

Flynn takes championship at Farm City tournament



The Heppner/Ione wrestlers showed they are not afraid to go against the biggest wrestling schools in the state by competing in the Farm City wrestling tournament in Hermiston on Saturday. The Mustangs were the only 2A team at the tournament. Other teams competing were Hermiston, Oregon City, Milwaukie, Bend, Baker and Riverside.

Two of the six Mustangs made it to the championship semi-finals, Jacob Wallace at 160 pounds and Cord Flynn at 195 pounds.

Wallace was defeated in the semi-finals by the number-one seed at his weight class and went on to place sixth.

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195 pounds in 2A, pinned opponents from Milwaukie and Oregon City on his way to the championship bout, where he faced Hermiston's Kenny Bevan. Each finalist was awarded a Farm City logoed singlet to wrestle in the championship. The champion also received an engraved belt buckle valued at \$140.

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Flynn won the match mostly on his feet, scoring three takedowns and one reversal while only giving up escapes. The final score was 8-4 in Flynn's favor. In an act of sportsmanship, Flynn gave the champion's singlet to his defeated opponent after the tournament.

Zach Bredfield also won a match by fall over a Riverside opponent at 145 pounds to score team points.

Also competing for the Mustangs were Leo Waite, Carson Brosnan and Charles Cason.

Mustang girls trample Tigers



Heppner varsity player Jaiden Mahoney plays defense during the game versus Stanfield last weekend. The Mustang varsity girls' team overturned a recent losing streak by defeating the Tigers 55-39. -Photo by Sandra Pointer

Mustangs lose tough game to Tigers

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team lost a tough game last weekend to the Stanfield Tigers by the score of 62-58. The Tigers (14-1,5-0), are currently the number-one ranked team in the OSAA 2A state basketball rankings while the Mustangs (10-5,2-3) are 12th.

It was a full house in the Heppner High School gymnasium, as everyone knew that this game would be a good one. It certainly lived up to its billing, as it was close throughout. The first quarter saw the Mustangs come out and control the tempo of the game. Heppner led at the end of the quarter by the score of 13-11.

The second quarter saw Stanfield shoot the lights out of the ball from the three-point line. They quickly took the lead and kept it until halftime. The Mustangs continued to play hard and would not let the Tigers pull away from them. Heppner scored just before the half ended to trail by only six points, 30-24.

The third quarter belonged to the Mustangs. They consistently broke the



Mustang Kevin Smith goes for a basket during last weekend's game versus the Stanfield Tigers. The Mustangs lost 62-58 to the number-one 2A team after a tough back-and-forth battle. -Photo by Sandra Pointer

Stanfield press and attacked the basket for scores. Heppner turned up their own defensive pressure and got several steals that led to easy baskets. The Mustangs outscored the Tigers 21-11 in the quarter to take a 45-41 lead into the final quarter.

In the fourth quarter,

Stanfield made a charge and took the lead back. The lead then changed several times throughout the quarter as neither team wanted to lose the conference game. The Tigers were able to hold off the Mustangs at the end and won by the score of 62-58.

Logan Grieb led the Mustangs in scoring with

16. He also had 8 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal. Jake Lindsay followed with 13 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists in the game. Kevin Murray recorded a double-double as he scored 10 points and hauled down 10 rebounds. Caden Hedman had 8 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist and 3 steals for the Mustangs. Wyatt Steagall contributed 7 points, 8 big rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals for the team. Kevin Smith scored 4 points and had 2 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 blocked shots on the night. Nikolas Dias Martins and Alex Lindsay had 2 rebounds each in the game for the Mustangs.

This week the Mustangs will host the Weston-McEwen TigerScots on Friday night. It will be senior night and the five seniors on the team, along with their families, will be honored by the school and community. The seniors on this year's team are Kolby Currin, Logan Grieb, Caden Hedman, Jake Lindsay and Kevin Murray. On Saturday the Mustangs will travel to Culver to take on the Bulldogs.

JV boys maintain perfect league record



Alex Lindsay dodges a Tiger during last week's JV home game. The Heppner junior varsity boys' basketball team beat Stanfield 94-74, giving them a 4-0 record in conference play so far this season. -Photo by Sandra Pointer

SafeOregon network launched by Oregon State Police

The Oregon State Police announced yesterday, Jan. 31, the availability of SafeOregon, a new school safety tip line program available at no cost to all public K-12 schools in Oregon. SafeOregon requires schools to complete a sign-up process in order for students to use it.

SafeOregon is a way for students, staff or other members of the public to anonymously report and share confidential information of a threat or a potential threat to student safety. Trained staff are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and can be reached through a phone call, text

message, mobile application or website. The main goal of SafeOregon is to intervene at the earliest possible point in the life of a young person who is struggling, helping them when they need it, before the situation turns into a tragedy.

SafeOregon is designed

to encourage Oregon students to share and respond to anything that threatens their safety or the safety of others, anything that makes a student feel unsafe or if a student knows someone who feels unsafe. A few examples are: safety threats, violence, threats of violence, fights, drugs,

alcohol, weapons, bullying or friends who talk about hurting themselves, harassment, intimidation, cyberbullying or self-harm.

"Schools should be safe places for children to learn, educators to teach, and for communities to gather," Governor Kate Brown said. "We can all do our part through the SafeOregon tip line to share information about potential threats to student safety. This important statewide resource is a direct result of the recommendations of the Oregon Task Force on School Safety, and I am grateful to everyone who contributed to improving the safety and security of our Oregon schools."

"To all Oregon students, I want to encourage you to make courageous decisions to break the code of silence and speak out against harmful behaviors before they turn to tragedy," stated Superintendent Travis Hampton. "We can make a difference in our schools and communities and we are committed to creating a safe and respectful culture to support you."

Tips can be submitted 24/7/365 through the SafeOregon.com web portal, by e-mail to tip@safeoregon.com, through the

SafeOregon mobile application (available for android or iOS device), or by calling or texting 844-472-3364. Tips are promptly analyzed and routed for the most appropriate follow-up and urgency. This may be to school officials, law enforcement, community mental health programs or other appropriate local or state agencies. Tip Line staff make sure follow-up is noted and recorded.

SafeOregon—the school safety tip line—became law through HB 4075 in 2016, as a result of recommendations from the Oregon Task Force on School Safety charged with improving safety and security at schools across the state. The task force was established by House Bill 4087, bringing together representatives from police, fire, school administration, teachers, school boards and service districts, along with the Governor's education and public safety policy advisors, and legislators.

For more information please visit safeoregon.com. The resource page has more information. Students and parents are encouraged to talk to their school administration about making SafeOregon available in their school.

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