

Mustangs girls lose to Outlaws 51-44

The Lady Mustangs fell to Enterprise 44-51 in overtime, on February 2, 2024. The Heppner girls departed early that morning with contributed photo/snack bags for the long trek to Enterprise. This was to be a big game. Enterprise was sitting alone, atop the Blue Mountain League at 7-1, Heppner 5-4 behind Stanfield, and Weston McEwen tied at 6-2. This game lived up to all expectations. A battle that displayed Heppner's speed and defensive pressure, as they tried to overcome the size of Enterprise's team. The Outlaws players lined their roster at 6'0", two at 5'9", and 5'8", that all know how to work hard low in the paint.

The first quarter was a mass of turnovers for both teams. Enterprise got into foul trouble immediately, but Heppner could not capitalize on their free throws. Hadlie Nation and Hallee Hisler put Heppner on the board with free throws and Delanie Stefani nailed a 3-pointer to end the first quarter, 7-9, only trailing by two.

The second quarter saw more turnovers. Hallee Hisler added rebounds and steals, Hadlie Nation steals and Healy Hisler passes to Nation. Nation was fouled and went 1-2 at the line. Enterprise went deep into the paint to score, leading 16-12 at halftime. Although scores were low, it was balanced between the two teams at the break for the Mustangs. Hadlie Nation with 4 points. Delanie Stefan and Hallee Hisler with 3 points each, and Healy Hisler 2 points.

The third quarter saw

Mustang boys win both games defeating the Knights and Outlaws

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team won both of their Blue Mountain Conference (BMC) games last week. The Mustangs (13-9 overall, 6-3 BMC) defeated the Irrigon Knights 59-24 and then traveled to Enterprise and beat the Outlaws by the score of 57-48.

Against Irrigon, the Mustangs started fast and jumped out to a 16-4 lead at the end of the first quarter and then they led 28-12 at the half. The third quarter saw the Mustangs outscore the Knights 19-4 and take a big 47-16 lead into the final frame. The fourth quarter would be played with a running clock because of the thirty-point difference in the score and the Mustangs won the game by the final score of 59-24.

Caden George led the team in scoring with 14. He also had 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals and blocked 1 shot in the game. Landon Mitchell was next with 13 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist and he had 3 steals. Mason Orem recorded 10 points, 3 rebounds and an assist for the team. Cameron Proudfoot tallied 5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist and had an amazing 7 steals on the night. With 4 points each were Caleb George and Keaton Coiner. Caleb also had a steal while Keaton recorded 4 rebounds, 1 assist and he blocked a shot. Thomas Bales was next as he had 3 points, hauled down 8 rebounds and had 2 assists. Jackson Coiner scored 2 points, had 1 assist, and blocked 1 shot for the Mustangs. Alakae Rodri-

Enterprise's strength at the hoop as they stretched their lead to 20-12. Then a much-needed hot hand came from freshman, Healy Hisler, who put up 10 points in the quarter. Outside shots, a lay-in, and a big three had great timing for the Lady Mustangs as they worked to stay in the game. Healy Hisler sank a three that helped get the Mustangs to 22-26. Stefani followed with a lay-in. Stefani was pushed, a foul, but the free-throw opportunities fell short. Stefani is small in stature, but still a threat on the court. Enterprise continued to extend their lead to 28-24 and the end of three quarters.

Quarter four proved to be a nail-biter of the season! Hallee Hisler whose scoring had been shut down defensively during the first 75% of the game, came to life and scored 13 of her 16 game points in the final quarter. The comeback was on. Suddenly it was 36-36, both teams were fatigued, battling for the league win.

With 1:34 left on the clock, the score was now 40-40, the clock was running out, and Heppner took the lead 42-41 with 17 seconds left in the game. Both teams continued to foul and take their spots at the line. Heppner struggled to make the baskets, and Enterprise was able to score one free throw with 11 seconds left on the clock. The game was tied and the clock hit zero. 42-42 the teams would battle it out in overtime.

Heppner will play their last league home game on Thursday, February 8, 2024, against Stanfield. JV

guez and Tripp Stewart also scored 2 points in the game for the team. Caylan Proudfoot contributed 1 rebound and 1 assist in the win.

The JV team lost a tough, close game to the Knights by the score of 43-37. Heppner was led in scoring by Keaton Coiner who had 13 points. With 9 points in the game was Logan Turner and Caleb George had 7. With 3 points each were Jackson Coiner and Tripp Stewart. Alakae Rodriguez finished up the scoring for the Mustangs with 2.

The long trip to Enterprise didn't seem to bother the Mustangs as they jumped out to a quick 18-10 lead on the Outlaws at the end of the first quarter. Heppner scored another 18 points in the second quarter and the stout Mustang defense limited Enterprise to only 4. Heppner led the game at halftime 36-14.

The Mustangs scored first in the second half and then saw the Outlaws chip away at the 26-point lead. Heppner led the game 49-33 at the end of the third quarter. The teams traded baskets early in the fourth quarter and Enterprise cut the Heppner lead to 10 points with only a couple minutes to go in the game. The Mustangs would score again and then Enterprise hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to make the final score 57-48 in favor of Heppner.

Landon Mitchell had a big game for the Mustangs by scoring 24 points, hauling down 8 rebounds, dish-

girls start at 3 PM, varsity games start at 6 pm. During this game, the Mustangs will be honoring their seniors, Morgan Cutsforth, Hadlie Nation, and Arianna Worden for the girls' team. Cameron Proudfoot, Thomas Bales, Landon Mitchell, and Caden George for the boys' team. Band senior and saxophone player, Dailen Schultz, will also be honored as one of the season's seniors.

Heppner JV Girls Win Streak 15-0

Heppner JV continued their win streak to a total of 15 with a big win over Enterprise at Enterprise on February 2, 2024.

Quarter 1: 9-6
Quarter 2: 22-15
Quarter 3: 37-23
Quarter 4: 44-35
Scorers: Avree Lathrop: 14, Hailey McDaniel: 8, Zaleta Masterson: 8, Healy Hisler: 4, Jules Archer: 4, Maya Payne: 4, Riley Archer: 2.

Other Teammates on the roster: Teagan Kelton, Brooklyn Hendricks, Ashli Paullus, Clair Lindsay, Isabelle Ogden, and Olivia Ogden.

Coach Russ Nichols said, "This is a young, talented group that is unselfish and works well together." There are ten freshmen and three sophomores that comprise the team this year.

JV girls will play on Thursday at 3 PM against Stanfield in their last home game. The JV girls have won their games against South Wasco, McLoughlin, Dufur, Central Linn, Echo, Riverside, Weston McEwen, Grant Union, Enterprise, Irrigon, and Stanfield.

ing out 5 assists and having 3 steals. Caden George recorded 15 points, had 5 assists and 2 steals for the team. Cameron Proudfoot had an outstanding game with 12 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals. Rounding out the scoring with 2 points each were Thomas Bales, Mason Orem, and Keaton Coiner. Thomas also recorded 8 rebounds, had 1 assist and 4 steals while Mason also ripped down 8 rebounds, had 1 assist, and had 3 steals in the game. To go along with his 2 points, Keaton hauled down 3 rebounds and dished out 1 assist for the team.

The JV Mustangs lost another close game, this time losing to the Outlaws by the score of 50-44. Heppner was up 32-20 at halftime but then found it difficult to score in the second half. Logan Turner had a big night as he repeatedly got good passes from his teammates and would score down low and finish with 19 points in the game. Tripp Stewart was next with 9 and Caylan Proudfoot finished with 6. With 4 points each were Caleb George and Keaton Coiner. Jackson Coiner rounded out the scoring for the team with 2.

The Mustangs will finish up their BMC regular season this Thursday night as they host the Stanfield Tigers. It is also Senior Night, the night that the four senior team members and their families will be recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Heppner Mustang basketball program.

Mustang boys compete in the Chiawana High Duals

On Saturday, January 13, 2024, Heppner took the boys from the wrestling team to Pasco to compete in the Chiawana High Duals. Heppner placed first in their Pod 4 with a little help from the other competing school as they "loaned" wrestlers to help fill Heppner's bracket. **Pod 4**

Match # 1 Round 1 Heppner Defeated Wapato, 40-21

144- Oscar Martinez (Wapato) over Hayden McMahon
165- Oscar Martinez (Wapato) over Owen Guerra

175- Ricardo Romero (Wapato) over Tyelor Moore

190- Landon McMahon over Jordy Macias (Wapato)

215- Jaime Cavan over Julian Vasquez (Wapato)

285- Gino Gallegos over Nathan Gutierrez (Wapato)

Heppner's team score was adjusted by 3.0 to be listed as a decision instead of a Fall.

Match #2 Round 2 Heppner defeated Kennewick, 42-39

144- Eduardo Zaragoza-Abarca (Kennewick) over Hayden McMahon.

165- Owen Guerra over Manu Laititi (Kennewick)

175- Tyelor Moore over James Blood (Kennewick)

190- Landon McMahon over Kaden Clawson (Kennewick)

215- Kooper Miller over Javen Johnson Cuello (Kennewick)

285- Gino Gallegos over Gavin Steinshouer (Kennewick)

Match #3 Round 3 Pasco defeated Heppner 48-27

144- Joel Aramburo (Pasco) over Hayden McMahon

165- Owen Guerra over Josiah Esquivel (Pasco)

175- Rafael Zepeda (Pasco) over Tyelor Moore

190- Landon McMahon over Benson Salisbury (Pasco)

215- Jaime Cavan over Andrew Vazquez (Pasco)

285- Gino Gallegos over Angel Romero (Pasco)

Championship Heppner Placed 4th Match #1 Semifinal

Hanford defeated Heppner, 45-15

144- Hayden McMahon over Jackson Tiboni (Hanford)

165- Colton Mulvaney (Hanford) over Owen Guerra

175- Kris Nuku (Hanford) over Tyelor Moore

190- Landon McMahon over Ashtyn Swentik (Hanford)

215- Jaime Cavan over Riddek Piatt (Hanford)

285- Gino Gallegos over Emanuel Olvera (Hanford)

Match #2 3rd Place Match

Richland defeated Heppner 54-21

144- Hayden McMahon over Samuel Richardson (Richland)

165- Preston Richins (Richland) over Owen Guerra

175- Robert Ochoa (Richland) over Tyelor Moore

190- Landon McMahon over Brayden Sims (Richland)

215- Jaime Cavan over Reed Bushman (Richland)

285- Ruo nan Tao (Richland) over Gino Gallegos

BEO boys and girls wrestling tournament

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Loren Trujillo phreys (215) started with a quick pin over Dakota Hogan of Elgin but then faced a tough opponent in Malcom Iaulualo of Hood River Valley, who put him on his back. Humphreys got a bye in the second consolation round but then had to face Hogan again, who avenged his earlier loss with a fall over Humphreys.

Journey Cavan-Harris (135) had an impressive performance at the wrestling tournament, securing two victories by fall in the second and third rounds. She defeated Verity Hall of Crane and Gwendalyn Bosted of Joseph, earning 9.0 team points and a first-place finish.

Denisse Bracamontes (115) was the undisputed champion of her class, defeating both of her opponents with skill and determination. In the second round, she outscored Lachlan Thompson (Joseph) by a clear margin of 11-7. In the final round, she pinned Sarah Musia (Joseph). Bracamontes earned 7.0 team points for Heppner.

Loren Trujillo (215) finished second in her class and earned 4.0 team points for Heppner. Trujillo pinned Hanah Blankenship from Echo in the first round but fell to Averi Fisher (Echo) in the final match.

Keeley Nairns (235) finished second and earned 4.0 points for her team. She started strong with a pin over her teammate Sarah Munkers

in the first round but fell short against the undefeated Gracie Baker of Crane in the second round by pin.

S a r a h Munkers(235) had a tough day on the mat, but she still managed to secure a third-place finish in her class. The Heppner sophomore faced two opponents, Keeley Nairns also of Heppner, and Gracie Baker of Crane, both of whom pinned her.

Mark Your Calendar for the upcoming events!

February 8th Ladies Night 6:00pm

Taco Bar prepared by Regi Lazinka

February 11th 1pm Super Bowl Party Bring your favorite snack/finger food to share.

February 17th 127th Elks Annual hosted by ER Corey Sweeney and wife Brandi Ladies Tea 2pm, Lodge 4 pm dinner at 6pm

March 7th Old Timers Night 6pm

Dinner prepared by Kim Coil

March 16th St. Patricks Celebration Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner at 5pm



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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ballot title for a measure referred by the Town of Lexington Town Council to qualified voters at the May 21, 2024, election was filed with the Town of Lexington Elections Official on February 1, 2024.

An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Morrow County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 P.M. on February 21, 2024.

The Ballot Title is as follows:

Town of Lexington Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Ballot Title

CAPTION: Authorizes a tax on motor vehicle fuel

QUESTION: Shall the Town of Lexington enact a per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax to maintain streets?

SUMMARY: This measure authorizes the Town of Lexington to collect a tax on motor vehicle fuel sold in the Town. The purpose of this tax is to support ongoing maintenance of streets in Lexington. The maintenance of local streets is currently paid with Lexington's share of state gas tax funds, which are declining and are no longer enough to support needed maintenance of streets.

The tax would be implemented at a rate of \$0.01 (one cent) per gallon from December 1 through April 30 of each year. An additional tax of \$0.02 (two cents) per gallon would be implemented from May 1 through November 30 of each year, for a total tax of \$0.03 (three cents) from May 1 to November 30.

By law, the revenue from the tax may only be used for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, and operation of streets in Lexington.

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