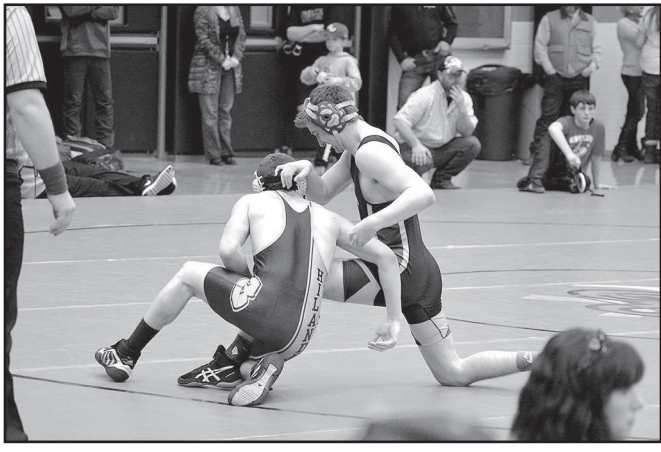


Mustangs wrestle wins from John Day tournament



Will Lutcher grapples with a Burns wrestler last Friday in John Day. -Photo by Kirsti Cason

The Heppner Mustangs wrestling team was in John Day on Friday for an 11-team tournament at Grant Union. It was a round-robin tournament where wrestlers were divided into pools by size and experience and wrestled all of the opponents in their pool.

Three Mustangs went undefeated on the day. Leo Waite, competing in the 106-113 pound bracket,

had the most matches and the most wins for the day. Waite finished the day with five wins and no losses. His first four wins were by pin and the final was a battle to the end with Waite ending on top of an 11-8 decision.

Tim Jaca, a junior in his second year of wrestling, pinned all four of his challengers to complete a perfect 4-0 record for the tournament.

Cord Flynn was the third Heppner wrestler to go undefeated. He pinned all three of his opponents, including second-ranked Taylor Tandy from Imbler, with whom Flynn had previously traded close decisions in two prior matches this season.

Will Lutcher picked up a couple of wins by pin in his 152-pound varsity bracket on his way to a 2-2 record.

Also competing for the Mustangs were Trevor Chamberlin, Carson Brosnan and Charles Cason.

The Mustangs will next be in action at home on Jan. 30 at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational, where 12-14 teams are expected to compete in a full day of wrestling culminating with championship matches wrestled center stage under a spotlight.

Bank of EO announces eighth BEO Wrestling Invitational

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Heppner—Bank of Eastern Oregon announces the invitees to Bank of Eastern Oregon's 2016 Invitational Wrestling Tournament to be held at Heppner High School on Jan. 30.

High schools scheduled to compete are Bonanza, Echo, Elgin, Grant Union, Hermiston JV, Heppner, Imbler, Irrigon, Joseph, Mac-Hi, Riverside and Wallowa.

The competition begins at 10 a.m., and Bank of Eastern Oregon invites the public to come watch these

talented athletes compete. Tickets can be purchased at the door and concessions will be available.

Mark Lemmon, Bank of Eastern Oregon's Chief Financial Officer and Heppner High School wrestling coach, has been instrumental in organizing the bank's sponsorship of the event.

"The bank's management has been very involved in establishing this annual tournament and looks forward to the 2016 competition. The first seven years of the event were outstanding and we intend

the BEO Invitational to be a 'can't miss' tournament on every school's future schedule," said Lemmon. "We appreciate bank staff and local citizens who volunteer to help at the event or sponsor amenities; their help makes the tournament run smoothly!"

If you'd like to volunteer to help or have any inquiries concerning the upcoming event, please contact Heppner High School's Athletic Director, Greg Grant, at 541-676-9138 or Mark Lemmon at 541-676-0224.

Mustangs defeat Rockets to maintain perfect league record



Mustang Patrick Collins jumps against a Pilot Rock player at the tipoff during last week's game. -Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team continued their winning ways with a 57-41 victory over the Pilot Rock Rockets. With the win, Heppner finishes the first half of CBC play undefeated with a 5-0 record. The team is 15-1 overall for the season and is currently the number-two team in the OSAA 2A state basketball rankings.

The Mustangs started the game out fast and led after the first quarter by a score of 14-5. They kept up the defensive pressure in the second quarter and held the Rockets to six points while Heppner scored another 14. The Mustangs led at halftime by the score of 28-11.

In the second half of the game, Heppner worked on many different player combinations and defensive schemes. They were thinking of teams they would

have to play later on in the season and wanted to try out some new moves. The moves must have worked, because Heppner outscored the Rockets 17-15 in the third quarter to lead 45-26. The Mustangs substituted freely in the fourth quarter and were outscored 15-12.

That made the final score of the game 57-41 in favor of the Mustangs.

Heppner shot 43 percent overall from the field and held the Rockets to only 36 percent shooting. The Mustangs outrebounded the Rockets 32-18 in the game.

A balanced scoring attack was led by CJ Kindle and Weston Putman, who had 16 points each. They both also had 4 rebounds on the night. Kindle was also credited with 2 assists and 1 steal for the team. Patrick Collins was next with 10 points, 8 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, 1 assist and 1 steal. Logan Grieb chipped in 9 points, had 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals for the Mustangs. Caden Hedman scored 6 points and had a rebound, while Kaden Clark contributed 5 rebounds and Kevin Murray had 2. Kolby Currin had a rebound and Jake Lindsay a steal in the game.

The Mustangs host the Irrigon Knights on Friday night and then travel to Stanfield to play the Tigers on Saturday.



Heppner's Jake Lindsay slips through the Rocket line during last week's victory over the rival team. -Photo by Sandra Putman

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Mads Damkjaer Meltofte (cont.)

In that championship game. That was a great group of guys. We were always there for each other and could count on each other to help each other out."

Did you have the chance to attend any special events? What did you think of that experience?

"Thanksgiving was a huge deal. Homecoming was also an experience. We don't have parties where we ask girls to go with us. We just have parties where we all show up. I didn't want to ask any girls because I didn't know anyone really well, so I went alone. But I ended up dancing with two girls, and that was nice."

Loop committee to meet in Irrigon

The Loop Morrow County Transportation advisory committee monthly meeting will be Feb. 2 at 2:30 p.m. in Irrigon City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Heppner JV boys shoot down Rockets

The Heppner Mustang JV boys' basketball team won their game against the Pilot Rock Rockets by a score of 38-28.

A slow-paced first quarter saw the Rockets lead 9-6. The second quarter was just as close as Pilot Rock led the game at halftime by a score of 18-15.

Heppner took over the game in the third quarter and outscored the Rockets 10-1. That made the score 25-19 as the fourth quarter started. Heppner scored 13 points in the final period and held Pilot Rock to 9. That made the final score of the game 38-28 in favor of the Mustangs.

Derek Howard led the team in scoring with 9. Wyatt Steagall and Kevin Smith both scored 8 points for the team. Jake Lindsay and Hunter Nichols each scored 3 points in the game. With 2 points each were Kolby Currin, Beau Wolters and Dakota Howard. Coby Dougherty made a free

throw and finished with 1 point in the game. Peyton Lehman gave the team an outstanding defensive effort while he was in.

The JV Mustangs host the Irrigon Knights on Friday night and then travel to Stanfield to play the Tigers on Saturday.

Heppner students to attend FBLA competition at EOU

LA GRANDE, Ore.—Heppner Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students will be among more than 400 students from 14 regional high schools competing at the annual FBLA Regional Skills Competition Thursday, Feb. 4, at Eastern Oregon University.

Participants will be tested in 40 different business-related fields including agribusiness, computer problem solving, cyber security, global business, network design, and sports and entertainment management. Public speaking and mock interviews are also scheduled.

Heppner participants are Carson Brosnan, Computer Applications and Accounting I; Jaiden Mahoney, Hospitality Management

and Agribusiness; Patrick Collins, CJ Kindle, Weston Putman, Logan Grieb, Jake Lindsay, Kevin Murray and Hunter Nichols in Sports & Entertainment Management and Agribusiness; Rylee Kollman in Agribusiness; Jessica Kempken and Sydney Maben in Hospitality Management; Cara Arbogast in Hospitality Management and Impromptu Speaking; Sophie Grant in Marketing and Introduction to Financial Math; Keegan Gibbs and Gibson McCurry in Sports & Entertainment Management and Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure; Emily Cecil and Meranda Lemmon in Help Desk; Claire Grieb and Riane Dompier in Hospitality Management; Caitlyn Bailey, Kaelynn Lindsay,

Taylor Hamby and Madison Combe in Marketing; and Ryan Smith and Cason Mitchell in Sports & Entertainment Management.

The event culminates with a public awards assembly at 12:30 p.m. in McKenzie Theatre in Loso Hall.

The top 10 finishers from each event compete at

the state FBLA conference April 7-9 in Portland. From there, the top contestants advance to the national conference June 29-July 2 in Atlanta, GA.

Other FBLA chapters include Baker, Elgin, John Day, Helix, Imbler, La Grande, Milton-Freewater, Nyssa, Ontario, Pendleton, Stanfield, Union and Vale.

Cabin Fever concert Sunday

The variety show "Cabin Fever" will be in Heppner this Sunday, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School.

Tickets for the Heppner performance can be purchased at the door, or in advance at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in either Heppner or Ione.

The \$15 ticket price includes both the show and a catered Dutch-oven dessert.

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