

## Mustang Girls Basketball lead BMC Conference 3-0



Hallee Hisler jumping and reaching for some net to score for the Mustangs - Photo by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

The Heppner Mustang girls' basketball team is leading the BMC Conference bracket with an undefeated 3-0 record. At the time of this writing, they are ranked #7 overall in the OSAA 2A bracket.

The Mustangs faced the Redsidés from South Wasco County in a non-league game on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at Heppner. It was a close game with both teams exchanging leads throughout the four quarters. The Mustangs trailed by five points in the first quarter but bounced back to lead by three points at halftime. The Redsidés gained the lead by two points in the third quarter, but the Mustangs fought hard and secured a narrow victory of 56-54 in the final quarter.

Hallee Hisler was the leading scorer for the Mustangs with 20 points, followed by Katie Spivey with 11 points. Hadlie Nation and Lily Nichols also performed well, scoring 8 points each in the game.

**Heppner Mustangs vs. South Wasco Redsidés, W: 56-54.**

Stats: Hallee Hisler: 20 points, 3 fouls. Hadlie Nation: 8 points, 1 foul. Ava Gerry: 2 points, 3 fouls. Delaney Stefani: 3 points, 3 fouls. Morgan Cutsforth: 1 foul. Lily Nichols: 8 points, 3 fouls. Katie Spivey: 11 points, 3 fouls. Kadie Henricks: 4 points, 1 foul.

**Scores: 1Q: 11-16, 2Q: 26-23, 3Q: 39-41, 4Q: 56-54**

The Mustangs traveled to Milton Freewater on Friday, December 1, 2023, to match up against the Mac-Hi Pioneers in their second non-league match of the season. The Mustangs had a slow start trailing by less than half at the end of the first quarter, but they picked up the pace and tied the game at 18 points by half-

time. They gained the upper hand in the third quarter and secured the victory in the final quarter, winning the game 42-31.

Hallee Hisler and Delaney Stefani led the Mustangs with 11 points each. Katie Spivey added 8 points and Lily Nichols chipped in 6 points as the other leading scorers of the night.

**Heppner Mustangs vs. McLoughlin Pioneers, W 42-31**

Stats: Hallee Hisler: 11 points. Hadlie Nation: 2 points, 1 foul. Ava Gerry: 1 foul. Delaney Stefani: 11 points, 5 fouls, 1 technical. Morgan Cutsforth: 2 fouls. Lily Nichols: 6 points, 1 foul. Katie Spivey: 8 points, 5 fouls. Kadie Henricks: 4 points, 4 fouls.

**Scores: 1Q: 6-14, 2Q: 18-18, 3Q: 30-22, 4Q: 42-31**

The Mustangs faced the Dufur Rangers on their home court for a non-league game on Saturday, December 2, 2023. The Mustangs dominated the game from start to finish and secured a comfortable victory against the Rangers.

The Mustangs' top scorer was Hadlie Nation with 11 points, followed by Hallee Hisler with 9 points. Healy Hisler, Ava Gerry, and Delaney Stefani contributed 7 points each to lead the team's victory.

**Heppner Mustangs vs. The Dufur Rangers, W 63-23**

Stats: Hallee Hisler: 9 points. Hadlie Nation: 11 points. Maya Payne: 6 points, 1 foul. Riley Archer: 4 points. Healy Hisler: 7 points. Ava Gerry: 7 points. Delaney Stefani: 7 points. Morgan Cutsforth: 2 points, 1 foul. Lily Nichols: 4 points, 1 foul. Katie Spivey: 6 points, 2 fouls. Kadie Henricks: 4 fouls.

**Scores: 1Q 22-7, 2Q: 38-13, 3Q: 50-19, 4Q: 63-23**

## Mustangs boys crush Redsidés 57-20

The Heppner High School boys' varsity basketball team won two of their first three games of the new season. The Mustangs, who are coming off of a season last year that saw them reach the semi-finals at the OSAA 2A State Basketball Tournament. That team brought home some hardware from the state tournament as they won the highly coveted sportsmanship award and added the 5th place trophy to the Mustang trophy case. Heppner lost several key players off of that team but returned a few players that saw considerable playing time last year.

The Mustangs started their season off by defeating the Wasco County Redsidés by the score of 57-20. Heppner jumped out to a 17-2 lead after the first quarter and never looked back. The Mustangs led 41-9 at halftime and 55-18 at the end of the third quarter. The fourth quarter was played with a running clock because the Mustangs were ahead by more than 30 points. Reserves played most of the quickly played fourth quarter and the Mustangs won the game by the score of 57-20.

Landon Mitchell and Mason Orem led the team in scoring with 12 points each. Mitchell also had 6 rebounds and 4 assists in the game. With 10 points each were Thomas Bales and Caden George. Bales also hauled down 7 rebounds and George recorded 4 assists and 4 steals for the team. Keaton Coiner contributed 6 points, Marty Medina had 5 and Cameron Proudfoot scored 2.

The team then traveled to Milton-Freewater to take on the McLoughlin Pioneers. Heppner lost the close game by the score of 49-47. The Mustang led the game at the end of the first quarter 13-10 and 28-24 at halftime. The game tightened up in the third quarter, but the Mustangs still led by the score of 35-33. McLoughlin scored the first five points in the fourth quarter to take their

first lead in the game 38-33. The game stayed close for the rest of the quarter and then the Mustangs missed some key free throws down the stretch. Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm called a time out with only seconds left in the game and set up a play for the winning score. The team ran the play well and got a good look on a three-point shot that hit the back of the rim and bounced off to give the Pioneers a 49-47 win.

Mitchell once again led the team with 14 points, and he also had 8 rebounds. Caden George battled foul trouble all night but still managed to score 11 points in the game. Cameron Proudfoot scored 9 points and had 5 rebounds for the Mustangs. Bales and Orem pitched in 5 points each and Keaton Coiner scored 3.

The next game was a home contest with the Dufur Rangers. The Mustangs won that hard fought game by the score of 52-35. Heppner jumped out to a 14-5 lead after one quarter and led 22-15 at halftime. A close third quarter saw the Mustangs still lead the game by the score of 33-27. The Mustangs took total control in the fourth quarter and outscored the Rangers 19-8 to come away with the win 52-35.

Mitchell had a good overall game with 18 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals. Caden George pitched in with 12 points, 6 rebounds and he had 8 steals. Orem scored 9 points for the Mustangs and with 4 points each were Cameron Proudfoot and Bales. Caleb George contributed 3 points and with 1 point each were Medina and Keaton Coiner.

The Mustangs have a busy week ahead of themselves this week as they travel on Tuesday to take on the Union Bobcats. They will then attend the Columbia River Clash Tournament in Umatilla on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The Mustangs' first game of the tournament will be against the Ontario Tigers. It will be Thursday night at 5:30 in the junior high school gym.

## Mustang Wrestlers finish in 12<sup>th</sup> place

The Mustangs of the Heppner High School Wrestling team competed in the Deven Dawson Memorial HS Invitational on Friday, December 1, 2023. The tournament, held in Harrisburg, was the largest in Oregon hosting about 480 wrestlers from 32 teams. The Mustangs scored 71 team points and finished 12th in the overall standings.

Jaime Cavan had a remarkable performance in the boys' 215 division, securing third place and contributing 21.0 team points. He started with a sudden victory over Steven Murphy (Siletz Valley), scoring 17-15 in the final seconds. He then dominated his next two opponents, Donovan McDermott (Oakland) (Fall 2:53) and Cooper Collier (Springfield) (Fall 0:28), pinning them both. He faced a tough challenge in the semifinal, where he was defeated by Mishael Mauck from Banks by fall in 1:52. However, he bounced back in the third-place match, where he showed his strength and skill by pinning Ashton Daily from Churchill in 3:53.

Zachary Brown had a strong performance in the boys' 157 division, earning 19.0 team points and advancing to the semifinal. He pinned his first three opponents in less than three minutes each, defeating Sawyer Wilfong (Sutherlin) (Fall 2:48), John Jackson (Santiam) (Fall 1:23), and Philemon Mauck (Banks) (Fall 2:12). However, he fell short of the final after losing by fall to Nephi Heakin (Harrisburg) in 2:27. He also lost the third-place match by fall to Kayden Tiller (Oakridge) in 5:00.

Owen Guerra dominated the boys' JV 190 A Division, securing first place and contributing 9.0

points to the Mustangs' team score. He successfully pinned both of his opponent's showing skills and strength. In the first round, he took down James Duffy (South Eugene) with a fall at 2:23. In the second round, he repeated his performance against Juanito Juarez (Regis), who succumbed to a fall at 0:44.

Journey Cavan-Harris had a strong showing at the wrestling tournament, finishing in fifth place and contributing 13.0 points to the team score. She started with a bye in the first round, but faced a tough opponent in Kaili Kirkhart (Lowell), who pinned her in 1:27. She came back with a forfeit win over Creswell in the second consolation round, and then dominated Lily Diaz (Central Linn) with a pin in 0:42. In the fifth place match, she showed her resilience and skill by defeating Camille Hicks (Pleasant Hill) with another pin in 1:51.

Loren Trujillo finished fourth in the girls' 125 division, earning 9.0 points for the Mustangs. She defeated Tiffanie Wilson (Scio) by a 5-2 decision in the quarterfinal but fell to Janie Parker (Sheldon) by a pin in 0:30 in the semifinal. In the bronze medal match, she was pinned by Kayla Borregard (Scio) at 3:59.

The wrestling team came out strong at their first tournament of the season, with eight more wrestlers contributing to the team's score. Brayden Pesiclos, Hayden McMahan, and Conner Wilson each earned 4.0 points for the team, while Tyelor Moore scored 9.0 points. Landon McMahan and Gino Gallegos also showed their skills, adding 6.0 and 8.0 points, respectively. Kooper Miller and Elijah Quilter rounded out the team effort with 3.0 and 4.0 points each.

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