

Heppner Mustangs overcome Cardinals at Columbia River Clash

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team won one of their three games at the Columbia River Clash last week. The tournament-style event is held in Umatilla at the high school and junior high school gyms. It brings together some of the best competition from all over the region and from different classifications.

The Mustangs started off by playing the The Dalles Riverhawks, a 4A school that had some tremendous three-point shooters. Heppner started strong in the matchup until midway through the first quarter when they got doubled up 12-6. The Dalles stretched their lead to 20-9 at the end of the first quarter.

Heppner played really well in the second quarter and cut the Riverhawk lead midway through the quarter to only four points at 22-18. The Mustangs then trailed at halftime by the score of 33-22.

The second half saw the Riverhawk sharpshooters hit deep three after deep three to stretch their lead out. The Mustangs struggled to put the ball in the basket and trailed 52-28 at the end of three quarters. The fourth quarter was much of the same and the Riverhawks defeated the Mustangs by the score of 66-40.

Leading the scoring for Heppner was Gage Heideman with 11 points. Gage also tallied two rebounds in the game. Keaton Coiner followed with nine points, and he hauled down a team high seven rebounds. With five points each were Mason Orem and Alakae Rodriguez. Mason also had two assists and Alakae finished with 1 rebound and three assists. Tripp Stewart had three points, two rebounds and two assists while Caylan Proudfoot had two points, two rebounds and two assists. Caleb George scored two points and had three rebounds for the Mustangs and Marty Medina recorded two rebounds and Joseph Albitre finished with two assists in the game.

Next up for the Mustangs was the 3A Riverside Pirates. This team qualified for the 3A State Playoffs last season and returned the majority of that team. Heppner started the game off slowly and struggled to score. The Mustangs trailed 20-14 at the end of the first quarter. Heppner could only manage to score two points in the second quarter and trailed 37-16 at halftime.

The third quarter continued much like the second quarter did and the Pirate sharpshooters continued their hot shooting. The Mustangs trailed 53-23 at the end of the third quarter. Both coaches cleared their benches in the fourth quarter to give every member of their teams some playing time. The Pirates won the game by the score of 56-24.

Mason Orem led the team in scoring with 14 points and he also had three rebounds. Next with four points and a rebound was Heideman. With three points each were Albitre and Keaton Coiner. Albitre also had a rebound and Keaton finished with a team-high seven rebounds. George finished with one rebound and two assists, Stewart and Proudfoot had two rebounds each and Rodriguez finished with a rebound. With one assist in the game was Marty Medina.

The Mustangs finished

off the tournament with a win over the lone/Arlington Cardinals by the score of 43-24.

The Cardinals scored the first five points of the game before the Mustangs caught fire and soon evened the score at 7-7. The Mustangs led the game 11-10 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter is where the Mustangs took control of the game and led at the half 21-13. Heppner continued to control things in the third quarter and stretched their lead to 37-20 at the end of the quarter. A highly competitive game continued through the fourth quarter with both teams giving it their all. When the final horn sounded, the Mustangs got the win by the score of 43-24.

Orem once again led the Mustangs with 16 points and he also had two rebounds. Next with 12 points, two rebounds and three assists was Albitre. Keaton Coiner was next with eight points, a game

high 10 rebounds and an assist. With three points, one rebound and one assist was George, and finishing the game with two points each were Proudfoot and Darby Spivey. Proudfoot also had five rebounds and two assists in the game while Spivey finished with six rebounds for the Mustangs. Rodriguez had two rebounds and an assist, Heideman finished with three rebounds, Medina had two rebounds, Jace Wilson one and Stewart had an assist.

The Mustangs are 3-2 so far on the young season. They traveled to Dufur on Tuesday to play the Rangers at 7:30 p.m. This weekend Heppner will host the Holiday Hoops Tournament and will play the Vernonia Loggers on Friday night at 7:30. On Saturday Nov. 21, the Mustang JV boys' team will play the Vernonia JV team at 9 a.m. The Heppner varsity boys will play the Echo Cougars at 3:30 Saturday afternoon.

Lexington residents asked to complete survey

The Town of Lexington is asking all its residents to complete and return an income survey so the town can take the next step in upgrading its water system. The survey is a requirement in order to seek funding for the town's water system upgrade.

Surveys were mailed to all residents, but they can also be completed online. A door-to-door survey will also be conducted this weekend to help increase response rates.

Lexington recently completed a Water System Master Plan, which identified several necessary improvements to the water system.

The town is applying for a Community Development Block Grant through Business Oregon to address necessary upgrades. Before being considered, Lexington must show its eligibility by having a third party successfully complete a random sample income survey of the community.

A high response rate is necessary for the survey to be considered valid. Since the required response rate has not been reached, Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) will be conducting a door-to-door income survey on Dec. 21.

RCAC is an independent third-party organization. The Town of Lexington will not have access to the surveys or raw data collected.

There is also the option to submit your survey response online by visiting <https://forms.office.com/r/fnqq0AkMN8>.

For more information about the survey process or assistance with filling out the survey form, contact Sabrina Straus, Small Utility Consultant, RCAC, 971-975-9257 or Sabrina.Straus@RCAC.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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MORROW COUNTY LAND USE HEARING

THE MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will hold the following hearing of public interest on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at the Bartholomew Building located at 110 N. Court Street, Heppner, OR 97836. For information on meeting participation via Zoom please visit the Board of Commissioners website <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/meetings> and click on the Agenda for this meeting the Zoom link will be located within the agenda dated for this hearing.

Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Land Use Decision LUD-N-075-24, Port of Morrow Applicant, and owner.
Land Use Decision application to allow the Port of Morrow to apply industrial wastewater on land zoned Exclusive Farm Use (EFU). The subject property includes 7,300 acres and is located on a number of tax lots in Township 2N Range 26 and 3N Range 26. The property is approximately 10 miles southwest of Irrigon and 17 miles west of Echo, east of Bombing Range Road. Criteria for approval include Morrow County Zoning Ordinance (MCZO) Article 3 Sections 3.010(B)(23) and (D)(8) and (D)(9) as well as ORS 215.246 regarding land application of industrial process wastewater.

Copies of the staff reports, and all relevant documents will be available on or before January 1, 2025. For more information, please contact Tamra Mabbott, Planning Director by email at tmabbott@morrowcountyor.gov, or by phone at (541) 922-4624.

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