

Mustangs beat out Huskies, Prospectors to dominate week of play



A Sherman player's best attempts couldn't keep Heppner's Patrick Collins away from the rim when the Mustangs stomped the Huskies last week. —Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team won two of their three games this past week. They beat the Sherman County Huskies 64-54, lost to the Imbler Panthers 47-45 and then defeated the Grant Union Prospectors by a score of 43-40. Overall it was a good week of tough non-conference games in which the Mustangs learned a lot about themselves as they prepare for conference play.

The game with the Huskies started out at a fast pace with the score 16-15 in favor of Heppner at the end of the first quarter. A big second period in which Sherman outscored the Mustangs 20-9 gave them a 35-25 lead at the break. Heppner fought back in the third and scored 24 points to only eight for the Huskies. Heppner led at the end of three quarters 49-43. The Mustangs won the fourth

quarter 15-11 to get the win 64-54. This was a good win for the Mustangs as Sherman County is a quality team that should go far in the 1A playoffs.

Weston Putman led the Mustangs with 25 points. He also had 16 rebounds. Patrick Collins also hauled down 16 boards and scored 16 points in the game. CJ Kindle scored 16 points and had 6 rebounds, 6 assists and 1 steal. Kevin Murray contributed 2 points, 8 rebounds and an assist. Caden Hedman finished with 2 points and 1 assist while Jake Lindsay scored 2 points and had 1 rebound and a steal. Kolby Currin scored 1 point and had 1 rebound for the team.

Imbler High School is always a tough place to go into and win. Heppner has played in many close contests in that gym over the years and this game was no

different. Heppner jumped out to a 14-7 lead after one quarter and still led 24-18 at halftime. A back-and-forth second half saw the Panthers take the lead and get the win by a score of 47-45. The Mustangs had a shot at the end of the game to send it into overtime but the ball bounced off the rim.

Collins had a big night for the team as he scored 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. He also had 1 assist and a steal. Putman finished with 9 points, 9 rebounds and 2 steals. Kindled chipped in 5 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals and 8 assists in the game. Murray and Currin each scored 2 points for the Mustangs. Murray also had 4 rebounds and Currin 2. Lindsay had 2 steals while Hedman and Kaden Clark had 1 rebound each.

The Grant Union Prospectors provided another

tough and close game for the Mustangs. Heppner led after one quarter 14-13 and 20-17 at the half. Both teams scored 23 points in the second half and the Mustangs won the game by a score of 43-40.

Kindle had another great all-around game for the Mustangs as he scored 21 points, had 6 rebounds, 2 assists and 4 steals. Putman had 7 points, 6 rebounds and some strong defensive play on the night. Collins chipped in 6 points and 6 rebounds and also had a steal. Lindsay hit a three-pointer and had 4 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal for the Mustangs. Hedman, Murray and Currin each contributed 2 points. Murray also had 5 rebounds and Currin 2. Hedman finished with 2 assists and a steal. Clark finished with 2 rebounds and a steal.



Mustang Kolby Currin battles an Imbler player for the ball during the contest with the Panthers last week. —Photo by Sandra Putman

Heppner JV tames Panthers 45-31

The Heppner Mustang boys' junior varsity team split its games this week. The team lost to the Sherman County Huskies 53-49 and then beat the Imbler Panthers 45-31.

Against the Huskies, Heppner trailed after one quarter 17-9. The Mustangs fought back and only trailed at halftime by a score of 28-24. Both teams scored 25 points in the second half and the Mustangs lost by a score of 53-49.

Derek Howard led the team in scoring with 13. Coby Dougherty was close

behind as he scored 12 points in the game. Wyatt Steagall had 9 points, Kevin Smith finished with 7 and Gibson McCurry chipped in 3 points. Dakota Howard and Trent Smith each had 2 points in the game and Hunter Nichols 1.

Heppner took the lead early in their game at Imbler and never looked back. They led 18-7 after one quarter and then 26-15 at halftime. They then outscored Imbler 19-16 in the second half to get the win 45-31. This was a good win for the team and every-

one got to play significant minutes and gain valuable experience.

A balanced scoring attack was led by Kevin Smith with 10. Derek Howard finished with 8 points and Dakota Howard had 6.

Kolby Currin also scored 6 points for the Mustangs. With 4 points each were Steagall and Beau Wolters. Dougherty finished with 3 and Nichols and Jake Lindsay contributed 2 each.

Heppner boys shoot down Cougars in JV, varsity games

Both of the Heppner Mustang boys' basketball teams came away with victories against the Echo Cougars on Monday night.

The Heppner JV boys won their game by a score of 51-15 and the varsity team won 52-39.

The Mustang JV team raced out to a 17-4 lead after one quarter and never looked back. They led the game 25-7 at halftime.

A big 20-point third quarter pushed the lead to 45-10 and a close fourth quarter led to the Mustangs getting the win by a score of 51-15.

Every member of the Heppner team scored in the game. Coby Dougherty led with 14 points and Trent Smith had 6. Finishing the game with 4 points each were Kevin Smith, Wyatt Steagall, Gibson McCurry and Derek Howard. Peyton Lehman scored 3, and with 2 points each were Hunter Nichols, Keegan Gibbs, Kaden Corbin, Beau Wolters, Cason Mitchell and Dakota Howard.

In the varsity game,

both teams started out struggling to score. The first quarter ended with Echo leading 8-7.

In the second quarter Heppner shooters continued to miss many of their shots.

A strong defensive effort by the Mustangs limited the Echo team points also. The Cougars led at halftime 18-16.

The third quarter was a big one for the Mustangs as they scored 17 points. They held Echo to 12 and took control of the game and led 33-30 at this point.

Heppner stretched their lead out in the fourth as they scored 19 points to only 9 for Echo.

The Mustangs made some clutch free throws in the quarter and finished the game going 10-10 for the foul line.

Weston Putman had a big scoring night as he netted 31 points. He also hauled down 8 rebounds in the game. Caden Hedman was next with 8 points, 2 assists and 3 rebounds. CJ Kindle had an outstanding game as he scored 6

Heppner players dominate all-state team list

Several Heppner players were named to the 2015 2A All State Football Team. Receiving special recognition were CJ Kindle, Offensive Player of the Year, Patrick Collins, Defensive Player of the Year, and Heppner coach Greg Grant, Coach of the Year.

For offense, first team honors went to quarterback Kaden Clark, running back

CJ Kindle, wide receiver Logan Grieb, tight end Weston Putman, and offensive linemen Patrick Collins and Kevin Murray.

On the defensive side, named to the first team were defensive linemen Patrick Collins and Kevin Murray, linebackers Weston Putman and Tommy Bredfield, and defensive backs Logan Grieb and CJ Kindle.

Mustang alumni game set for Dec. 26

The fifth annual Heppner Mustang alumni basketball game is set to tip off on Saturday, Dec. 26. Heppner alumni are invited to play in the game and reconnect with old friends and teammates. Many of the past years' games have been high-scoring and filled with lots of action and excitement.

The game will have both a men's and women's division. The cost to play is \$25 and will include a Mustang t-shirt. The event is a fundraiser for the HHS boys' basketball team.

For more information call coach Jeremy Rosenbalm at 541-256-0515.

Mustang girls face rough week of play



Top: Heppner's Riane Dompier tussles with some Prospectors during last week's game. Bottom: Josey Evans moves the ball up the court during the game versus Grant Union. The Heppner girls' varsity basketball team came out strong against Sherman last week, winning the first of three contests for the week with a score of 49-32. Their momentum faltered though, when they faced back-to-back losses, first to Imbler on Friday by 21-54 and then to Grant Union on Saturday with a score of 20-50. The girls will wrap up non-league play in a Pendleton tournament next week before facing Irrigon in their first league game of the season Friday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. —Photos by Sandra Putman

points, ripped down 12 rebounds, had 5 assists and 4 steals. Kevin Murray did a good job in the game with 4 points and 6 rebounds. Kaden Clark scored 3 points and had 2 steals and 1 rebound. Jake Lindsay played some tough defense and also contributed a rebound and had a steal. Wyatt Steagall had 2 rebounds for the team.

Both teams have the rest of the week off. On Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 28 and 29, they both play in Pendleton at the Convention Center.

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, the varsity team will travel to Portland to play the Sherman Co. Huskies at the Moda Center.

The time of that game is 1:30 p.m.

Notice of Availability of the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF) Boardman Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations [40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508]), the U.S. Navy, in cooperation with the National Guard Bureau and Oregon National Guard, has completed a Final EIS to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with ongoing and proposed military readiness activities within NWSTF Boardman and associated airspace.

Proposed Action:

The Navy and Oregon National Guard propose to:

- Increase the types and the number of certain training activities conducted at NWSTF Boardman
- Develop and enhance training facilities at NWSTF Boardman
- Create additional special use airspace to support existing aircraft training

The Proposed Action is needed to enhance the training environment at NWSTF Boardman – including ranges, training areas, and instrumentation – to better support current and future unit and personnel training requirements.

The Final EIS will be available for public review from Dec. 18, 2015, to Jan. 19, 2016.

The document is available online at www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com and at these locations: Multnomah County Central, Salem Central, West Salem, Oregon Trail Heppner, Oregon Trail Boardman, and the Stafford Hansell Government Center.

For more information:

Visit the project website at www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com or contact: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest Attn: NWSTF Boardman EIS Project Manager 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203 Silverdale, WA 98315-1101

Comments may be submitted by U.S. postal mail to the above address by Jan. 19, 2016.

Public Involvement:

The completion of the Final EIS follows years of research, analysis, and public involvement. The Navy held two public scoping meetings in October 2010 and two public meetings in September 2012 to provide information and receive public comments. The Final EIS includes responses from the Navy and the Oregon National Guard to the public comments received on the Draft EIS. Regulations provide for a 30-day public review and wait period after the Final EIS is published before action may be taken.