

Mustang boys maintain perfect record with close wins



CJ Kindle out-jumps the Imbler Panthers during last week's game. Kindle made a good showing with eight points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals toward the Mustangs' 54-52 victory. —Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang boys basketball team kept its record perfect at 6-0 with two more wins last weekend. The Mustangs defeated the Imbler Panthers in overtime 54-52 and beat the Grant Union Prospectors 55-54.

In the home matchup with the Panthers, Heppner led 12-10 after one quarter and 26-21 at the half. The game continued to be close throughout the third quarter and Heppner led 39-32 at the start of the fourth. Imbler outscored the Mustangs 13-6 in that quarter to tie the game late. Neither team was able to hit shots at the end of regulation and the game went into overtime. The Mustangs scored first in the overtime period and their 9-7 scoring advantage led to the 54-52 win.

Patrick Collins led the team in scoring with 21. He also contributed 10 rebounds, 1 blocked shot and had 1 assist. Logan Grieb scored 14 points, had 6 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal. CJ Kindle had 8 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals in the game. Weston Putman led the team in re-

bouncing with 11; he also scored 5 points and had a steal. Ross Cutsforth scored 4 points and hauled down 9 rebounds. Caden Hedman stepped in and had 2 points, 2 assists and 1 rebound.

Heppner then travelled to John Day to take on the Prospectors. Grant Union High School can be a very difficult place to play and get a victory. Heppner played hard and won the game there last year by a score of 51-50. It would be a close game this year, as well, and the Mustangs would come away with another one-point victory.

The Mustangs started the game shooting the ball very well. They also broke the Prospector press several times for easy baskets. At the end of the first quarter Heppner led the game by the score of 14-7. Grant Union outscored the Mustangs 17-12 in the second quarter to pull within two points at the half, 26-24. The Prospectors then outscored the Mustangs in the third quarter 16-11, to take a 40-37 lead into the final quarter. Heppner battled back to take the lead early in the quarter, and then

both teams led several more times throughout the rest of the game. Grant Union was up by two points with 14 seconds left in the game when Logan Grieb made a big three-point shot, his fifth of the night, to give the Mustangs the lead. The Prospectors called a timeout to set up a final play to get the win. The Heppner defense shut them down and did not let them get off a good shot. The Prospectors missed their last attempt and Heppner got the win by a score of 55-54.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was Grieb with 18 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals. Cutsforth scored 13 points, had 4 rebounds and 2 assists. Putman torched the net for 12 points, and had 10 rebounds and 1 steal in the game. Collins finished with 10 points, 7 rebounds, 1 blocked shot and 1 assist. Kindle scored 2 points, dished out 4 assists, and had 5 rebounds and 1 steal. Hedman contributed some great ball handling and had 5 rebounds and 1 assist for the night.

The Mustangs took on the South Wasco County Redsidies last Monday night, prevailing by a score of 64-38. The full story will follow in next week's Gazette.

The boys now take a week off for the Christmas holiday. On Dec. 29, the team travels to Halsey for a three-day tournament at Central Linn High School. This event features four class 2A and four class 3A teams. Many are highly-ranked in their respective classifications. Heppner starts the tournament off on Monday night at 8:15 p.m. when they play the Willamina Bulldogs.

From the North End

Eastern Promise to host Boardman scholarship, FAFSA fair

The Eastern Promise will host a college scholarship and FAFSA fair schools in the north end of the county early next year. The fair will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015 at Riverside High School (210 Boardman Ave., Boardman) for Riverside and Irrigon High students.

During the fairs, high school students will have

an opportunity to receive help with filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In addition, ninth to 11th graders can make their plans to earn college credits in high school with a trained volunteer. Eastern Promise college credits cost \$10 a credit.

The fair will also feature a flu shot and immunization clinic for those 11

years and older in anticipation of Exclusion Day on Feb. 18. Insurance can be billed for these immunizations. In addition, free child care will be available, and those who attend the fair will receive free pizza. Bilingual helpers will be available to assist those who need it, and there will be a scholarship drawing and door prizes for high school students who attend.

Boardman launches redesigned website

The City of Boardman has redesigned its website, the city announced recently. After months of working with web design company AHA Consulting of Portland, Boardman's website committee says it is excited to launch the new, more interactive and informative website.

The initial city website was launched in 2004. The city wanted an updated web presence that provided users information on services available at the City

of Boardman.

"We feel like this fresh, modern design is a great representation of the customer service we strive for every day" said City Manager Karen Pettigrew.

The newly-redesigned website, www.cityofboardman.com, provides access to city resources and contacts in a clean, easily navigable format. Users now have the opportunity to research the city ordinance database, as well as view past city minutes, past press releases and city maps. The

new website is accessible via computer, smart phone and tablet.

Committee members say one of the most exciting new features to the website is the two newsletters to which users can subscribe. The Boardman Bulletin newsletter will email subscribers the most current information about the city, such as road closures, press releases, events, job opportunities, etc. The Amber Alert newsletter will notify subscribers of Amber Alerts when they are activated. The "Subscribe to Newsletters" link can be found under the "Community" link on the homepage. The city hopes people will subscribe to both of these lists.

Mustangs wrestle into big leagues

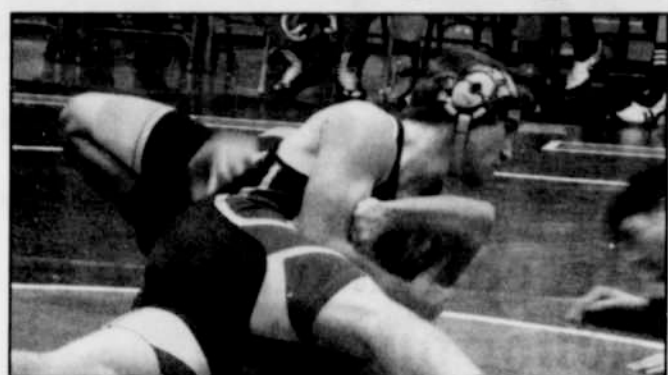
The Heppner wrestling team had a full week with a five-way dual meet at home on Thursday and the Mac-Hi Christmas tournament on Saturday.

The dual meet included teams from Riverside, Echo/Stanford, Irrigon and Pomeroy, WA.

The Mustangs defeated Echo/Stanford 36-0, Irrigon 39-18 and Riverside 32-30. Heppner tied Pomeroy 18-18 in the score for matches contested, but lost 30-24 with forfeits factored in. All of Irrigon's 18 points and 24 of 30 points for Riverside came by way of forfeits where Heppner did not have a wrestler to fill a weight class. Heppner did not lose a match against Echo/Stanford or Irrigon, and only lost one match in the dual against Riverside. In total the Mustangs posted a formidable 21-4 record for individual matches wrestled in four duals.

In Milton-Freewater Saturday the wrestlers competed in an eight-team tournament with larger schools from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Heppner was the only entry from a 2A/1A team.

All seven Heppner wrestlers won matches and



Cord Flynn at the five-way dual meet in Heppner last Thursday. Flynn took the gold in the Mac-Hi Christmas Tournament later that week, proving how a "small-school wrestler earns respect in large-school tournaments." —Photo by Kandy Boyd

earned a spot on the podium as a top-six placer in their weight classes. Three of the seven were in the championship bout and two more wrestled in consolation finals.

Ryan Smith (113 lbs) and Cord Flynn (182 lbs) won gold medals and John Propheter (220 lbs) won silver.

Sophomore Flynn demonstrated how a young, small-school wrestler earns respect in large-school tournaments. After a first-round bye and a 67-second pin against Mac-Hi in the quarters, Flynn faced the number-one seed, a senior from Riverside, in the semi-finals. The two battled for six minutes to the final whistle, where Flynn prevailed with

a hard fought 4-1 decision. In the championship bout Flynn easily pinned his second opponent from Mac-Hi, the number-two seed, also in the first round.

Jesse Boyd (138 lbs) and Jacob Moses (152 lbs) each finished fourth in tough middle-weight brackets.

Will Lutchter was the team iron-man for the week wrestling nine matches in three days. Lutchter claimed sixth place in a full sixteen-man bracket at 145-pounds.

The Mustang's foreign-exchange student, Jorgen Andersen, added three more wins during the week to his first-season record and finished sixth at 170 pounds in Milton-Freewater.

Mustang girls outscore Panthers

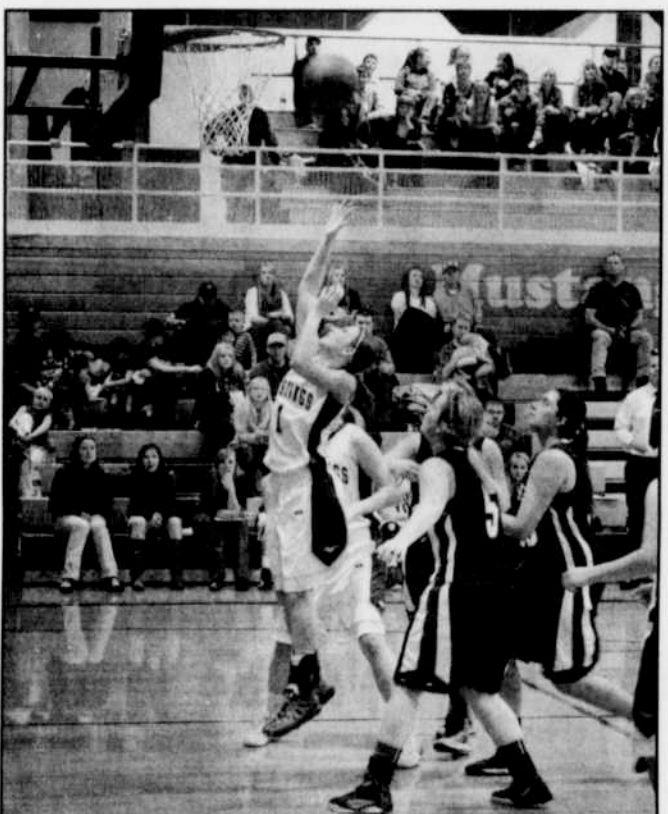
The Heppner High School girls basketball team just completed a brutal stretch of games against good teams and finished with a 1-2 record. Heppner has several varsity players currently out with injuries. That makes it very difficult to find rotations that work for every team and situation that the Mustangs run into. Hopefully some of the players will be back at the start of the new year when league play starts.

Heppner hosted the Condon/Wheeler Knights last week and lost by a score of 45-27. The Knights are a powerhouse 1A team that won the state title last year. They returned several of the key players from that team this year. Heppner played well in the first half and only trailed by the score of 20-16. In the third quarter Heppner could only manage to score two points and trailed 40-18. The Mustangs did outscore the Knights 9-6 in the fourth quarter to make the final score 45-27.

Kelly Wilson led the team with 9 points. She also had 7 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 assist and 1 block. Maddie Lindsay had 6 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 block. Rian Wizner scored 5 points and had 2 rebounds. Macy Gibbs had 3 points, 4 rebounds and 1 assist in the game. Paige Grieb scored 2, had 1 rebound, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot. Kaelyn Lindsay scored 1 point, had 3 rebounds and 1 assist. Jessica Kempkin had 1 point, 1 blocked shot and 12 big rebounds in the game.

The game with the Imbler Panthers was one in which the Mustangs played much better. Heppner led after one quarter 8-7 but trailed 17-16 at the half. In the third quarter, Heppner outscored the Panthers 14-4 to take a 30-21 lead into the fourth. The teams each scored 12 points in that quarter and Heppner won the game by the score of 42-33.

Maddie Lindsay and



Kelly Wilson (#1) aims for the hoop during the contest against the Imbler Panthers last week. Wilson tied with Maddie Lindsay as lead scorer with 17 points in the game, as well as leading scoring with nine points in the earlier game against the Condon/Wheeler Knights. —Photo by Sandra Putman

Wilson each scored 17 points in the game. Lindsay also hauled down 10 rebounds, and had 3 blocks and 2 steals. Wilson also contributed 7 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal. Kempkin scored 6 points, had 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block and 2 steals. Grieb had 3 rebounds and 2 assists for the night. Gibbs recorded 6 rebounds and 1 steal. Kaelyn Lindsay had 1 rebound and 2 assists and Caitlyn Bailey had 2 rebounds in the contest. Kacie Gray saw her first varsity action and scored 2 points for the Mustangs.

In a close game at John Day, the Mustangs lost 42-39 in overtime. The game was tied 4-4 after one quarter and the Mustangs led at the half 13-8. Grant Union outscored Heppner 14-5 in the third quarter to tie the score 22-22. At the end of the fourth quarter, Grieb made a free throw to tie the score with just seconds left. Heppner stopped the Prospectors from scoring on their last possession to force the overtime period.

Both teams scored 15 points in the fourth quarter and the game ended tied 37-37. Grant Union outscored Heppner 5-2 in overtime to get the win 42-39.

Leading the team was Maddie Lindsay with 23 points. She also had 4 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 block. Kempkin had 19 big rebounds for the night. She also recorded 9 points, 1 assist and 1 block. Wilson had a good game with 6 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assist and 2 steals. Grieb had the big free throw at the end of regulation for 1 point and she had 2 assists in the game. Kaelyn Lindsay contributed 4 rebounds and 1 assist and Gibbs had 3 rebounds. Bailey had 1 rebound for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs next played the South Wasco County Redsidies on Monday, defeating them 53-35. The full story will follow in next week's Gazette.

They will travel to a tournament in Halsey next week and play the Willamina Bulldogs on Monday, Dec. 29.

AMERICAN SNIPER MOVIE

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Texanized Bradley Cooper as we've never seen him before, Clint Eastwood's second film of 2014 is his best in a number of years, as it infuses an ostensibly gung-ho and patriotic story

with an underlying pain and melancholy of a sort that echoes the director's other works about the wages of violence."

More info on the movie is at <http://www.americansnipermovie.com/>.

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