

Mustangs split conference play, hold on to first in league



Kaden Clark (10), Kevin Murray (20) and CJ Kindle (24) form a screen in front of the Stanfield Tigers as they wait for the rebound. -Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team split its games last weekend in Columbia Basin Conference play. They lost at home to the fifth-ranked Irrigon Knights by a score of 49-42. They then rebounded with a win on the road by defeating the 12th ranked Stanfield Tigers 44-43. The Mustangs (16-2, 6-1) are in first place in the CBC standings and currently the number-two team in the OSAA 2A state basketball rankings.

Against the Knights, Heppner came out a little slow and Irrigon forced the tempo of play. The score after the first quarter saw the Knights leading 16-11. A lid seemed to be on the basket in the second quarter for the Mustangs as they could only score seven points. Irrigon doubled them up as they scored 14 points and led 30-18 at halftime.

Heppner came out in the second half and outscored the Knights in both quarters, 11-9 in the third and 13-10 in the fourth. This allowed the Mustangs to pull within three points with just under one minute left in the game. Heppner was forced to foul the Knights and they made several free-throws at the end of the game to preserve the victory 49-42.

CJ Kindle led the Mustangs with 17 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals. Patrick Collins followed with 14 points, 9 rebounds, 1 steal and a blocked shot. Logan Grieb scored 5 points, had 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal and a blocked shot. Ca-

den Hedman chipped in 4 points and an assist on the night. Weston Putman had 2 points, 4 rebounds and 2 steals for the team. Kaden Clark contributed 2 rebounds and Kevin Murray had 4.

In the game at Stanfield, the Mustangs came out of the locker room and took control of the game early. They led 13-8 at the end of the first quarter and 28-21 at halftime. Both

teams scored nine points in the third quarter and the Mustangs still led the game by a score of 37-30. The teams traded runs in the hard-fought fourth quarter, but the Tigers got the best of the Mustangs by a score of 13-7. Heppner led the game by one point as Stanfield ended up with the ball under their own basket with only one second left on the clock. They inbounded the ball and put up a shot at the buzzer but it bounced off of the rim. The Mustangs were able to hold on and get the win 44-43.

Leading the way in scoring for Heppner was Putman with 17. He also grabbed 5 rebounds, had an assist and 2 steals. Grieb followed with 10 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists and a blocked shot. Collins was next with 7 points, 14 rebounds and 2 blocked shots. Kindle scored 6 points, had 7 rebounds and 2 assists in the game. Hedman scored 2 points and had 3 rebounds and 2 assists for the Mustangs. Clark also scored 2 points and had a rebound and a steal. Lindsay had a rebound in the game.

The Mustangs continue CBC play this weekend as they travel to Athena to take on the Weston-McEwen TigerScots on Friday night. The will then host the Culver Bulldogs on Saturday.



High stakes didn't keep Heppner's Weston Putman and a Stanfield player from sharing a sense of camaraderie on the court last weekend. -Photo by Sandra Putman

South Morrow scholarship board elects officers

At the annual meeting of the South Morrow County Scholarship Inc., new member Adam McCabe of Ione was elected president. Ginger Bowman was elected vice president; Del LaRue was elected treasurer, and Brandi Sweeney, secretary.

Board members serving are Martha Munkers, Sharon Harrison and Carri Grieb.

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust was established several years ago to provide funds to grant scholarships to graduating seniors from Heppner and Ione High Schools and to take the place of the Troedson Scholarship fund, which will be discontinued in the year 2023.

Application for this year's scholarships will be available in the form of computer disk at Heppner High School and Ione High School starting in March.

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Mustangs take six medals at BEO Invitational Smith named Outstanding Wrestler

The Mustang wrestling team had a rare home appearance on Saturday at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational tournament. Thirteen teams from eastern Oregon from 1A to 4A, plus Hermiston's JV, competed. Mac-Hi was the overall team winner and Riverside was second. Heppner finished fourth, with six of the 11 Mustangs winning medals.

At the end of the day the Mustangs had three wrestlers competing on the new Mustang mat under the spotlight in the championship finals for their weight classes.

Trevor Chamberlin, a freshman, wrestled at 106 pounds and made it to the finals before being defeated by a junior from Adrian in the championship bout.

Senior Ryan Smith, wrestling in his final home tournament, finished with a championship at 113 pounds. Smith was also voted by the coaches as the Outstanding Wrestler of the

tournament.

Cord Flynn was the third Mustang to compete in the championship bout in his weight class of 220 pounds. Flynn finished with a silver medal.

Carson Brosnan, a freshman, won his first high school medal, claiming a bronze at 126 pounds with a pin over a Mac-Hi opponent in the consolation championship.

The Mustangs' other senior, Will Lutchter, also

finished his final home tournament with a strong showing by winning a consolation championship bronze medal at 145 pounds.

Heppner's other medalist was Tim Jaca, finishing fourth at 152 pounds.

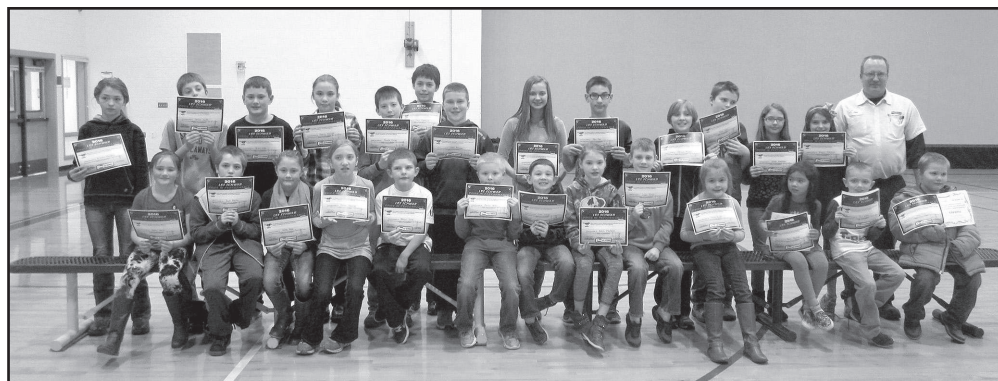
Also competing for the Mustangs were Leo Waite, Zach Bredfield, Charles Cason and Sabashtian Futter.

The Mustangs will be competing in their last regular season tournament in Halfway on Saturday.



Mustang wrestler Carson Brosnan puts a choke-hold on a Mac-Hi opponent during last weekend's BEO Invitational in Heppner. Brosnan won his first high-school medal at the tournament. -Photo by Kirsti Cason

HES announces perfect attendance, honor card winners



John Gould of Les Schwab Tire Center handed out the Pride in Performance first semester perfect attendance certificates to 26 HES Students. Six lucky students were drawn to receive gift cards donated by Les Schwab. -Contributed photo

Heppner Elementary School has announced perfect attendance for the second quarter and first semester of the 2015-2016 school year.

Second Quarter

Sixty HES students achieved perfect attendance for second quarter 2015-2016. They are as follows by class:

Mrs. Morris—Naomi Prophet, Tyler Rice, Jace Wilson.

Mrs. Matteson—Jaysi Dompier, Healy Hisler, Quaid Jensen, Avree Lathrop, Claire Lindsay, McKenzie Maben, Lita Nelson, Maya Payne, Natalie Piper, Mason Seitz, Logan Turner.

Mrs. Stewart—Caleb George, Owen Guerra, Zaleta Masterson, Sarah Munkers, Lily Nichols, Rylee Palmer, Austin Willis.

Mrs. Matheny—Makiyah Christian, Jackson Coiner, Sierra Greenup, Kadie Henrichs, Halle Herlis, Saige Jensen, Aden Lathrop, John Lindsay, Isiah Martin, Keeley Nairns, Damien Sheoships-Ball, Nickolas Wenberg, Lynn Williams.

Mrs. Gibbs—Morgan Cutsforth, Caden George, Zandra Masterson, Teagan Ramsey.

Mrs. Piper—Dillan Doyle, Adan Guerra, Ireland Martin.

Mrs. Rosenbalm—Ma-

son Alleman, Kylie Boor, Ty Boor, Conor Brosnan, Jace Coe, Zander Fisher, Paul Lindsay, Trevor Nichols, Madison Palmer, Aubriana Rodriguez, Joseph Sherman, Katie Wilson.

Mrs. Coiner—Kason Cimmiyotti, Cassidy Henrichs, Brock Hisler, ZaBrena Masterson, Felix Matthew, Derrick Smith, Kegan Steagall.

First Semester

Twenty-six students achieved perfect attendance for first semester 2015-2016. They are as follows:

Mrs. Morris—Naomi Prophet, Tyler Rice, Jace Wilson.

Mrs. Matteson—Healy Hisler, Logan Turner.

Mrs. Stewart—Caleb George, Zaleta Masterson, Austin Willis.

Mrs. Matheny—Jackson Coiner, Kadie Henrichs, Halle Herlis, Isiah Martin, Keeley Nairns.

Mrs. Gibbs—Morgan Cutsforth, Zandra Masterson.

Mrs. Piper—Dillan Doyle, Ireland Martin.

Mrs. Rosenbalm—Kylie Boor, Conor Brosnan, Jace Coe, Zander Fisher.

Mrs. Coiner—Kason Cimmiyotti, Cassidy Henrichs, Brock Hisler, ZaBrena Masterson, Derrick Smith.

Honor Card

HES also has announced that 60 students achieved Honor Card status

for the second quarter, as follows:

Mrs. Morris—Mary Ashbeck, Hannah Brannon, Addison Coe, Havin Gray, Isabel Payne, Naomi Prophet, Gage Williams, Jace Wilson, Eva Worden.

Mrs. Matteson—Katon Coiner, Jaysi Dompier, Brooklyn Hendricks, Healy Hisler, Avree Lathrop, Claire Lindsay, Hailey McDaniel, Maya Payne, Natalie Piper, Alakae Rodriguez, Mason Seitz, Tripp Stewart, Aireana Warner, Patrick Wolford.

Mrs. Stewart—Journey Cavan, Lane Critchlow, Elizabeth Finch, Caleb George, Owen Guerra, Faith Holsinger, Levi Maret, Zaleta Masterson, Sarah Munkers, Lily Nichols, Rylee Palmer, Sophie Rodriguez, Brady Williams.

Mrs. Matheny—Jackson Coiner, Ally Green, Halle Herlis, John Lindsay, Keeley Nairns, Lynn Williams.

Mrs. Gibbs—Morgan Cutsforth, Caden George, Irelynn Kollman, Landon Mitchell, Arianna Worden.

Mrs. Piper—Jacob Finch, Jake Lentz, Ireland Martin.

Mrs. Rosenbalm—Kylie Boor, Conor Brosnan, Jace Coe, Cody Fletcher, Paul Lindsay, Trevor Nichols, Madison Palmer.

Mrs. Coiner—Kason Cimmiyotti, Hannah Finch, Brock Hisler.

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