

## Mustangs sweep week of league play

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team won both of its Blue Mountain Conference games this past weekend. They defeated the Culver Bulldogs by a score of 64-38 and then beat the Pilot Rock Rockets 54-42. With the wins, the Mustangs' record is 10-4 overall and 2-2 in BMC play.

In the game with the Bulldogs, Heppner came out fast and strong and led at the end of the first quarter 15-8. The Mustangs then outscored the Bulldogs 19-10 in the second quarter to take a 34-18 lead at halftime.

The second half of the game was much the same as the first. Heppner played some great defense and limited the number of Culver shot attempts.

They also did a good job of running their offense and getting some quality scoring opportunities of their own.

The Mustangs scored 15 points in each quarter of the second half and limited Culver to 20 points overall in the half. All 13 players who suited up for the Mustangs got into the game and contributed nicely in the 64-38 victory.

A balanced scoring attack was led by Logan Grieb, who finished with 12 points. He also had 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 5 steals in the game.

Wyatt Steagall played well and had 11 points, 8 rebounds and 2 steals on the night.

Caden Hedman and Kevin Smith each scored 9 points for the Mustangs. Hedman also dished out 2 assists and had 2 rebounds, while Smith hauled down 9 boards and had a steal.

Jake Lindsay had a good all-around game as he had 7 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists and 1 steal for the team.

Nikolas Dias Martins also scored 7 points in the game and had 1 steal. Kevin Murray scored 4 points, had 4 rebounds and 2 steals. Hunter Nichols had 4 points, Beau Wolters scored 1 point and had 1 assist while Gibson Mc-



Jake Lindsay doesn't let anything stand between him and the net at last weekend's game versus Culver. -Photo by Sandra Pointer

Curry recorded a rebound and a steal. Kolby Currin saw his first action of the year after recovering from having surgery on his wrist and contributed a rebound and 2 steals.

A rivalry game against the Rockets always seems to lead to an exciting event for all who attend. This year's matchup was another good one and the game was close until the very end.

The Mustangs played well and had a small lead at the end of the first quarter by the score of 14-10.

The Rockets battled back and outscored Heppner in the second quarter 15-14 when they made a very long three-pointer at the buzzer. The Mustangs still led at halftime 28-25.

Pilot Rock turned up the defensive pressure in the third quarter and outscored the Mustangs 14-9 to take a 39-37 lead into the fourth quarter. A fired-up

team of Mustangs turned up their own defensive inten-



Wyatt Steagall of Heppner struggles with Culver players under the net last weekend while Kevin Murray waits to assist. -Photo by Sandra Pointer

sity and limited the Rockets to only three points for the rest of the game.

Heppner finally took the lead for good midway through the fourth quarter and never looked back. The Mustangs took care of the ball and the Rockets were forced to foul. Heppner made several key free-throws down the stretch to secure the victory by 54-42.

Grieb led the team in scoring with 16. He also hauled down 8 rebounds, had 5 steals, 3 assists and a blocked shot. Smith shot the ball well and finished with 12 points. He also had 8 rebounds and 1 assist. Jake Lindsay scored 11 points and had 6 rebounds and an assist in the game. Hedman contributed 7 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal in the victory. Murray had 5 points, 9 big rebounds and 1 assist for the team. Dias Martins scored 3 points and had 3 assists and a steal.

The Mustangs have one game this weekend as they host the Stanfield Tigers on Saturday. The junior varsity boys team will get things started at 1 p.m. That game will be followed by the junior varsity girls and then the varsity boys. The varsity girls will finish up the action for the day.

## Heppner girls suffer more disappointment



Heppner's Emily Cecil runs the ball up the court in front of Culver players in last Friday's contest. Despite a good effort, the Mustang girls' varsity team lost both of their games over the weekend, 36-57 to Culver and 22-53 to Pilot Rock. They look to improve their record in a game this Saturday against Stanfield. -Photo by Sandra Pointer

## Heppner JV brings down Culver, Pilot Rock

The Heppner JV boys' basketball team won both of its games this past weekend. The Mustangs put down Culver 38-14 and Pilot Rock 73-24.

## UMW coat project continues



Sally Walker, president of the Heppner United Methodist Women, gathers up coats, gloves and other clothing items following a blessing ceremony held on Sunday. The new apparel is part of an ongoing effort by the church to make sure all area children have warm winter coats and gloves. So far, approximately 25 new coats have been given away. The coats pictured here are available by calling Pastor Patty Nance at 541-676-5444. The gloves and other items are available through the Neighborhood Center. -Contributed photo

## Mustangs continue to dominate matches

### Local team makes good showing at Wrestling Classic despite number disadvantage

The Heppner/Ione wrestling team competed in the Grant Union Tournament in John Day on Friday, Jan. 20. The Mustangs placed third out of 10 teams. Six out of the seven Mustang wrestlers who competed won a match and scored team points.

The team was led by senior Cord Flynn, who went 5-0 for the day and

was also awarded the Outstanding Wrestler plaque by the tournament director.

Carson Brosnan won three out of four matches and first place in his 132/138 weight bracket.

Zach Bredfield went 4-1 for the tournament, earning a second-place finish at 145/152. One of his wins came at the expense of teammate Charles Cason in

a 16-5 major decision.

Trevor Antonucci (106/113 pounds), Leo Waite (126/132 pounds) and Ethan Holmgren (182 pounds) each won a match in their weight classes and earned team points.

The week before, the Heppner/Ione wrestling team competed in the Oregon Wrestling Classic Jan. 13 and 14 at the Deschutes

County Expo Center. The Oregon Wrestling Classic is a three-day event on 16 wrestling mats where around 3,000 competitors meet for one of the largest wrestling events in the country.

The competition typically includes about 90 Oregon high school teams from five classifications, women's college teams,

women's high school duals and a tournament for kids ages five to 16. This year's event was somewhat subdued due to inclement weather.

The high school tournament is a dual format in which teams compete head-to-head by weight class. The Mustang team was able to cover only eight of the 14 weight classes and was therefore at a disadvantage from the beginning. Despite the low numbers, the team won one dual outright and tied in another. In another dual the team won more matches but lost in the team score because of forfeits. The team's place was fourth in the consolation bracket.

Every Mustang wrestler won at least one match

over the weekend.

Trevor Antonucci won six matches for the Mustangs and one additional exhibition match.

Cord Flynn went 5-1, with his loss coming in a match in which he wrestled up a weight class to face a state placer from Neah-Kah-Nie.

Leo Waite and Jacob Wallace picked up four wins apiece in duals, with Waite getting an additional win in an exhibition match.

Charles Cason finished the weekend with three total wins for his record.

Carson Brosnan, Zach Bredfield and Ethan Holmgren each won a match by fall and also got a win by forfeit to score team points in duals.

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