

Mustangs Girls Basketball still undefeated



The undefeated Heppner girls basketball team pose for a picture. (L-R) Top Hadlie Nation, Delaney Stefani, Zaleta Masterson, Riley Archer, Maya Payne, Avree Lathrop, Healy Hisler, Halle Hisler, Katie Spivey, Bottom Lily Nichols, Kadie Henricks, Morgan Cutsforth, Arianna Worden, and Coach Robert Wilson pose for a team picture. - Photo by Susan Hisler



Hadlie Nation protecting the ball from two Riverside players. - Photo by Susan Hisler

The Heppner Mustangs girls' basketball team had another stellar performance this week competing at the Columbia River Clash, winning all three games they took home the championship win. The Mustangs defeated Ontario, Umatilla, and Riverside showing their skills and teamwork on the court. The Mustangs are confident in their abilities and camaraderie and are eager to keep their winning streak going.

The Mustangs have dominated the BMC Conference so far, winning all six of their games. They have also climbed the OSAA ladder and reached the fourth position in the 2A state rankings. The team is showing no signs of slowing down as they continue to prepare before starting their regular season next month.

Heppner vs. Ontario: W: 45-17.

Stats: Arianna Worden: 2 points, 1 foul. Hallee Hisler: 3 Points, 2 Fouls. Hadlie Nation: 6 points. Ava Gerry: 10 points. Delaney Stefani: 10 points, 1 foul. Lily Nichols: 2 points, 1 foul. Katie Spivey: 8 points,

2 fouls. Kadie Henricks: 4 points, 3 fouls.

Scores: 1Q: 11-5, 2Q: 20-7, 3Q: 31-13, 4Q: 45-17
Heppner vs. Umatilla: W: 48-28.

Stats: Avree Lathrop: 1 point. Hallee Hisler: 12 points, 2 fouls. Hadlie Nation: 11 points, 1 foul. Ava Gerry: 3 points, 1 foul. Delaney Stefani: 10 points, 3 fouls. Lily Nichols: 6 points. Katie Spivey: 1 point, 1 foul. Kadie Henricks: 4 points, 2 fouls.

Scores: 1Q: 14-2, 2Q: 24-10, 3Q: 36-19, 4Q: 48-28

Heppner vs. Riverside: W: 43-34.

Stats: Hallee Hisler: 18 points, 4 fouls. Hadlie Nation: 4 points. Delaney Stefani: 10 points, 3 fouls. Morgan Cutsforth: 2 points. Lily Nichols: 4 fouls. Katie Spivey: 3 points, 4 fouls. Kadie Henricks: 6 points, 4 fouls.

Scores: 1Q: 10-7, 2Q: 21-21, 3Q: 31-28, 4Q: 43-34

The Mustangs are on fire this season, and they have four more chances to show their skills next week. Don't miss their games, here are the details:

On Thursday, 12/15/2023, they will host Central Linn on their home court at 6 pm.

On Friday, 12/16/2023, they will welcome Echo at 2 pm at home.

On Monday, 12/18/2023, they will play against Riverside at home at 6 pm.

On Tuesday, 12/19/2023, they will travel to Dufur High School to face the Rangers at 6 pm.

Come and support them with your cheers and applause.

Mustang Boys Basketball win Columbia River Clash



Keaton Coiner looks to pass against opposing team. - Photo by Susan Hisler

The Heppner High School boys' basketball team won two of their three games last weekend at the Columbia River Clash held in Umatilla. The Mustangs lost their first game of the tournament to the 4A Ontario Tigers 49-46. They then beat the Ione/Arlington Cardinals 62-37 and the Irrigon Knights 68-43 to win the Consolation Championship.

In the game against Ontario, Heppner led 14-13 at the end of the first quarter. The Mustangs struggled to score in the second quarter and trailed 24-20 at halftime. Heppner was again outscored in the third quarter and trailed 39-30 as the fourth quarter started. The Mustangs rallied and took the lead in the game with a little over a minute to go. Ontario hit a three from deep in the corner to take the lead back with only seconds left in the game. Heppner then turned the ball over but then got it right back from the Tigers. Heppner had a good look at the end of the game to tie the score, but the ball hit the rim and bounced away. The final score was 49-46 in favor of Ontario.

Leading the way against the Tigers was Caden George with 19 points and 4 rebounds. Mason Orem had 11 points and 3 rebounds while Marty Medina had a good game with 6 points, 4 rebounds and 5 steals. Landon Mitchell was next with 4 points, Cameron Proudfoot had 3, Keaton Coiner finished with 2 and Thomas Bales had 1.

The next day the Mustangs played the Ione/Arlington Cardinals and took a quick 20-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. Heppner stretched the lead to 37-19 at halftime and led 51-28 at the end of the third

quarter. Everyone on the Mustang team got into the game in the fourth quarter and contributed to the 62-37 win.

Mitchell led the team with 18 points and 6 rebounds. Cameron Proudfoot followed with 15 points, and he had 4 rebounds. Caden George had a good complete game with 8 points, 4 rebounds and 6 assists. Bales had a solid game with 7 points and had 7 rebounds. Medina finished with 6 points, Orem had 4 and with 2 points each were Keaton Coiner and Alakae Rodriguez.

In the Consolation Championship game against the Irrigon Knights, Heppner once again started out on fire and raced to a 22-11 lead at the end first quarter. The Mustangs outscored the Knights 21-5 in the second quarter to lead 43-16 at the half. Heppner had the Knights doubled up at the end of the third quarter 54-27. They then finished the game with a running clock and the entire roster getting to play in the fourth quarter. The Mustangs won by the final score of 68-43.

Mitchell had a good game as he scored 25 points, had 7 rebounds and 4 assists to lead the Mustangs. Caden George had 13 points and with his first double-double of the season, Orem finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Keaton Coiner had 7 points in the game and Bales was next with 6 points and he also ripped down 10 rebounds. Medina had 3 points and with 2 points each were Cameron Proudfoot and Jackson Coiner. Cameron also had 5 assists in the game.

This weekend the Mustang Varsity teams will host the Central Linn Cobras on Friday night with the Mustang girls team playing at 6 pm followed by the boys. Both teams then play the Echo Cougars on Saturday afternoon with the girl's game starting at 2 pm. The next week on Monday, December 18, the Mustangs will host the Riverside Pirates with the JV girls starting at 3 pm and the varsity boys starting around 7:30. All four Heppner teams will travel to play the Dufur Rangers on Tuesday, December 19, with the JV girls game starting things off at 3 pm.

Recent water tests conducted in Ione

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2023. This was done as a precautionary measure to eliminate any contaminants from the water system.

Unfortunately, the situation did not improve as expected. On December 9, 2023, further tests revealed that both the City Park and the Emert Addition areas still tested positive for E. coli and Coliform bacteria. However, the sample taken from City Hall no longer showed any signs of contamination.

Acknowledging the severity of the issue, representatives from various organizations, including the City of Ione, Port of Morrow, Morrow County Emergency Management, Morrow County Administrator, Ione Rural Fire Department, and Ione School District, convened on December 10, 2023, to discuss viable solutions and determine the next steps to clean the city's water system.

At this point, it is anticipated that the Boil Water Alert will remain in effect for a minimum of two weeks. The city also disclosed that its Chlorination Station, which is crucial for water treatment, has not been operational since 2006. The Port of Morrow and the Public Works Director, Shad Hess, are currently working on restoring its functionality. When asked by a reporter from the Gazette, Elizabeth Peterson the City Administrator, stated the plan of action will be decided by the State PDW Service.

In the meantime, the city has not shut the water off and further testing will be conducted, with samples being sent to two different laboratories. One potential course of action that is being considered is hyper chlorinating the water, which would render it usable but not safe for drinking. If you live in the area and are not sure what to do, refer to the information taken from the City of Ione's website below.

What should I do?
DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for

one minute and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

People with severely compromised immune system, infants, or the elderly may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or contact Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Services at (971) 673-0405. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?
coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal waste. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Peterson at 541-422-7414 or 541-561-8116 or PO Box 361 Ione, OR 97843

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Sheriff's Report

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pear at IJC on 11/30/2023.

-A hit and run occurred at Loves Travel Stop and Country Store on Tower Rd, in Boardman. Officers took the report.

MCSO Nov 10 - Occurring at Ne Gilmore St, in Heppner, the reporting party states she was scammed by a vacuum salesman and would like contact. Officers took the report.

-Occurring at MCSO on West Willow View Dr in Heppner. Ross Carlisle Vanetta was arrested by PPD on MCPP Detainer Docket #22CR23111 for Robbery II. He was lodged at UCJ with no bail pending local charges.

-Occurring on Green Acres on Paterson Ferry RD, in Irrigon, Mathew Blackmarr was arrested by MCSO on case #23-0788 for Assault II DV, Harassment DV, and Strangulation DV. He was lodged at UCJ with no bail.

-Officers were advised of goats on someone's property. The reporting party states they were on his property when he got home and would like Edgar at 350 NE Fourth St contacted about his animals running freely. The reporting party

also wants a phone call when it's done.

-Occurring on Western Route Rd, in Heppner, the reporting party states someone kicked in the back door of his cabin. He has not noticed anything gone but his trail cams. The reporting party had no idea when this happened. Officers could not make contact.

-Occurring on Linden Way in Heppner, someone broke into the re3oprtng party's home, and the whole house is a mess, she requested contact with a deputy.

MCSO Nov 11 - Officers were advised of a possible suicidal subject. Occurring on Se Eight St, in Irrigon the reporting party advised that the subject is sending her pictures of her arm bleeding and another photo of her putting a gun to her head. They also advised that they had called her several times already saying she is going to kill herself. A deputy contacted the female through her door, she advised she is not suicidal.

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This single family home, spanning 1641 square feet, boasts a spacious dining room and living room along with a family room 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms and lots of storage. Situated in a peaceful neighborhood, it is conveniently located close to the swimming pool, high school, baseball park, and downtown area. The property sits on a large lot with street access, with lots of parking and also features a shop. Large covered deck, patio and a carport. The total land area is 0.25 Acres. MLS#: 23224220

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