

Season ends for fillies at district tournament

The season ended for the Heppner Mustang girls' basketball team this weekend at the Columbia Basin Conference District Tournament. The Mustangs lost to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots by a score of 56-37. Heppner ended the season with a record of 10-13 overall, and they finished third in their conference with a 4-6 record.

The Mustangs, who had trouble with the Tiger-Scot pressure all game long, trailed at the end of the first quarter 11-7. Several turnovers led to easy baskets for Weston-McEwen, and they stretched their lead to 26-19 at halftime. The Mustangs rallied in the third quarter and got to within two points late in the frame. Heppner did outscore their opponent in the third quarter, but by the slimmest of margins, 8-7. That made the score at the end of three quarters 33-27. The TigerScots took over in the fourth quarter and outscored the Mustangs 23-12. That made the final score of the game 56-37.

Kelly Wilson led the team with 15 points. She also had 3 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals. Morgan Correa stepped up



Morgan Correa outpaces a TigerScot and keeps control of the ball during the CBC District Tournament in Pendleton. Despite the Mustang girls' efforts, they were out-scored by the Weston-McEwen team, ending the fillies' season third in the conference. —Photo by Sandra Putman

and scored 8 points and grabbed 5 rebounds for the team. Maddie Lindsay had 6 points and 10 rebounds for the Mustangs. Jessica Kempkin had a busy night as she scored 4 points, hauled down 7 rebounds and had 3 steals. Paige Grieb also scored 4 points and she had 1 rebound for

the game. Kacie Gray was the only other Mustang to score and she had 2 points. Macy Gibbs gave the team some valuable minutes defensively, and she collected 1 rebound for her efforts.

The Mustangs will lose four seniors off of the team this year. They are Kelly Wilson, Maddie Lindsay, Paige Grieb and Macy Gibbs. For next year, the Mustangs will return nine players who played in varsity games this season.

Mustangs honored in CBC all-conference mentions



Several Mustangs were honored at the Columbia Basin Conference District Tournament held at the Pendleton Convention Center last weekend. These awards are voted on by the coaches of all the teams in the conference, and a coach cannot vote for his own players. Aside from Mustang players who received recognition, Coach Jeremy Rosenbalm was the unanimous choice for coach of the year. Top (L-R): Logan Grieb, First Team All-Conference; Patrick Collins, First Team All-Conference; Jeremy Rosenbalm, Coach of the Year; Weston Putman, Honorable Mention All-Conference; and CJ Kindle, Second Team All-Conference. Bottom: Maddie Lindsay, First Team All-Conference; Kelly Wilson, First Team All-Conference; and Jessica Kempkin, Honorable Mention All-Conference. —Contributed photos

Mustangs honored for sportsmanship

In addition to placing second at the district tournament and receiving several all-conference nods, the Heppner High School boys' basketball team also won a special season-long award, the Pat Gillette Memorial Award. This is the text of the letter the team received announcing the award:

"Each basketball season the Blue Mountain Basketball Officials Association makes an award to the school that is served by the association that consistently exhibits outstanding sportsmanship and 'class' at all levels throughout the season.

At the end of the season schools are nominated and then voted on by the association membership. Consideration is given to the coaches and players, as well as the school administration, the student body and the fans.

Congratulations to the Heppner Boys Basketball Program for being selected as the 2014-2015 recipient of this Award."

Mustangs third seed going into state playoffs

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The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team is advancing to the OSAA State Basketball playoffs. The Mustangs won their first game at the Columbia Basin Conference District Tournament to earn the right to continue their season. Heppner beat the Stanfield Tigers by the score of 60-59 to advance to the playoffs. On the second day of the CBC tournament, the Mustangs lost to the Irrigon Knights in the district championship game by a score of 67-36.

In the game with the Tigers, Heppner started out the game by missing several shots close to the basket. The Mustangs fell behind early by the score of 8-0. Their tournament "jitters" quickly faded and the team began to play better. Their shots started falling and they closed the gap and only trailed 12-10 at the end of the first quarter. Heppner came out strong in the second quarter and outscored Stanfield 16-15. The score at halftime was 27-26 in favor of the Tigers.

The third quarter was back and forth as both teams had the lead at one time or the other. Heppner ended up winning the quarter 20-17 to take a 46-44 advantage into the fourth quarter. It was a tight contest for the entire fourth quarter. The score was tied 50-50 with just a little over five minutes left in the game. Heppner then held a lead of 56-52 with 2:40 left in the game. A Stanfield three-point play gave the Tigers the lead 59-58 with :48 seconds left in game. The Mustangs brought the ball up the floor and worked it around against some stiff Stanfield defense. CJ Kindle then found Logan Grieb open near the middle of the key and passed him the ball as the clock was winding down. Grieb was able to catch the ball in some traffic and put up a shot that went in to give the Mustangs a 60-59 lead with :05 seconds left in the game. Stanfield inbounded the ball and attempted a long shot at the buzzer that did not go in. That miss gave the Mustangs an exciting 60-59 victory and propelled them into the district championship game.

Patrick Collins had a big night as he had 18



The Mustang boys gave it their all during the CBC District Tournament in Heppner, and it showed. Above: Patrick Collins of Heppner tramples a Tiger on his way to the net. —Photo by Sandra Putman

points, 12 rebounds and 1 assist. Grieb was next with 13 points, seven rebounds, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot. Ross Cutsforth scored 11 points, had 4 rebounds, 1 blocked shot and 1 steal for the Mustangs. Weston Putman contributed 9 big points, 4 rebounds and 1 assist in the game. Kevin Murray came in and gave his team some solid minutes with 5 points and 2 rebounds. Kindle had a good all-around game with 4 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 steal. Jesse Corbin had 1 rebound and 1 assist in the game while Caden Hedman recorded 3 assists to his teammates.

The Mustangs shot 48 percent from the field in the game and outrebounded the Tigers 33-22.

After giving everything they had in this game, the Mustangs had to turn around and play the district championship game against the Irrigon Knights less than 24 hours later. The Knights are the number-one ranked team in the state and showed everyone in attendance that they are very good. Irrigon jumped out to a quick 16-9 lead after the first quarter and extended its lead to 34-16 at halftime. They kept the pressure on the Mustangs for the entire

second half and won the game by a score of 67-36.

Once again Collins had a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. He also had a blocked shot in the game. Putman scored 8 points and had 4 rebounds. Grieb was next with 6 points, 3 rebounds and 2 assists. Cutsforth followed with 4 points and 6 rebounds for the Mustangs. Kindle scored 2 points and had 1 assist, and Hedman also had 2 points, 1 rebound and 1 assist. Corbin recorded 2 points in the game for his team. Jerimiah Petzoldt had 1 rebound and Jake Lindsay dished out 2 assists and pulled down 1 rebound.

Heppner continued their streak of outrebounding every team they have played this season as they bested the Knights on the glass by a count of 31-18.

The Mustangs are now 17-5 on the season and are the third-ranked team in the state. They will host an OSAA State Basketball playoff game at 6 p.m. on Friday night against the Faith Bible Falcons from Hillsboro. The Falcons are the third-place team from the Northwest League and have a record of 13-12. They finished the season as the 16th ranked team in the state.

St. Patrick's to sell Butter Braid pastries as parish hall fundraiser

St. Patrick's Catholic Church is selling Butter Braid pastry rolls as a fundraiser for its parish hall restoration project. Orders are due by March 8 to guarantee delivery before Easter.

Butter Braid pastries are a frozen pastry that can

be defrosted and baked at home for a special dessert or breakfast entrée. Butter Braid pastries are not available in any store, and they're made in the USA.

According to the Butter Braid company, the pastries are a braided loaf of flaky pastry with either a cin-

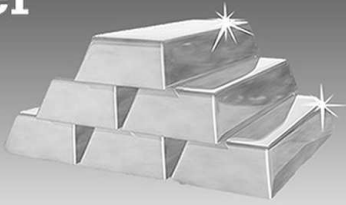
namon, cream cheese or assorted fruit filling. When cooked, they are approximately 13 inches long. The pastry braids area available in cinnamon, cherry, apple, cream cheese, raspberry, and blueberry cream cheese. They also come as caramel rolls, which are much like cinnamon rolls; they come in a nine-pack that cooks nicely in a 9x9 or 11x7 pan. Each Butter Braid pastry or pack of nine caramel rolls costs \$12. Checks should be made payable to S.P.P.H.R. (St. Patrick's Parish Hall Restoration). All proceeds will go toward parish hall renovations.

Anyone who would like to place an order or who knows someone who does, or for more information, contact Jill Miller at 541-989-8460 or Ashley Lindsay at 541-376-8285.

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