

WRESTLING DISTRICTS

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Three Mustangs advanced to the championship semi-finals, freshman Trevor Chamberlin (106 pounds), senior Ryan Smith (113 pounds) and junior Cord Flynn (195 pounds).

Chamberlin jumped out to a quick lead in his match, but later got caught in bad position and lost by fall to Shane Lund from Enterprise. Chamberlin ultimately won a bronze medal for third place and a consolation championship.

Smith won his semi-final match by a pin and went on to claim his third district championship by a 5-0 decision over sophomore Cole Farwell from Enterprise.

Flynn, the third Mustang to reach the championship semi-finals, easily won by fall. He then won his first district championship with a hard fought 5-4 decision over senior Calvin Shaffer from Elgin in the finals.

Two other Mustangs earned placing medals and team points. Freshman Leo Waite (120 pounds) and senior Will Lutchter (145 pounds) each finished sixth in their weight classes.

Freshman Carson Brosnan also won a match and scored team points for Heppner.

Also competing for the Mustangs were Zach Bredfield, Charles Cason and Jacob Wallace.

Smith and Flynn will take two weeks to prepare for the state competition in Portland where all classes 1A to 6A compete side by side on 12 mats. The tournament culminates in the state finals on five mats in the 12,888-seat Coliseum.

It will be Smith's third state tournament, while Flynn will be competing for the first time. Smith already has two state championships from his previous two trips to the state tournament.

Heppner JV ends season with a win

The Heppner Mustang boys' junior varsity team finished its season by defeating the Pilot Rock Rockets by a score of 50-38. The JV Mustangs ended the season with an 8-9 record.

Heppner jumped out quickly against the Rockets and led 19-5 at the end of the first. The second quarter was a little bit closer but the Mustangs still led 28-17 at halftime. Pilot Rock outscored the Mustangs 15-10 in the third quarter, but Heppner still led the game 38-32. A strong defensive effort by the Mustangs held the Rockets to only six points in the final quarter. Heppner was able to put 12 points on the board and got the win by a final score of 50-38.

Kevin Smith led the team in scoring with 12 and Wyatt Steagall followed

with 11. Jake Lindsay and Kolby Currin scored 9 points each for the Mustangs. Coby Dougherty chipped in 6 points and Dakota Howard had 3.

For the season, Steagall led the team in scoring with 142 points. Kevin Smith was next with 132. Dougherty had 87 and Currin 71. Derek Howard scored 63 points and Dakota Howard had 54. Lindsay was next with 45 and then Hunter Nichols with 35. Trent Smith finished with 30 points and Gibson McCurry had 28. Beau Wolters chipped in 27 points and Cason Mitchell followed with 12. Kaden Corbin scored 8 points this year and with 7 points each were Payton Lehman and Reno Ferguson. Keegan Gibbs scored 6 points for the team this year.

Queen tryouts March 26 for Spray Rodeo

Queen tryouts for the May 28-29 Spray Rodeo will be held Saturday, March 26, at noon at the Spray Rodeo Grounds. Contestants do not have to be local or Wheeler County residents but they must be at least 15 years old and must never have been married or had children.

For further information or an application, call 541-468-2442.

Park district to meet

Willow Creek Park District will have a regular board meeting at 5:15 p.m. next Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Heppner City Hall.

Mustangs number one going into CBC districts

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team finished up its Blue Mountain Conference season by defeating the Pilot Rock Rockets by a score of 70-43. With the win, the Mustangs end BMC play with a record of 8-2 and are 18-3 overall on the season. They are currently ranked fourth in the OSAA 2A State Basketball rankings.

On senior night, a little extra emotion filled the gymnasium. Everyone knew it could be the last time that this special group of senior boys would be playing on their home court. Heppner started the game out slowly and only led 15-13 at the end of the first quarter. They then started to heat up on the offensive end of the floor and scored 18 points in the second quarter and held Pilot Rock to only 12. At halftime the Mustangs led the game 33-25.

Another fast-paced third quarter saw Heppner continue to pull away and take a commanding 52-35 lead. In the fourth quarter the Mustangs continued to have the hot hand and shot the ball very well. They put up another impressive 18



Mustang Logan Grieb (5) launches himself over the heads of the rival Rockets as teammate Patrick Collins looks on. -Photo by Sandra Putman

points in the quarter. The Heppner defense, which was strong all game long, held the Rockets to only

eight points in the final frame. As the final horn sounded, the Mustangs got the victory by a score of

70-43.

Patrick Collins and Logan Grieb led the Mustangs in scoring with 15 points each. Collins also had 11 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 blocked shot. To go along with his scoring, Grieb also contributed 3 rebounds, 4 assists and a blocked shot. Weston Putman hit four three-pointers on his way to 13 points on the night. He also had 8 rebounds and 2 steals. CJ Kindle and Caden Hedman scored 8 points each in the game. Kindle also dished out 5 assists and had 3 rebounds. Hedman also contributed a rebound and a steal. Kevin Murray had 4 points, 5 rebounds and an assist while Kolby Currin also scored 4 points and had a rebound for the Mustangs. Kaden Clark scored 2 points and had 2 rebounds and Jake Lindsay had 1 point and 1 rebound.

The Mustangs, who are the number-one seeded team in the district, will now begin post-season play at the BMC District Tournament. They will play the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots at 1 p.m. this Friday at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Heppner players dominate Shrine All-Star CBC picks

Four Heppner players were among the eight Columbia Basin Conference players selected for the Shrine All-Star East team this year. Five CBC players made the team cut, while three were selected as alternates.



Patrick Collins

Selected for the team were Heppner's Patrick Collins for offensive and defensive lines and CJ Kindle for running back and linebacker. Selected as alternates were Heppner players Kaden Clark for quarterback and defensive



CJ Kindle

back and Weston Putman as tight end and linebacker. Other CBC picks were Fredy Vera, running back and defensive back, Irrigon; Jarred Warren, offensive and defensive lines, Stanfield; and Devon Rhoades, offensive and de-



Kaden Clark

fensive lines, Weston McEwen. Selected as alternate was Cougar Kroske, offensive and defensive lines, Irrigon. Oregon's 64th annual East West Shrine All-Star Football Game will take place Saturday, Aug. 6, in Baker City.



Weston Putman

HHS girls finish season



Freshman basketball ends successful season

The Heppner Mustang Freshman Boys' basketball team recently finished a successful season with a 7-4 record. There was a total of 11 boys on the team and they played several other 2A freshman teams, and even went up against a couple of JV teams.

Leading the way in scoring for the season was Trent Smith, who had 82 points. Dakota Howard

was next with 74 and Derek Howard finished with 65 points. Hunter Nichols tallied 56 points this season and Reno Ferguson hit for 49. Gibson McCurry was next with 47 points and Cason Mitchell recorded 28. Keegan Gibbs chipped in 20 points for the team. With four points each were Mads Meltofte and Elijah Fetter. Xavier Glover rounded out the scoring with two points in the season.

This group did a good job in making the tough transition from junior high school basketball to the high school level. The future of Mustang basketball certainly looks bright with this group of players.

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