

Mustangs bring winning style from gridiron to court

Boys start basketball season with double tournament wins



Mustang Logan Grieb (#5) makes a basket over the head of a Knappa Logger while Kevin Murray (#20) blocks another Logger during last weekend's Warrenton Tip-Off Tournament. The Mustangs defeated both the Loggers and the Warriors to secure the tournament title. -Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner High School boys basketball team started off their season by winning the Warrenton Warrior Tip-Off Tournament last weekend. The Mustangs beat the Knappa Loggers by a score of 48-37 and then defeated the Warrenton Warriors 51-44 to claim the title.

With only one varsity basketball player who didn't play football this season, everyone may have been concerned about the team not being ready for hoops.

They only had three days of practice together with the round ball after playing so deep into the football playoffs. Overall the team played better than expected as they shot the ball well, played super defense and only had 19 turnovers for the entire weekend of play.

Against Knappa, the Mustangs jumped out fast to a 12-5 lead after the first quarter. Both teams scored eight points in the second quarter to make the score 20-13 in favor of Heppner at halftime. The Mustangs started the second half by scoring two quick three pointers and ended up scoring 19 points in the quarter. They led by the score of 39-21 at the end of three. Knappa outscored the Mustangs 16-9 in the fourth quarter but it was not enough, and Heppner won the game by a score of 48-37.

Leading the way in scoring for the Mustangs was Logan Grieb with 16.

Weston Putman and Patrick Collins were next with 8 points each. Jesse Corbin finished with 5 and CJ Kindle had 4. Kevin Murray scored 3 points and Caden Hedman 2. Ross Cutsforth and Kolby Currin chipped in with 1 point each.

Collins had 10 rebounds in the game and Putman finished with 7. Grieb and Cutsforth both had 6 rebounds and Hedman and Murray each finished with 4. Corbin had 3 and Kindle 2. Grieb and Kindle both

had 2 assists in the game.

In the game with Warrenton, the Warriors came out with the hot hand in their own gym. They made several three-point shots to keep the game close. The Mustangs used their power game to score several baskets inside the key area to take a 22-17 lead at the end of the first quarter. The score was close at halftime as the Mustangs led it 22-19. The Heppner defense clamped down in the third quarter and only allowed the Warriors to score three points. The Mustangs then pulled away to win the game 51-44.

Collins scored 13 points in the win. Kindle had 11 points and Grieb 7. Corbin and Cutsforth each had 5 points for the game and Putman and Murray both scored 4. Hedman chipped in 2 points for the Mustangs.

Putman and Cutsforth led the team in rebounds with 7 each. Collins was next with 6 and Kindle had 4. Grieb had 3 boards and Corbin and Murray each pulled down 2. Grieb and Cutsforth had 2 assists each and Putman, Corbin and Kindle all had 1.

Logan Grieb was named the "Most Valuable Player" of the tournament. Joining him on the all-tournament team were Patrick Collins and CJ Kindle.

The Mustangs host a tournament this weekend. The others teams that will be here are Ione, Dufur and Crane. Heppner will play the Crane Mustangs on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Heppner FFA to hold food drive

Students from the Heppner FFA Chapter will hold a food drive from Monday, Dec. 15, to Thursday, Dec. 18 at Heppner High School to benefit the Neighborhood Center. All classes are competing against each other to bring in the most items; the winning class will receive a root beer float party.

All items will be counted and collected by 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18.

Kindergarten readiness class set for Heppner

Area parents of children ages three to five are invited to a free class on kindergarten readiness at Heppner Elementary School. Lynn Calvert will be teaching the class.

The first session is Friday, Dec. 12, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Heppner Elementary. Additional sessions are planned for Feb. 17 and

April 24, also from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

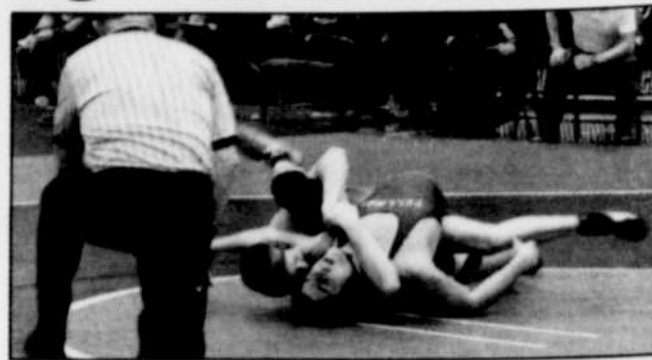
Free child care is available and there is no cost for the class. Class size is limited, however, so parents are urged to sign up soon. For more information or to sign up, call the HES office at 541-676-9128 or register online at www.readyforkinderergarten.org.

Mustang wrestling starts season strong

The Heppner/Ione wrestling team opened up the 2014-15 season at the Enterprise Kickoff Tournament on Friday. The Mustangs begin the year ranked 10th as a team in the preseason 2A poll. Last year the team finished fifth at state with two individual state champions.

Five Mustangs battled the inclement weather and a 4 a.m. departure to compete in the 11-team tournament. Every Mustang won matches and, despite having only five scorers, they managed to place fifth as a team.

Three of the five Heppner wrestlers were in the finals at the end of the day. Ryan Smith (113 lbs), Jesse Boyd (138 lbs) and John Propheter (220 lbs) each



Jesse Boyd of Heppner pins an opponent from Pullman during the Enterprise Kickoff Tournament last weekend. Boyd finished second in his weight class, one of three Mustangs who competed in the tournament's championship bout. -Photo by Kandy Boyd

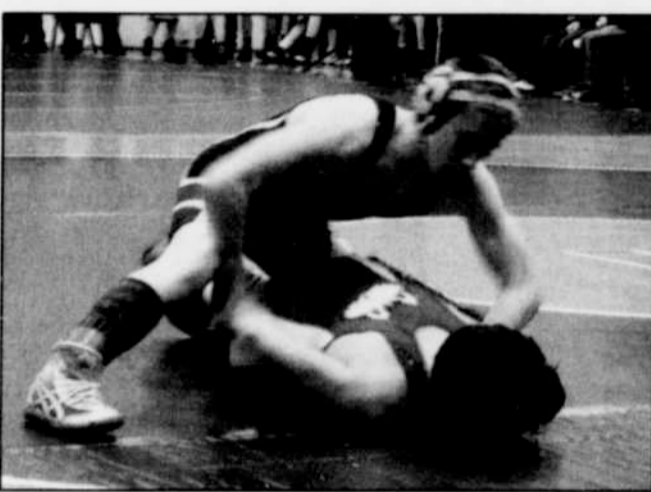
competed in the championship bout of their weight classes. Smith, a returning state champion and ranked number one in preseason, easily won a gold medal with a technical fall (win by 15 points) over his Enterprise opponent. Boyd and

Propheter finished second.

The tournament was the first ever wrestling competition for Heppner's Norwegian exchange student, Jorgen Andersen. With only a short week of practice to expose him to the sport, Andersen won his first ever wrestling match and went on to finish fourth in the 170-pound weight class with a 2-2 record in the tournament.

Jacob Moses won two of four matches for the day at 160 pounds and finished tied for fifth in the 12-man bracket.

The Mustangs next compete in La Grande on Friday and Saturday in the Muilenberg Tournament, which is expected to include about 30 teams ranging in size from 1A to 6A from Oregon, Washington and Idaho.



Heppner's Ryan Smith, a returning state champion, handily won a gold medal at last weekend's kickoff tournament. -Photo by Kandy Boyd

Mustang girls split season opener



Mustang Kaelyn Lindsay dodges a Warrenton player during the game versus the Warriors in last weekend's Tip-Off Tournament. The Mustangs came from behind to defeat the Warriors 41-37 on their own court. -Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang girls basketball team opened up the season by splitting their games at the Warrenton Warrior Tip-Off Tournament. Heppner lost the first game to Knappa 40-35 but bounced back to beat Warrenton 41-37.

Against Knappa, the Mustangs only trailed 14-13 after one quarter and the game was tied 19-19 at the half. The third quarter was the difference as the Mustangs could only score two points. They bounced back to score 14 in the fourth but it was not enough, as they lost 40-35.

Kelly Wilson scored 12 points in the game to lead the Mustangs. Mad-

die Lindsay followed with 10 and Paige Grieb scored 7. Jessica Kempkin had 4 points in the game and Macy Gibbs 2. Kempkin led the team with 9 rebounds and Gibbs had 4. Wilson, Grieb and Kaelyn Lindsay had 2 rebounds each in the game. Maddie Lindsay and Morgan Correa each had 1 rebound. Wilson recorded 3 assist and Kaelyn Lindsay and Maddie Lindsay each finished with 2. Grieb and Correa had 1 assist each.

In the game with Warrenton, the Mustangs got into early foul trouble. The Warriors started shooting bonus free throws in the

first quarter and Heppner was down 15-5 at the end of one. They then played better in the second quarter and outscored Warrenton 10-5. The Warriors led at halftime 20-15.

The Mustangs turned it around in the second half and outscored the Warriors 26-17. Several times in the fourth quarter Warrenton threatened to take the lead but the Mustangs would not let them, getting a defensive stop or forcing a turnover. Heppner made some clutch free throws down the stretch to secure the win by a score of 41-37.

Three players scored 9 points each for the Mustangs—Maddie Lindsay, Gibbs and Wilson. Kempkin pitched in with 7 points, Correa finished with 4 and Grieb had 3. Maddie Lindsay hauled down 13 rebounds in the game. Kempkin and Correa had 8 each and Gibbs finished with 7. Grieb had 2 for the game and Wilson 1. Grieb led the team in assist with 4 and Correa and Wilson each had 3.

Heppner will host a tournament this weekend; the Mustang girls will play Crane at 6 p.m. on Friday night.

MR. BILL'S IS BACK

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Entry forms are available at Heppner Day Care or on the table at the post office.

Though teams may enter on the evening of the show, early entries are strongly encouraged. A table will be reserved with the team name for every early entry, and early entries will help with starting the show on time and help to prevent delays at the door.

The entry fee for each team is \$150, which breaks down to just \$25 per person on a team of the allowed and suggested six members. Though individual team members often pay their own entry fees, another suggestion is to recruit a

sponsor for one's team. And a "team" can have from one to six members.

The members of the three top-scoring teams at Mr. Bill's will receive prizes, as well as bragging rights. However, every participant will have an equal opportunity to win a door prize at some point during the evening. The day care will also be raffling some baskets of interesting contents.

This fundraiser is criti-

cal to the operation of Heppner Day Care. Your support is greatly appreciated and as a reminder, please don't use your phone to look up answers; designated individuals will be watching. The Day Care wants this to be a fair and fun event for everyone.

Mr. Bill's questions run the gamut of topics, and sample questions and answers can be found on his website: <http://www.mrbillstrivia.com>.

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