

Mustang girls split tourney wins



Mustang Paige Grieb (#14) moves the ball up the court during the game versus the Crane Mustangs. Grieb hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. —Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustangs girls basketball team split their games at the Heppner Kick-Off Tournament. The Mustangs lost the first game in overtime to Crane 59-53 and then bounced back to defeat Lone 61-26.

In a closely-contested game with the Crane Mustangs, Heppner trailed at the end of the first quarter 10-6. Heppner then battled back to out-score Crane 15-8 in the second and led 21-18

at halftime. It was a back and forth third quarter that ended with Heppner ahead 32-31. The fourth quarter was equally close as both teams took the lead several times. The Mustangs were down by three points with just seconds left in the game. A Heppner timeout allowed the coaches to explain the situation and draw up a play. The ball was inbounded and Paige Grieb was able to get free

and hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to tie the game and force overtime. In the overtime period, Crane outscored Heppner 11-6 to get the win 59-53.

Maddie Lindsay led the Mustangs with a double-double. She scored 26 points and ripped down 14 rebounds. Kelly Wilson added 13 points and had 6 assists. Grieb scored 10, including the big three-pointer at the buzzer to send it to overtime. Maci Gibbs and Jessica Kempkin each scored 2 points in the game.

The Mustangs took control of their game with lone early and never looked back. Heppner led 17-9 at the end of the first quarter and 32-16 at the half. The score was 47-22 at the end of three and Heppner outscored Lone 13-4 in the fourth quarter to win by the score of 61-26. Heppner shot 50 percent from the field for the game and shared the ball well as they

had 15 assists on their 26 baskets made.

Lindsay once again led the team in scoring with 16. She also had 4 rebounds, 2 steals and a blocked shot. Wilson scored 14 points and had 6 assists, 5 rebounds and 6 steals. Grieb scored 10 points, had 2 assists, 2 rebounds and a big blocked shot. Rian Wizner had 10 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot in her home varsity-level debut. Kempkin was next on the team with 7 points and 5 rebounds. Gibbs scored 4, had 3 rebounds, 3 steals and an assist in the game. Kaelyn Lindsay contributed 2 rebounds and Morgan Correa had 6 rebounds and 4 assists for the Mustangs.

Up next for the Mustangs is a game with 1A powerhouse Condon on Tuesday. They host the Imbler Panthers on Friday night and then travel to John Day on Saturday to play the Grant Union Prospectors.

Local kids win the gold at annual Elks hoop shoot

On Dec. 7, kids from South Morrow County faced off for the annual Elks Hoop Shoot free throw contest.

First-, second- and third-place winners each received a medal, and the first-place winners in each group now advance to the District Hoop Shoot Competition in Hermiston on Jan. 18.

The places were as follows:

Girls 8-9: First, Hallee Hisler; second, Madison Orem; and third, Faith Futter.

Girls 10-11: First, Sydney Wilson.

Girls 12-13: First, Tresslyn McCurry, and second, Madelyn Nichols.

Boys 8-9: First, Landon Mitchell; second, Ty Boor; and third, Teagan Ramsey.

Boys 10-11: First, Blake Carter; second, Brock Hisler; and third, Kaden Combe.

Boys 12-13: First, Trent Smith; second, Hunter Nichols; and third, Zavier Glover.

Other participants were Jackson Coiner, Mason Orem, Ethan Delibertis, Austin Brown, Trevor Nichols, Derrick Smith, Kason Cimmiyotti, Zander Fisher, Gaige Futter, Jett Stewart, Jace Coe, Cody Fletcher, Ryan Lindsay, Paul Lindsay, Jordan Sweeney, Drew Coe, Casey Fletcher and Kellen Grant.

USDA provides greater protection for fruit, vegetable, other specialty crops

Free basic coverage plans and discounts available for new, underserved and limited income farmers

WASHINGTON—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack last week announced that greater protection is now available from the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for crops that traditionally have been ineligible for federal crop insurance. The new options, created by the 2014 Farm Bill, provide greater coverage for losses when natural disasters affect specialty crops such as vegetables, fruits, mushrooms, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup and energy crops.

"These new protections will help ensure that farm families growing crops for food, fiber or livestock consumption will be better able to withstand losses due to natural disasters," said Vilsack. "For years, commodity crop growers have had the ability to purchase insurance to keep their crops protected, and it only makes sense that fruit and vegetable, and other specialty crop growers, should be able to purchase similar levels of protection. Ensuring these farmers can adequately protect themselves from factors beyond their control is also critical for consumers who enjoy these products and for communities whose economies

depend on them."

Previously, the program offered coverage at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production. Producers can now choose higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price.

The expanded protection will be especially helpful to beginning and traditionally underserved producers, as well as farmers with limited resources, who will receive fee waivers and premium reductions for expanded coverage. More crops are now eligible for the program, including expanded aquaculture production practices, and sweet and biomass sorghum. For the first time, a range of crops used to produce bio-energy will be eligible as well.

"If America is to remain food secure and continue exporting food to the world, we need to do everything we can to help new farmers get started and succeed in agriculture," Vilsack said. "This program will help new and socially disadvantaged farmers affordably manage risk, making farming a much more attractive business proposition."

To help producers learn more about the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program and how it can help them, USDA, in partnership with Michigan State University and the University of Illinois, created an online resource. The web tool, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap, allows producers to determine whether their crops are eligible for coverage. It also gives them an opportunity to explore a variety of options and levels to determine the best protection level for their operation.

If the application deadline for an eligible crop has already passed, producers will have until Jan. 14, 2015, to choose expanded coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. To learn more, visit the Farm Service Agency (FSA) website at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap or contact your local FSA office at offices.usda.gov. The FSA, which administers the program, also wants to hear from producers and other interested stakeholders who may have suggestions or recommendations on the program. Written comments will be accepted until Feb. 13, 2015 and can be submitted through www.regulations.gov.

Mustang Sports Schedules

Boys' Varsity Wrestling Schedule

Thursday, Dec 18, 4:00PM vs Irrigon, Riverside	Redmond	Eagle
Saturday, Dec 20, @ Mac Hi	Saturday, Jan 17, 8:00AM @ Redmond	Saturday, Feb 14, 10:00AM @ Pine Eagle
Saturday, Dec 27, 10:00AM @ Pendleton	Monday, Jan 26, 4:00PM @ La Grande	Saturday, Feb 21, TBD @ Enterprise High School (Crane Union, Elgin High School, Enterprise, Grant Union, Imbler High School, Irrigon, Powder Valley, Union, Wallowa, Pine Eagle)
Friday, Jan 2, 2:00PM @ Joseph High School	Saturday, Feb 7, 10:00PM vs Crane Union, Culver, Elgin High School, Enterprise, Grant Union, Imbler High School, Irrigon, McLoughlin, Riverside, Union, Wallowa, La Grande, Pine	
Saturday, Jan 3, 10:00AM @ Joseph High School		
Saturday, Jan 10, 9:00AM @ Riverside		
Friday, Jan 16, 8:00AM @		

Boys' Basketball

12/16/2014, Tue 6:30pm vs. Condon / Wheeler	12/30/2014, Tue TBD @ TBD (Central Linn Tournament - Halsey)	1/23/2015, Fri 7:30pm @ Weston-McEwen
12/19/2014, Fri 7:30pm vs. Imbler	12/31/2014, Wed TBD @ TBD (Central Linn Tournament - Halsey)	1/24/2015, Sat 5:30pm vs. Culver
12/20/2014, Sat 5:30pm @ Grant Union	1/9/2015, Fri 7:30pm @ Pilot Rock	1/30/2015, Fri 7:30pm vs. Pilot Rock
12/22/2014, Mon 5:30pm vs. South Wasco County	1/16/2015, Fri 7:30pm vs. Irrigon	2/6/2015, Fri 7:30pm @ Irrigon
12/29/2014, Mon TBD @ TBD (Central Linn Tournament - Halsey)	1/17/2015, Sat 5:30pm @ Stanfield	2/7/2015, Sat 5:30pm vs. Stanfield
		2/13/2015, Fri 7:30pm vs. Weston-McEwen
		2/14/2015, Sat 5:30pm @ Culver

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