They travel to Athena to play Weston-McEwen on Friday night and host the Union Bobcats at home on Saturday.



Mustang CJ Kindle (#24), a Heppner sophomore, fights off a Rocket as he goes for the points. Kindle played an "inspired" game Saturday, contributing nine points, six rebounds, four assists and two steals to Heppner's 78-30 victory. -Photo by Sandra Putman

Ione JV sweeps wins against Echo, Arlington

The Cardinal JV boys' team swept its weekend lineup with solid victories over Echo on Friday and Arlington on Saturday. JV game stats are as follows:

Ione v Echo, Jan. 24

Ione JV 22, Echo JV 9

Score by quarters

Ione JV: 15, 22

Echo JV: 4, 9

Fouls

Ione JV 3, Echo JV 4

Player: Reb, Ast, Pts

Danny Doherty: 0, 0, 2

Donald McElligott: 4, 3, 1

Joe Doherty: 0, 0, 0

Austin Carter: 4, 0, 2

Colton Hollis: 0, 0, 0

Zane King: 0, 1, 0

Daniel Holtz: 0, 0, 0

Jason Juarez: 3, 3, 4

Hector Aguilar: 4, 0, 2

Tre' Neil: 2, 0, 9

Joel Stillman: 0, 0, 0

Jorge Aguilar: 1, 1, 2

"Echo was short on players for varsity, so we only played a half of a game. Our defense was tough, we only allowed them to get a couple of buckets in each quarter," said Ione assistant coach Brian Spivey. "Our team as a whole did a lot better rebounding, pretty even across the team as far as rebounds go. Sophomore Tre' Neil led the team in scoring with nine points."

Ione v Arlington, Jan. 25

Ione JV 30, Arlington JV 22

Score by quarters

Ione JV: 12, 18, 24, 30

Arlington JV: 11, 18, 20, 22

Fouls

Ione JV 11, Arlington JV 11

Player: Reb, Ast, Pts

Danny Doherty: 1, 1, 0

Donald McElligott: 10, 1, 9

Joe Doherty: 2, 2, 3

Austin Carter: 0, 2, 2

Colton Hollis: 0, 0, 2

Zane King: 2, 1, 0

Daniel Holtz: 0, 1, 0

Jason Juarez: 4, 2, 2

Hector Aguilar: 0, 0, 0

Tre' Neil: 7, 1, 6

Joel Stillman: 4, 1, 4

Jorge Aguilar: 3, 0, 2

"We got the jump on Arlington in the first quarter, held them scoreless for most of the first quarter, then they knocked down three threes in a row to pull within one at the end of the quarter. We were tied at the half," said Spivey. "We came out in the second half and stepped up our defense, held them to four points in the half. Freshman Donald McElligott finished the game with nine points and 10 rebounds, sophomore Tre' Neil had six points and seven rebounds in one quarter of play. Our defense was the key to our win; we had 16 steals in the game. Joe Doherty came up with five of those steals."

Heppner JV 'C' team enters season strong

The Heppner JV Boys basketball team split their games over the weekend to take their record to 9-2 for the season.

Heppner travelled to Stanfield and lost to the Tigers by a score of 39-20. The Mustangs were looking to avenge their only loss on the season so far but did not get the job done. The Stanfield pressure defense was too much for them to handle and the Mustangs had a poor shooting night.

Heppner trailed throughout the game and just couldn't get anything going. Weston Putman led the team in scoring with five. Jesse Corbin had four points and Jake Lindsay three. Kolby Currin, Kevin Murray, Jeremiah Petzoldt and Ross Cutsforth all scored two points in the game.

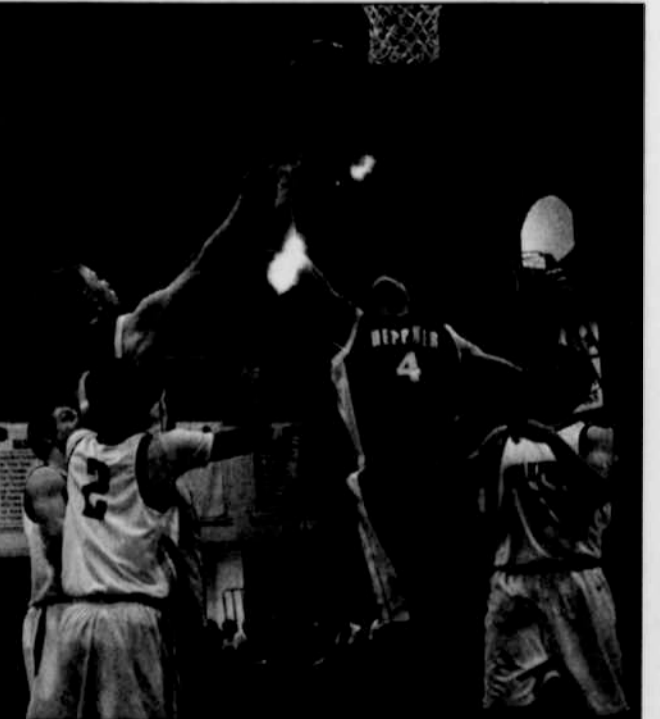
The team was at home on Saturday night to play the Pilot Rock Rockets. The Mustangs played much better than the night before and won the game 60-22. Heppner scored early and often off the Pilot Rock press and kept it up when the Rockets took the press off. The Mustangs led 18-6 after one quarter and 34-8 at halftime; the lead then increased to 46-16 after three quarters of play. A

balanced scoring attack was led by Lindsay with 13. Jesse Corbin scored 12, Cutsforth and Caden Hedman had eight each. Currin, Murray, Putman and Cade Arbogast each scored four points, and Kaden Corbin had three.

The JV2 or "C" team won their first two games of the new year. They beat the Weston-McEwen TigerScots by a score of 52-35 and the Stanfield Tigers 73-43.

Against the TigerScots, Jeremiah Petzoldt led the team in scoring with 14. Ryan Cecil had nine and Kaden Corbin scored seven. Murray followed with six and Arbogast had five. Currin and Jeff Dowdy both scored four points and Lindsay had three on the night.

Everything was working well for the Mustangs in the game with the Tigers and everyone on the team scored in the game. Lindsay had the hot hand on the night and scored 18 points to lead the team. Hedman had 13 and Arbogast scored 10. Currin contributed eight points, while Kaden Corbin and Petzoldt added seven each. Murray had five and Cecil scored four. Dowdy had two points for the game.



Mustang Junior Ross Cutsforth (#4) and freshman Kevin Murray (#20) meet under the net as they guard the ball from the Stanfield players during the JV game last Friday. The 'Stangs lost to the Tigers but turned it around to beat the Pilot Rock Rockets Saturday. -Photo by Sandra Putman

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This week's lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, Jan. 30, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. The guest speaker will be Rep. Greg Smith, who will introduce Director of the Oregon Department of State Lands Mary Abrams.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Howe's About Pizza will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Tuesday before to guarantee a lunch.

Community lunch menu

Amazing Grace Fellowship church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include clam chowder and oyster crackers, coleslaw, and lemon bars. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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