

Mustang wrestlers second at Halfway, take two golds



Mustang Wrestlers (L-R) Joe Garcia, Kyle Aldrich, Treston Maben, Jared Lemmon, Jesse Boyd, Ryan Smith, John Propheter, Jacob Moses, Cord Flynn and coach Mark Lemmon. —Contributed photo

Heppner wrestled in the 14-team Pine Eagle tournament in Halfway this past weekend. It was the first time all season the entire team was together in a tournament. It paid off as the Mustangs finished second behind Crane and ahead of the other ten teams in 1A/2A Special District 4, plus Vale, Baker and Melba, ID.

Heppner had five wrestlers in the finals

and came away with two champions, Ryan Smith at 106 pounds and Treston Maben at 152 pounds. Smith's gold medal was won in the last 20 seconds of the championship bout as he scored three near-fall points after trailing most of the match 2-0.

Jared Lemmon, Jesse Boyd and John Propheter all placed second.

Cord Flynn and Kyle

Aldrich finished third, while Jacob Moses won three matches at 145 to finish sixth.

The Mustangs will be in Elgin next weekend for the Special District 4 district championships. The top two finishers of each weight class will qualify for the OSAA state championship tournament at Memorial Coliseum in Portland the following weekend.

Season ends for Heppner girls



Play gets rough as Mustang Jessica Kempken fights a Husky for possession of the ball in their last game of the season Saturday. Despite a scrappy attitude, the Mustang girls lost both the game and their shot at districts. —Photo by Sandra Putman

The basketball season for the Heppner girls' team came to an end this past weekend with losses on the road to the Enterprise Outlaws and the Elgin Huskies. The Mustangs lost a close game to the Outlaws 48-44 and then were beaten by the Huskies by a score of 46-32.

In the game with Enterprise, the Mustangs led after one quarter 15-14 and 25-18 at halftime. The Mustangs continued to lead the game at the end of three quarters by a score of 36-27. In the

fourth quarter the Outlaws outscored the Mustangs 21-8 to get the win. For the game the Mustangs made one more field goal than the Outlaws, but Enterprise made six more free throws, and that turned out to be the difference in the game.

Kelly Wilson led the team in scoring with 12. She also had five rebounds in the game. Micha Hintz scored 11 points and had six rebounds. Jessica Kempkin had eight points and 10 rebounds for the night. Blake Greenup and Maddie Lindsay both had four

points and eight rebounds. Paige Grieb finished with three points, three rebounds, and Rylee Kollman scored two points and had three rebounds.

At Elgin, the Mustangs led the game after one quarter by the score of 10-9. The team could only score four points in the second quarter and were behind at the half 19-14. The Mustangs trailed after three quarters by the score of 27-22 and then were outscored in the fourth quarter 19-10. The Mustangs only shot 19 percent from the field in the game and made less than half of their free throws.

Leading the way for the team was Wilson with 13 points and four steals. Kempkin followed with seven points and five rebounds. Hintz had four points and five rebounds in the game. Greenup had four points and three rebounds on the night. Lindsay scored three and had eight rebounds, and Kollman had one point and three rebounds.

The Mustangs end their season with a 10-13 overall record. They were 6-10 in conference play and tied for sixth place.

Mustang boys secure slot in BMC tournament

With a pair of wins this past weekend, the Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team has qualified for the Blue Mountain Conference district tournament. The Mustangs, 14-9 overall and 8-8 in conference play, will take on the Weston-McEwen TigerScots at 7:45 p.m. on Friday night at Armand Larive Middle School in Hermiston. If they win, they will face either Stanfield or Union Saturday at 10:45 a.m.

The Heppner team travelled to Enterprise and beat the Outlaws by a score of 50-26. It was a strong defensive effort by the team as they held Enterprise to single-digit scoring in each quarter. The Mustangs led 15-7 after one and 28-14 at halftime. The team stretched the lead to 38-22 at the end of three, and finished the game by outscoring the Outlaws 12-4 in the fourth quarter.

Brian Rill and Logan Grieb both scored 17 points in the game. Rill also hauled in eight rebounds and had three assists. Grieb had six rebounds in the game and two assists. CJ Kindle scored seven points and had four assists. JC Putman also had four points and pulled down four rebounds. Jesse Corbin and Andrew Hatfield both scored two points in the game. Jaden Orr ripped down four rebounds and had three assists for the Mustangs. Caden Hedman and Kevin Murray saw their first varsity playing time of the season and both contributed right away. Hedman scored one point and Murray had two rebounds. Ross Cutsforth and Weston Putman both



Mustang Logan Grieb stays focused as he brushes off an Outlaw attack last Friday. The boys won both their weekend games, securing a slot in the BMC districts. —Photo by Sandra Putman

had two rebounds on the night.

After an overnight stay in Enterprise, the team then went to Elgin to play the Huskies. Once again the Mustangs started the game fast and led after one quarter 12-6. They then stretched the lead to 23-9 at halftime with a strong defensive effort. Lighting up the scoreboard with 20 points in the third quarter gave the team a 43-21 lead. The fourth quarter saw Heppner outscore the Huskies 14-5 to get the win by the score of 57-26.

Logan Grieb had the hot hand for the night as he scored a season high 30 points in the game. He also had five assists and three rebounds. Cutsforth had seven points and three

rebounds in the game. Rill scored six and hauled down seven rebounds. Kindle contributed five points, seven rebounds and four assists. JC Putman had four points and six rebounds and Orr scored three points and had three rebounds. Tate Gentry scored two and added a rebound. The Mustangs had strong minutes from the entire team as everyone on the roster got to play in the game.

"I was very pleased with the way our team played this weekend. We had to have these two wins in order to qualify for district, and we did it. We talked all week about it being a business trip, and we took care of business," said coach Jeremy Rosenbalm.

Heppner JV finishes season with back-to-back wins

The Mustang JV boys' basketball team finished its season with two wins over the weekend.

That brings their overall record to 15-2 for the year. The Mustangs defeated the

Cade Arbogast had four points in the game and Jeremiah Petzoldt added one.

At Elgin the next day, the entire team played very well and got the win in their

14-5 at the end of the first quarter.

Heppner stretched that lead to 33-14 at halftime. At the end of the third quarter Heppner led by the score of 59-20.

Both teams scored seven points in the fourth quarter to make the final score 66-27.

Jesse Corbin had 19 points in the game. Cutsforth scored 10 and both Putman and Hedman hit for nine.

Kaden Corbin had a big game and scored seven points.

Kolby Currin had five points, Petzoldt four, Murray two and Arbogast one in the game.

"It was a real pleasure to coach this team. They improved as the year went on and had a great season. The future certainly looks bright for Heppner basketball," said coach Ken Grieb.



Jake Lindsay (#2) runs it up the middle while teammates Caden Hedman (#12), Kevin Murray (#20) and Ryan Cecil (#3) guard his back against the Huskies. —Photo by Sandra Putman

Enterprise Outlaws 55-40 and then beat the Elgin Huskies by a score of 66-27.

In the game at Enterprise, the Mustangs took a 13-8 lead after one quarter and opened up a 30-17 lead at halftime.

A strong third quarter in which Heppner outscored the Outlaws 22-7 put the game away for good.

The score at the end of three quarters was 52-24. Enterprise did come back some in the fourth quarter, but it was too little, too late.

Leading the scoring for the Mustangs was Weston Putman, who poured in 16 points and played some great defense in the game. Kevin Murray followed with 12 points and hauled down many rebounds.

Ross Cutsforth and Jesse Corbin scored six points each. Jake Lindsay and Caden Hedman both contributed five points and many assists to their teammates.



Weston Putman stretches for the net as he plays for the Heppner JV team in the game against the Outlaws. —Photo by Sandra Putman

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