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of the Jo-Hi tournament, then later losing to him at Grant Union. Brosnan was better prepared for this rematch and pinned Creech with 13 seconds left in the first round after a series of wild scrambles in the first 1:47.

Cunningham, a sophomore, gave up a tough 9-3 decision to a more experienced Baker/Powder Valley opponent in his championship match and took home a silver medal.

Zac Brown, the teams only freshman, finished fifth at 126 lbs. with a 3-1 record on the day. Ty Boor competed at 152 lbs. as a non-scorer and also finished fifth with a 3-1 record. Nathan Ellsworth won sixth

place with two wins and two losses. Saul Lopez also wrestled for the Mustangs and had one win and two losses in an extremely tough 145 lb. bracket.

The Mustangs will next

wrestle in Halfway at the Pine Eagle tournament Saturday as they prepare for the district championships in Adrian to be held February 19.



182 lb. championship round with senior Conor Brosnan (Heppner) vs. David Creech (Union/Cove).



195 lb. championship round with Adrian Allen (Baker/Powder Valley) vs. Cade Cunningham (Heppner).



120 lb. round with Isic Wade (Echo) vs. senior Roen Waite (Heppner).



Seniors (L- R) Roen Waite, Conor Brosnan, Jace Coe and Edward Ellsworth. -Photos by Kirsti Cason.



Coach Mark Lemmon and senior Jace Coe coach senior Edward Ellsworth during a match.



152 lb. round with Isaiah Lemmon (Echo) vs. senior Edward Ellsworth (Heppner).

## Mustangs visit Enterprise and Union

By Blake Carter

Heppner traveled over the mountain for their only overnight trip of the season. Both the girls' and boys' varsity teams were looking to bounce back after a tough weekend. Friday night Heppner stepped onto the court with the Enterprise Outlaws, who they faced only 10 days ago. The Lady Mustangs looked to grab a huge victory over the Outlaws, while the boys looked to gain some footing.

The Lady Mustangs ran into a buzz-saw Friday night as the Outlaws looked dominant in a 57-33 victory over the Mustangs.

Enterprise got out to the early lead in the first quarter behind hot three-point shooting. This early lead would only grow as the game progressed.

The Mustang boys worked past a shaky start on their way to a big 71-27 victory over the Outlaws. The game started off very competitively as Enterprise kept the game close, Heppner only led by five halfway through the second quarter. At that point the Mustangs would explode as they throttled down on the Outlaws. A manageable 24-19 deficit quickly turned into a 51-19 deficit as Hep-

pner used a 27-0 run from the second quarter into the third. From that point on it was a 20-8 run to finish out the convincing victory.

Boys stats vs Enterprise; Tucker Ashbeck four points, five rebounds, one steal; David Cribbs five points, one assist, four rebounds, one steal; Trevor Nichols nine points, two steals; Caden George eight points, two assist, one steal; Landon Mitchell seven points, one rebound, two steals; Derrick Smith two points, one steal; Kason Cimmiyotti six points, three rebounds, three steals; Blake Carter six points, one rebound; Cody Fletcher one rebound; Brock Hisler five points, two rebounds, two steals; Joe Sherman 16 points, six rebounds; Brian Lindsay three points, three rebounds.

Saturday the Mustangs took the trip from Enterprise, over to Union for another pair of pivotal games. Union girls sit atop the BMC Standings, while the boys' team is right on the Mustangs' tails after a massive win vs Stanfield the previous night. The Lady

Mustangs never gained any footing as Union erased Heppner with a 66-19 win. The game started off with an early Union lead and that lead only rose as the Mustangs were left in the dust.

The Mustang boys team fought off an incredibly scrappy Bobcat squad for a 61-49 win. This game swung back and forth all game, the biggest factor of the first half was foul trouble. Two Bobcat starters found themselves with three fouls in the first half, keeping both players out for much of the half. Heppner got out to an early lead; however, Union never fell too far back. Heppner built an eight point lead at halftime. Late in the game Union made a big push to bring the game to within one point. Heppner continued to battle as they drowned out the ruckus Bobcat fans to extend the lead back out and finish off the game with a big win.

Boys' stats vs Union; Tucker Ashbeck seven points, five rebounds; David Cribbs five points, one assist, four rebounds, one steal; Trevor Nichols three

points, one rebound; Caden George four points, one assist, four rebounds; Landon Mitchell 12 points, eight rebounds; Kason Cimmiyotti 12 points, five rebounds; Brock Hisler six points, five assists, 12 rebounds, two steals, one block; Joe Sherman 12 points, 16 rebounds.

This weekend the Mustangs will play their final two regular season games. The boys team currently sits as the number one seed, after Stanfield suffered a second league loss. If Heppner wins out, they will take a first-round bye, and automatically play for the District Championship, which also guarantees the Mustangs a spot in the state

playoffs. After suffering two tough defeats the Lady Mustangs will focus on fighting for the last spot in districts. Heppner will play the two other teams fighting for the last spot and control their own fate this weekend.

Heppner will face Weston McEwen in Athena on Friday, before hosting Pilot Rock on Saturday. These games -will be senior night, as the girls will honor their two seniors, and the boys will recognize their seven seniors. Games begin at 3 on Friday, and 1 on Saturday, with varsity games, and the senior night ceremonies set before each varsity contest.

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