

Heppner Mustangs begin league basketball competition

By Blake Carter

Basketball seasons are often broken down into three, "stages," across the season. Stage one begins with non-conference competition, a so-called warm-up for the rest of the season. Stage two brings what most people consider the most important, league play. Oftentimes teams' performances and placings in league play determine what their postseason will look like. The postseason, which includes district tournaments, state playoffs and ultimately the state tournament, create stage three of team's seasons. Heppner currently sits in stage two, as this past week they competed in their first league matchups. After a postponement due to weather concerns, Heppner was forced to reschedule a matchup with Weston-McEwen. Heppner would proceed to host the Union Bobcats, before hitting the road on their way to a matchup with Grant Union.

Friday afternoon was a big day for both the girls' and boys' varsity teams. Union is currently ranked 11th in boys' varsity, and 12th in girls' varsity. These

contests again provided major insight into some of the top teams in the conference. The girls had an incredibly tough matchup as Union is led by senior Callie Glenn. Glenn has been a major contributor for Union since she was a freshman when she started on the fifth-place team back in 2020. The Bobcats took down the Mustangs 42-17. Union was pesky on the defensive end of the floor; they were active in the passing lanes and created a lot of Mustang turnovers. This was evident as the Bobcats outscored the Mustangs 15-2 in the first quarter. Heppner bounced back in the second quarter, holding Union to just six points, but Heppner couldn't produce any points themselves. Union continued to ride the momentum in the first half as they looked dominant in the victory.

The boys team controlled the game from the tip, as a late third quarter surge wasn't enough in the Mustangs 66-51 victory. Heppner once again gained an early lead, scoring 21 points in the first quarter. They followed that up with 19 in the second quarter.

However, on the other side the Bobcats were doing what they could against a stingy Mustang defense. Union fell behind early and entered the half down 40-25. Union came out of the gates strong in the second half, using their size to attempt to bully the Mustangs down low. The Bobcats were able to cut the lead down in the second half, getting as close as eight points. However, the Mustangs dominated the paint to keep Union down. Union still found themselves down 12 points at the end of the third quarter. In the final period Heppner would push their lead back out, as their defense held the Bobcats to nine points to finish out the game. The Mustangs saw four players score double digits across the game, including a team high 17 from Kason Cimmiyotti.

Boys' stats vs Union: Tucker Ashbeck, 10 points, seven rebounds, two steals, David Cribbs, nine points, one assist, six rebounds; Caden George, two points, one assist, two rebounds; Landon Mitchell, 11 points, four rebounds, one steal; Kason Cimmiyotti, 17 points, three rebounds, one

steal, one block; Brock Hisler, 12 points, three assists, nine rebounds; Joe Sherman, five points, two assists, six rebounds.

Saturday Heppner traveled to one of the toughest, if not the toughest, gym to play in within the Blue Mountain Conference. Grant Union has always been very good at protecting their home floor, something that many teams have in mind when they travel to John Day.

The Lady Mustangs lost a heartbreaker in a 45-44 defeat. The contest continued to swing back and forth all night long, Heppner would hold a lead, but it would quickly switch hands. The Mustangs were able to hold a 23-20 advantage headed into halftime, this lead would quickly diminish in the third quarter as the Prospectors used a 10-5 quarter to grab the lead right back 30-28. After a back-and-forth quarter, Heppner found themselves down 43-41 with less than ten seconds remaining. Unfortunately, two made free throws from the Prospectors would push the lead back out to four. A buzzer beating three wouldn't be

enough as the Mustangs fell by a single point. ZaBrena Masterson led the way for Heppner with 16 points, as Hailey Wenberg contributed 12.

Girls' stats vs GU; Hannah Finch, eight points, one rebound, two steals; Zandra Masterson, eight points, three rebounds, one steal; Hadlie Nation, three rebounds, three steals; Brook Wilson, three rebounds, two steals; ZaBrena Masterson, 16 points, four rebounds, three steals; Hallee Hisler, three rebounds, two steals; Hailey Wenberg, 12 points, seven rebounds; Kadie Henrichs, one rebound.

The Mustang boys showed no signs of slowing down in a 68-37 beat down of Grant Union. Heppner was able to find quick points in transition, as their defense quieted the Prospector attack. The Mustangs grabbed an early seven-point first quarter lead, before using a 20-9 second quarter to extend the lead out to 35-17 at halftime. The second half only grew the Mustang lead as they outscored the Prospectors 33-20 and cruised to the win. Kason Cimmiyotti scored a game high

13 points for the Mustangs. Boys stats vs GU; Tucker Ashbeck, eight points, two rebounds; David Cribbs, nine points, three assists, one rebound, two blocks; Trevor Nichols, four points; Caden George, 12 points, one steal; Landon Mitchell, two rebounds, one steal; Cameron Proudfoot, two points, one rebound; Derrick Smith, three points; Kason Cimmiyotti, 13 points, one rebound; Brock Hisler, nine points, four assists, two rebounds, one steal; Joe Sherman, six points, one assist, one rebound, three steals; Brian Lindsay, two points.

After a tough weekend of competition Heppner will once again be right back at it, as they head to Pilot Rock on Friday, December 14. Games begin at 3 p.m. with the JV girls' teams. Heppner closes out the weekend on their home court as they host the Stanfield Tigers where games begin at 1 p.m. Heppner has also rescheduled their matchup with Weston-McEwen to Tuesday, January 18, in Heppner. These contests will begin at 3 p.m. at the high school.

Sheriff's Report

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-MCSO received a report at SE Utah Ave/SE Seventh St, in Irrigon. Caller advised that a green Ford short box pickup that comes down 8th/Utah rolls through the stop sign, and rolls through the stop sign at 7th towards Hwy 730. Caller advised this is the second time he's done this today. MCSO was in the area when complaint came in. No vehicle observed. Unfounded.

-MCSO received a report on W Eighth Rd, in Irrigon. Gray Dodge charger parking in the middle of the tum around off W. Eighth. No one is out with the vehicle. Reporter is requesting contact and a vehicle check.

-MCSO received a report on Canal Lane in Boardman. The caller advised his mother lives on property listed, and the subject that lived at the main house moved out and left animals. A dog was taken to Pet Rescue. His mother has been feeding the cats, but no longer wishes to do so.

-MCSO received a report at Brannon Auto Repair on E. May St. in Heppner. The caller has a vehicle at location and they are refusing to give it to them. Business won't show or give invoice with price so they can pay it. Civil complaint.

-MCSO received a report on Magic Garden Ln, in Irrigon. Loud music was

coming from the neighbor right across the street

-MCSO received a report on Hilltop Rd, in Boardman. There was a big yellow dog at her front door that she does not know who it belongs to or what kind of dog it is. No collar

-MCSO received a report at St Patricks Senior Center on N Main St., in Heppner. 72 year-old fell from standing position

December 24: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on NW Riverside Ave, in Heppner. Parking lot between Pettyjohns and the pool had 4 vehicles parked there. The vehicles unoccupied, but a park district board member advised it is okay to park

there. Unfounded.

-MCSO received a report on Kunze Ln, in Boardman. Advised she is watching the neighbor's house and this morning she noticed that her car is missing.

-MCSO received a report at Mountain Glen Apartments 17-24 on NE Pioneer Dr., in Heppner. Caller advised the male next door was yelling and being verbally abusive towards the female half. Does not know what their names are or if anything physical has occurred. It was a verbal disagreement only.

-MCSO received a report on Lone Gooseberry Rd, in Ione. Caller advised that he found a Collie/Mc-

Nabb crossbred black/white and tan dog with a blue collar at his residence. Pet rescue has the dog. The owner called and was given the dog's location

-MCSO received a report at Green Acres on Patterson Ferry Rd., in Irrigon. The caller's ex was outside the trailer screaming and harassing the caller.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, in Irrigon. The caller advised that a white Toyota Camry came off eighth and sped onto division without stopping at the stop sign. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Rhea Creek Rd/Highway 207, in Heppner. Black lab mix older female

has a leather belt collar with the name of Gary engraved into it and has a Wade vet rabies tag from Condon. The dog owner called in and was provided with the caller's phone number.

-MCSO received a report at SE Third St/SE Utah Ave, Irrigon. Deputy was advised of a loud bang in the area. The deputy was unable to locate the cause of the noise.

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SALE PENDING

A classic beauty in Heppner. From the front sitting room thru the woodworked dining room and open kitchen with island, this 4 bedroom 3 bath home is a unique find. The large living room is overlooked by a balcony upstairs where three of the bedrooms are located. Master bedroom is on the main floor with bath and walk-in closet. Skylights give natural light to the interior. Home includes a two car garage and basement for storage along with a big utility room.

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195 N GALE ST Heppner

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INVESTMENT PROPERTY

New Two -3 bedroom 2 bath 1,270 sq ft duplexes (four total units) in Heppner, Oregon. Each unit rented for \$1150 per month. Will make a great investment. Strong rental market has given these two duplexes an almost 100% occupancy rate with a cap rate of 5.44 and a gross rent multiplier of 12.07. Renters pay own water and sewer. Quality construction. P&Ls reports available. Call me for details.
515 E COWINS ST Heppner

\$235,000
SALE PENDING -bumpable

Large living room, 2 bedrooms and bathroom upstairs, one bedroom and bath downstairs. The workshop has a cold storage room for the hunter and a great workspace. Renters are currently in the process of moving out.

535 ELDER ST Heppner

\$365,000
SALE PENDING
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Brand new two unit duplex. Two total units with 3 bedrooms 2 baths in each unit. Located in Ione, Oregon. Each unit rented for \$1150 per month. Will make a great investment. Strong rental market has given this duplex an almost 100% occupancy rate. Live in one and rent out the other one.
DELBERT ST Ione

\$130,000

Cute little two bedroom one bath home on a quiet street in Heppner. Has been completely redone and is in good condition. Will make a good home or a rental unit. Stove and refrigerator included so it is ready to move in to. As a bonus it comes with a .11 ac city lot next door.

340 E AIKEN ST Heppner

\$125,000
PRICE REDUCED - MAKE AN OFFER!

You've always wanted the white picket fence house. Well here it is. From the light airy kitchen, to the comfortable living room, this three bedroom home would be perfect for your family. Has a fenced yard for the kids and pets, and a patio for those summer-evening barbeques with friends and family. You'll like the nice sized laundry room with lots of storage, and the master bedroom has a walk-in closet. And as an added bonus - this property is not in the flood zone. Call me today for a showing!
340 E HILL ST Heppner

\$59,000
SALE PENDING

This is a fixer upper in Lexington being sold as is. Call for a tour and see what the condition is. Will be a cash sale with conveyance via Special Warranty Deed.

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