

JV basketball boasts successful season



Team members defending against Imbler earlier this season are Casey Fletcher, Gavin Hanna, Kannon Wilkins and Jordan Sweeney. -Contributed photo.

The Heppner High School junior varsity boys' basketball team is having a successful year. Near mid-season, the Mustangs are sporting a 10-2 record.

Team members are Kellen Grant, Roy Collins, Jackson Lehman, Brock Hisler, Casey Fletcher, Gavin Hanna, Kannon Wilkins and Jordan Sweeney. Also, floating to round out the team are Blake Wolters, Derrick Smith and Joe Sherman.

Mustang wrestlers finish fifth in Jo Hi tournament

The Heppner/Ione wrestling team traveled to Joseph High School to compete in the Jo Hi tournament on Jan. 4 and 5 and ended up finishing in fifth place with 109.5 points. There were 14 teams in all competing.

Roen Waite placed fifth in the 106 weight class. In the 120 class, Trevor Antonucci was third and Brian Collins placed sixth. Leo Waite was third in 132, Jace Coe second in 160, Carson Brosnan sixth in 170, Charles Cason third in 182 and Jacob Wallace placed fourth in the 195 class. Also



Leo Waite pins his opponent at the Jo Hi tournament. -Photo by Kirsti Cason.

wrestling in the tournament were Conor Brosnan and Suzanneah Cason.

Brooke Wheeler named BMCC student athlete

Brooke Wheeler, 19, of Prosser, WA was named the Blue Mountain Community College student athlete of the month for December. She is studying in the AG production program.

Wheeler plays basketball for BMCC and averaged a double-double in the first three games for the team with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

She is the daughter of Jossie and Heath Wheeler, Prosser, and the granddaughter of Monte and Becky Evans, Heppner.



Brooke Wheeler

Mustangs start new year with 3-0 record

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team started the new year leading the Blue Mountain Conference with a perfect 3-0 record. The Mustangs, who are 9-6 overall, finished up a tough pre-season schedule which included playing a 4A team and four 3A teams with a 6-6 record. Besides playing several local teams, the Mustangs traveled to the Willamette Valley for a couple of games and participated in a tournament where they played a pair of Washington schools.

The Mustangs opened up conference play before Christmas with a home win over the Grant Union Prospectors by the score of 59-55. They then traveled to Stanfield and beat the Tigers 56-37. This past weekend the team hit the road again and beat the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots by the score of 48-33.

In the game with Weston-McEwen, the Mustangs led at the end of the first quarter 10-6. They then jumped out to an 18-6 lead that forced a Tigerscot timeout. Heppner continued to control the tempo of the game and stretched their

lead to 28-14 at the half. The Mustangs came out fired up after the halftime break and led 37-24 at the end of the third quarter. The Tigerscots could get not get the score any closer as the Mustangs would answer every run they made. The Mustangs played smart and took care of the basketball in the last few minutes of the game and won by the score of 48-33.

The overall team defensive effort for the Mustangs was outstanding as they held the Tigerscots to only 33 points for the game. That is well below their season average. Although the Mustangs didn't shoot the ball particularly well on the night, it was the defensive effort that clearly won the game for them.

Trent Smith led the Mustangs with 16 points. He also had seven rebounds and two steals in the game. Tyler Carter finished with a double-double as he scored 13 points and hauled down 12 rebounds. Tyler also led the team in assist with four. Justin McAninch scored eight points and had three rebounds. He also blocked three shots in the game.

Hunter Nichols played well and scored four points, had five rebounds, one assist and a steal. Gibson McCurry pitched in three points, four rebounds, two steals and he blocked a shot. Logan Burright had a good overall game with two points, eight rebounds, two assists and a steal for the Mustangs. Cason Mitchell hustled his way to two points, five rebounds and a blocked shot in the game. Mason Lehman was charged with playing defense on the Tigerscots best player for most of the game and did an outstanding job at it. Although he didn't score in the game, he had six rebounds, an assist and blocked a shot. Derek Howard ripped down three rebounds and Dakota Howard finished with two rebounds and a steal.

The Mustangs continue conference play this weekend with two home games. On Friday they host the Enterprise Outlaws with the JV Boys game starting at 3 p.m. Saturday they host the Union Bobcats with the JV Boys starting the day off at 1 p.m.



Boys' Varsity Basketball team members pictured back row (L-R): Head coach Jeremy Rosebalm, Tyler Carter, Derek Howard, Gibson McCurry, Justin McAninch, Cason Mitchell, Dakota Howard and Asst. coach Ken Grieb. Front row (L-R): Reno Ferguson, Keegan Gibbs, Gavin Hanna-Robinson, Logan Burright, Mason Lehman, Trent Smith and Hunter Nichols.



Girls' Varsity Basketball team members pictured back row (L-R): Asst. coach Russ Nichols, ZaBrena Masterson, Sydney Wilson, Jenna McCullough, Caitlyn Scrivner, Madison Ashbeck, Madison Combe, Dakota Durfey and Head coach Robert Wilson. Front row (L-R): Kennysyn Wilkins, Marlee Mitchell, Madelyn Nichols, Susie Teeman, Sage Ferguson, Makayla Silvia and Jacee Currin.

Nordic club begins season with outing



Pictured from L-R are: Steve Brownfield, Bill Ewing, Dave Fowler, Luanne Brownfield, Kristy Crowell, Sandra VanLiew, Dan VanLiew, Tripp Finch and Jacob Finch.

The Arbuckle Nordic Club started out the ski season on Saturday, Jan. 5 with a trip through Herron Prairie and up the old western route road. Nine skiers attended to enjoy good

weather and decent snow conditions.

For those wishing to join the group, they meet every Saturday at the city park at 9 a.m. Additional

information is available by contacting Steve Brownfield at 541-676-9696. Bill Ewing at 541-676-9119 or Dan VanLiew at 541-676-5050.

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