

Heppner girls tame Tigers in dominating 54-39 victory



Heppner's Maddie Lindsay pushes against an Irrigon player, eyes on the ball, during last Friday's game. The Mustang filies lost to the Irrigon team but dominated the Stanfield Tigers earlier that week. -Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang girls' basketball team once again split its Columbia Basin Conference games last week. The girls avenged an earlier loss to the Stanfield Tigers by winning in dominating fashion by a score of 54-39. They then travelled to play the Irrigon Knights. Heppner had beaten this team earlier in the year, but lost to them this time by a score of 44-30.

The press and pressure that Stanfield uses to force teams into turnovers did not bother the Mustangs. In fact, Heppner broke the press and scored multiple easy baskets all game long. The Mustangs raced out to a 15-8 lead after one quarter of play. They then stretched the lead to 26-15 at halftime.

Stanfield did come back and outscore the Mustangs

15-9 in the third quarter. The Heppner team forced the action in the fourth quarter and blew away the Tigers by outscoring them 19-9. That made the final score 54-39.

Maddie Lindsay and Kelly Wilson both score 17 points in the game. Lindsay also had 10 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal. Wilson collected 7 rebounds, had 2 assists and 2 steals for the team. Sophie Grant followed with 10 points and 1 assist for the Mustangs. Paige Grieb recorded 4 points, 4 assists and 2 rebounds in a good all-around game. Jessica Kempkin scored 3 points, had 6 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 blocked shot. Rylee Kollman had 2 points to go along with 1 assist in the game. Morgan Cor-

rea scored 1 point, had 4 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot.

In the game with Irrigon, the Mustangs only trailed by one at the end of the first quarter, 7-6. It was the second quarter that really hurt the team. They were outscored 15-4 and trailed at halftime by a score of 22-10.

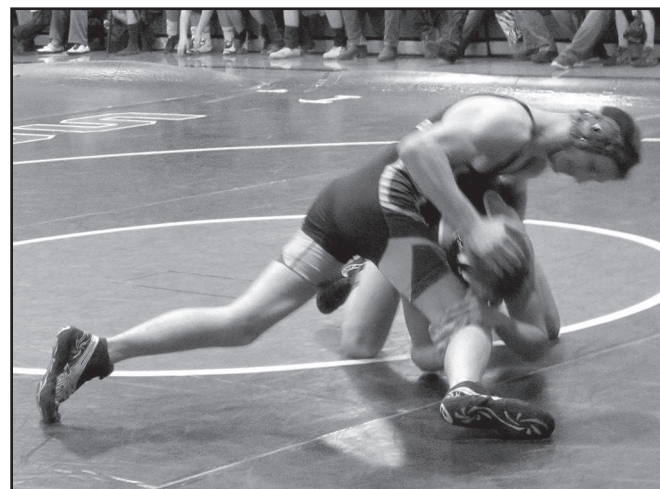
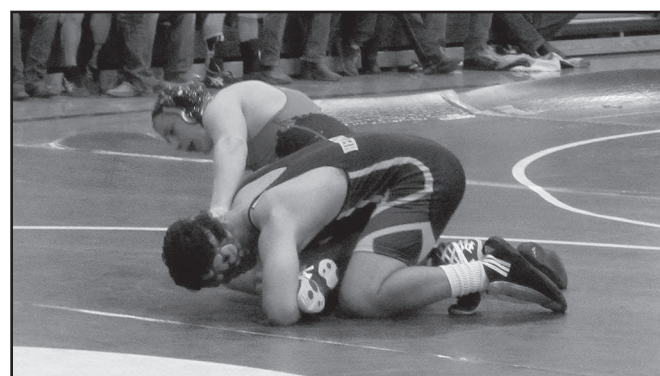
Heppner doubled up the Knights in the third quarter 16-8, to pull within four points at 30-26 as the final quarter started. Heppner had a hard time scoring in the fourth quarter and were outscored 14-4. That made the final score 44-30 in favor of Irrigon.

Wilson led the team in scoring with 17. She also had 7 rebounds and 2 steals. Grant was next with 6 points and 4 rebounds in the game. Kempkin scored 4 points, had 5 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot. Macy Gibbs recorded 2 points for the Mustangs. Maddie Lindsay scored 1 point, had 10 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal. Grieb contributed 3 assists and 1 blocked shot, and Kollman had 2 rebounds and 1 steal. Correa had 5 rebounds and 1 steal on the night.

The Mustangs (8-11, 3-5) have two games left in the regular season. This Friday night they travel to Athena to take on the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots. Their final game of the regular season will be on Saturday when they host the Culver Bulldogs. This will be senior night, and the Mustangs will honor their seniors and their families. The Mustang seniors are Macy Gibbs, Maddie Lindsay, Kelly Wilson and Paige Grieb.

Heppner takes fifth at BEO tournament

Smith, Flynn, wrestle in the finals spotlight



Heppner hosted the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational Wrestling Tournament last weekend. John Propheet (top) and Jesse Boyd (bottom) each finished third in their individual weight classes, 182 pounds and 132 pounds respectively. Performances like theirs gave Heppner fifth at the tournament despite only being able to fill seven of 14 weight classes. -Photos by Kandy Boyd

The Heppner wrestling team hosted the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational Wrestling tournament on Saturday. Fifteen teams ranging in size from 1A to 4A attended the tournament.

The tournament is

sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon, and bank employees combined with several community members to perform the many functions required to successfully run a tournament of that size.

At the end of the day

and after nearly 200 matches, 2A Culver won the team championship by one half of a point over 4A Mac-Hi. Riverside took home the third-place trophy.

Crane took fourth, and Heppner finished fifth as a team despite only entering seven competitors in the 14 weight classes.

Irrigon took 10th in the tournament.

Two Mustangs made it to the championship bout in their weight classes to wrestle under the spotlight.

Ryan Smith, returning to his 2014 state championship weight class of 106 pounds, easily won the gold medal with a major decision of 13-0 in the finals after two pins in the quarterfinals and semifinals.

Sophomore Cord Flynn qualified for the 182-pound finals bout with a come-from-behind pin in the semifinals against a senior from Riverside. In the championship he battled a two-time district champion and state placer from Union and came up short by a 9-2 decision.

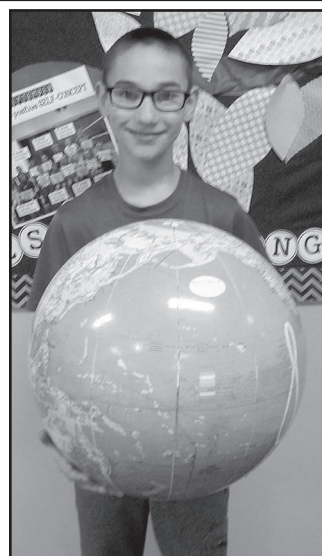
Jesse Boyd and John Propheet won bronze medals at 132 pounds and 182 pounds, respectively.

Jacob Moses, Tim Jaca and Jorgen Andersen also competed for the Mustangs.

Coe wins Heppner geography bee



Heppner's local level of the annual National Geographic Geography Bee was held at Heppner Elementary School on Feb. 4. Twelve participants, who were selected based on a qualifying exam, answered questions about worldwide geography. Fifth-grader Jace Coe was the winner of the local geography bee. He will now complete the written test in order to qualify for the state geography bee. Top: Geography Bee participants (L-R) Mikel Jaca, Jackson Lehman, Genevieve Smith, Kylie Boor, Madison Ashbeck, Madelyn Nichols, Serenity Rodriguez, Coen Little, Jace Coe, Cody Fletcher, Brian Lindsay and Blane Mahoney. Right: Jace Coe, winner of the Heppner Geo Bee. -Contributed photos



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Softball hitting clinic planned for this weekend

The Heppner High School softball team is sponsoring a hitting clinic for girls in grades three through 12 this Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Bob Kilkeny softball field. Nicole Christian will be instructing.

Christian is the head

coach at Mac-Hi, where she led her team to a state championship in 2014. She also played for EOU, where her team played in the national tournament. Christian was recently inducted into the EOU hall of fame.

Third, fourth and fifth graders will go from 1-2

p.m.; sixth, seventh and eighth graders from 2-3:30 p.m.; and high school girls from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$10, checks may be payable to HHS Softball.

Questions, contact Petra Payne, 541-676-5466 or paynep@morrow.k12.or.us.

Heppner student selected for Washington, D.C. trip

Rylee Kollman and Dima Anglin will act as student representatives for the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Rylee Kollman, a junior at Heppner High School, and Dima Anglin, a junior at Fossil High School, were selected to represent the cooperative at this year's Youth Tour hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association June 11-18.

While in the nation's capital, the students will have a chance to speak with Oregon's state representatives, learn about electric cooperatives, listen to motivational speakers, and tour national landmarks including the Smithsonian and the

Vietnam War Memorial.

Rylee is involved in basketball, softball, Future Business Leaders of America and FFA, and is class vice president and FFA chapter secretary. She also volunteers with the Mustang Mop-Up, Catholic summer school, hanging up Christmas lights for the elderly, FFA canned-food drive, Catholic fall carnival, and helping with summer school at Heppner Elementary School. She is the daughter of Brian and Amy Kollman of Heppner, granddaughter of Greg and Janet Greenup of Heppner and Karen Phegley of Pilot Rock, and great-granddaughter of Bill Gentry.



Rylee Kollman

Dima is involved with the student body as council treasurer and junior class representative, and is in the National Honors Society, cross country and track. He also involves himself volunteering in the community as Tri-

County 4-H camp counselor, Fossil Community Food Pantry, trial building at Boy Scout camps, Haven House Assisted Living, community beautification projects and the Wheeler County Fairgrounds Clean-up. He is the son of Brian and Kara Anglin, and grandson of Charles and Lanita Anglin and Phil and Nancy Wilson, all of Fossil.

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Front row: (l-r) Coach Jeremy Rosenbalm, Jake Lindsay, Caden Hedman, CJ Kindel, Weston Putman, Kevin Murray, Ross Cutsforth, Patrick Collins, Logan Grieb, Brian Rill, Jesse Corbin, Kolby Currin, Ken Grieb, Mike Ehrsam. Not Pictured Jeremiah Petzoldt

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