

Mustang boys trample Outlaws, Mustang girls pull hard but lose by narrow margins



Thomas Bales gets ready to drive in against an Irrigon defender. David Cribbs and Caden George run the play in the background. -Photos by Tylynn Cimmiyotti



Hallee Hisler gets ready for a layup but passes the ball to Hadlie Nation under hoop. -Photos by Tylynn Cimmiyotti



Morgan Cutsforth is cut off from the hoop as she makes a layup on Saturday. -Photos by Tylynn Cimmiyotti



Landon Mitchell shoots a layup in the game Saturday as Trevor Nichols looks on. -Photos by Tylynn Cimmiyotti



Tucker Ashbeck fights for the rebound. -Photos by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

The Heppner Mustang boys basketball team swept a pair of Blue Mountain Conference games this weekend to move their overall record to 13-4. Heppner traveled to Enterprise and defeated the Outlaws 64-22 and then hosted the Irrigon Knights and won that game by the score of 60-31. The Mustangs are currently the eighth-ranked team in the OSAA 2A State Basketball Rankings.

After the long van ride to Enterprise, the Mustangs started fast and then never looked back. A 24-8 first quarter lead for Heppner continued to grow as the game went on. The Mustangs led 41-14 at half-time and then 54-20 after three quarters. The fourth quarter was played with a running clock as the Mustangs led by more than 30

points. Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm gave every player on his team time on the court in the final quarter, and the Mustangs took the win by the score of 64-22.

Leading the team in scoring was Trevor Nichols with 18 points. David Cribbs followed with 15 and Landon Mitchell had 10. Caden George scored eight points and with four points each were Tucker Ashbeck and Thomas Bales. Cooper Wight had three points in the game and Mason Orem finished with two.

Heppner then hosted their neighbors from the north, the Irrigon Knights, and jumped out to another quick lead in the game. The Mustangs led 15-7 after the first quarter and 30-14 at halftime. Heppner scored 20 points in the third quar-

ter and held the Knights to only three to lead 50-17 as the fourth quarter started. Once again the fourth was played with a running clock and everyone got some time in the game. The final score saw the Mustangs come out on top 60-31.

Cribbs had a big night and led the team with 23 points in the game. Nichols and Ashbeck were next with 10 points each. Mitchell had six and with four points each were Orem and Cameron Proudfoot. Finishing the game with two points was Bales, and George had one.

This week the Mustangs will host the Grant Union Prospectors on Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. They will then travel to Stanfield Friday to take on the Tigers at 7:30 p.m.

By Tylynn Cimmiyotti

The Heppner Mustang girls fell 26-29 to the Outlaws and 29-35 to the Knights in two hard-fought games over the weekend.

On Friday, Jan. 20, the Heppner Mustangs made a long trip to Enterprise to take on the Outlaws. Heppner hustled in the first quarter, holding Enterprise to a one-basket lead. Enterprise fouled three times in the first quarter, and Heppner only once. The first quarter score was 4-6 Enterprise.

Enterprise opened the second quarter with the first three-point shot of the game, making the score 4-9, but Heppner quickly drew the foul on a shot. Hailey Wenberg took the line for the first free throws of the night. She made her first shot only and brought the Mustangs to 5-9.

The fouling seemed to happen a bit quicker in the second quarter as Hadlie Nation went to the line to shoot 1-1 at 5:57 in the second. She made both shots bringing the score to 9-11 at that time.

The Mustangs closed out the first half trailing by only five points. The score was 14-19, Enterprise. The Outlaws fouled a total of nine times to the Mustangs' five for the first half of the game.

After the start of the second half of the game, Wenberg made the first point of the third quarter, shooting free throws after being fouled on the shot. With a nice pass from Hallee Hisler, Ava Gerry secures the next set of points for the Mustangs. The score is now 17-19, Enterprise, with 5:04 on the clock.

At 3:50 in the third, Kadie Henrichs made a shot to tie the score at 19-19. Enterprise made their first points of the quarter on the line shooting free throws with 38 seconds left of the third. Both teams hustled, but in the end, Heppner held Enterprise to only those two new points and ended the third quarter 19-21, Enterprise. Each team fouled five times.

In the game's final quarter, Heppner scored seven more points, and Enterprise scored eight. The game's final score was 26-29, and the Mustangs barely fell three points behind the Outlaws. Hadlie Nation led the Mustangs with nine points, and Hallee Hisler added six.

Stats: Zandra Masterson: 1 foul. H. Hisler: 6 points, 5 rebounds, 3 fouls, 1 fouled. H. Nation: 9 points, 2 rebounds. A. Ger-

ry: 2 points. M. Cutsforth: 2 points, 1 foul. K. Spivey: 3 rebounds, 3 fouls. H. Wenberg: 4 points, 3 rebounds, 5 fouls, 1 fouled. K. Henrichs: 3 points, 1 rebound, 4 fouls.

On Saturday, the Mustangs hosted the Irrigon Pirates. Heppner was met with one of our league's most evenly matched yet hard-to-beat teams. The first points for each team were free throw shots, but Irrigon held the lead. The entire game was fast-paced, with all the girls working their hardest to ensure their team came out on top. Heppner fell in the first quarter by only two baskets. In the second quarter, the Mustangs scored the same amount of points as the Knights, ending the first half just four points shy.

At the end of the third quarter, Heppner held the lead by one point. Unfortunately for the Mustangs, the Knights made a huge leap in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Mustangs by seven points. The game ended in favor of the Knights, 29-35.

Hallee Hisler led the Mustangs with 12 points, and Hadlie Nation added five.

Stats: A. Worden: 1 rebound, 1 foul, 1 turnover. H. Hisler: 12 points, 1 assist, 3 rebounds, 3 fouls, 5 turnovers, 8 fouled. H. Nation: 8 points, 1 assist, 3 fouls, 2 steals, 4 turnovers, 3 fouled. A. Gerry: 10 points, 1 rebound, 3 fouls, 2 steals, 2 turnovers, 2 fouled. M. Cutsforth: 4 points, 1 foul, 1 steal, 3 turnovers. L. Nichols: 1 foul, 1 turnover. K. Spivey: 1 point, 1 rebound, 3 fouls, 2 steals, 2 turnovers, 2 fouled. H. Wenberg: 4 points, 3 fouls, 4 turnovers, 3 fouled. K. Henrichs: 2 points, 2 rebounds, 3 fouls, 2 fouled.

Heppner Mustangs vs. Stanfield Tigers: Lost, Final Score: 20-59

Stats: A. Worden: 1 turnover. H. Hisler: 8 points, 1 assist, 5 rebounds, 4 fouls, 2 steals, 6 turnovers, 3 fouled. H. Nation: 3 fouls, 3 steals, 2 turnovers, 3 fouled. A. Gerry: 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 block, 2 turnovers. M. Cutsforth: 2 rebounds, 2 turnovers. L. Nichols: 1 turnover. K. Spivey: 5 points, 1 rebound, 2 fouls, 3 turnovers, 1 fouled. S. Jensen: 2 fouls, 1 block. H. Wenberg: 3 points, 1 assist, 3 fouls, 1 steal, 2 turnovers, 5 fouled. K. Henrichs: 1 point, 2 rebounds, 3 fouls, 3 turnovers, 1 fouled.



Katie Spivey going up for a shot with Irrigon defender in her face. -Photos by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

Mustang JV boys split weekend play

The Heppner Mustang Junior Varsity boys basketball team split a pair of close games last weekend and now have a record of 8-4 on the season so far. The team traveled to Enterprise and lost by the score of 36-29 and then defeated the Irrigon Knights 33-29.

A close game at Enterprise saw the Mustangs lead after the first quarter 10-7 and then 19-17 at the half. Heppner held a slim 26-24 lead at the end of the third quarter but were then outscored 12-3 in the fourth and lost the game 36-29.

Leading the way in scoring for the Mustangs were Mason Orem and Owen Cunningham, who scored seven points each. Cooper Wight was next with five, and with three points each were Jackson Coiner and Joseph Albitre. With two points each in the game were Caleb George and Thomas Bales.

Another close game

with Irrigon saw the Mustangs fall behind 8-6 after the first quarter. Heppner still trailed in the game 18-16 at the half. The Mustangs outscored the Knights in the third quarter 11-7 to take a 27-25 lead into the fourth. Heppner kept control of the game in the final frame and got the win by the score of 33-29.

Bales had the hot hand for the Mustangs and finished with 11 points. Scoring four points each were Orem, George and Lane

Critchlow. Finishing with three points each in the game were Wight and Coiner. Albitre and Cunningham had two points each and not scoring but having a good defensive game and collecting several key rebounds was Conner Wilson.

Up next for the JV Mustangs is a home game with Grant Union on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. They will then travel to Stanfield for a game with the Tigers on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

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