

Mustang Nine Defeats Pirates In Opening Game

By RICK JOHNSTON

The Heppner Mustangs' diamond crew, led by the two-hit pitching of Russell Kilkenny, opened the season on a winning note by downing the Riverside Pirates, 6-3, at Riverside Friday.

The Pirates opened last in the first inning. They scored all three of their runs in the opening frame after the Mustangs had scored a lone run. Two Mustang errors aided the Pirate cause.

Heppner started rallying in the fifth inning as Dennis O'Donnell doubled to score Jeff Turner from second. In the sixth the Mustangs got life when Kilkenny drove a triple deep to left and scored on a passed ball. Gary Kemp singled for the other Mustang hit in the sixth frame. The seventh inning proved to be the big frame for the Mustangs as they picked up three big runs on a double by O'Donnell, a single by Johnston and a base hit for Kilkenny.

Kilkenny and O'Donnell went 2-4 from the plate while Mike Smith was 1-3. Kilkenny was the winning pitcher while Chet Phillips took the loss.

	R	H	E
Heppner	6	7	2
Umatilla	3	1	3

Umatilla Edges Heppner, 6 to 5, In Saturday Game

By RICK JOHNSTON

The Mustangs stand 1-1 for the season after dropping a 6-5 diamond contest to the Umatilla Vikings at Umatilla Saturday afternoon.

The Mustangs started fast as Rick Johnston lashed a single to center field scoring Turner from second. The Vikings came back with two runs in the second on two bases on balls, a single, and a Mustang error.

The score stayed 2-1 until the sixth inning as the Mustangs scored on Russ Kilkenny's single to center field. The Mustangs tallied three more big runs in the seventh frame on two base on balls and a Roger Leonnig triple. Leonnig then scored on Dennis O'Donnell's sharp single to left field. The Vikings came up with the game-winning runs in their half of the seventh on a base hit by Colbain, a passed ball, a walk and a double by Nordquist.

O'Donnell and Kilkenny were again the big sticks for the Mustangs with 1 for 2 and 2 for 4 respectively. Roger Leonnig came through with 1 for 3. Nordquist was the Vikings' big hitter with 2 for 3.

O'Donnell gave up 6 runs on 5 hits while striking out 11 Viking batters, while Carrola and Prindle combined to give up 5 runs on 5 hits while striking out 5 batters. O'Donnell took the loss as the win went to Prindle.

	R	H	E
Heppner	5	5	2
Umatilla	6	4	3

Heppner — O'Donnell, Johnston; Umatilla — Carrola 5, Prindle 2, Nordquist.



NINETY NEW Methodist Hymnals were dedicated on Palm Sunday, March 19, in the Heppner Methodist church at services conducted by The Rev. Melvin Dixon. Some of the hymnals are purple and some are red. They were so arranged in the pile (pictured) that the red hymnals formed a cross in the center of the darker purple books, but the contrast is not visible in this picture. The new books were donated by members and friends of the church, many being given as memorials. (Lynn Pearson Photo).

Trackmen Enter Willamette Meet; Prospects Good

By MAC HOSKINS

Bolstered by the return of Dave Hall, Tim Smith and Steve Wagenblast, school record holders, the Heppner track team will enter the Willamette Relays on Saturday, April 1, in anticipation of matching their fine season of last year.

In all, 28 boys are currently out for the cinder sport. In addition to the nucleus of weight man Wagenblast, distance runner Smith, and hurdler Hall, a fine complementing corps of other seasoned veterans returns. Included are Stan Rauch, shot-put and discus; Bill McLeod, 880 and high jump; Les Hanna, mile, and 880; Steve Baker, pole vault and high jump, and Dean Kindle, 100, low hurdles and broad jump.

Other aspirants include Frank Lovgren, shot, discus and javelin; Jim Bloodsworth, 2-mile; Larry Anderson, high jump, and 440; Billy Wolf, 440 and mile; Don Cossitt, 440; Rob Abrams, shot and discus; Dave Wright, 880 and 440; Vern Fredrickson, 2 mile and pole vault; Steve McDaniels, javelin and discus, and Steve Munkers, shot and discus.

Hehisch Awarded Honorable Mention

The Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association has just informed the Heppner High newspaper, The Hehisch, that it has received an honorable mention award in the 30th annual School Press Project judging.

This was the project that the Journalism I class under Mrs. Justine Weatherford, published in the December 3 issue. It was the first published work in the paper by the Journalism I class.

This is the second year that The Hehisch has received this honorable mention award. This is a framed award and it is presented at the end of the year with the other awards of the school year.

Ann Knoll Enrolled In Honors Program

Ann Knoll, daughter of Mrs. Bill Weatherford of Heppner and a freshman at Oregon State University, is enrolled in the honors program at the university, according to word received here this week.

The honors program is designed to provide enriched opportunities to students having unusual ability and ambition. It is available only to those meeting certain standards of high school and college grades and scoring in the upper one-tenth of College Entrance Examination Board tests.

Miss Knoll will take her honors work in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Illness Claims Mrs. Thompson, County Pioneer

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 29, for Mrs. Sophrona B. Thompson at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Al Boschee officiating. Interment followed at the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Thompson died Sunday, March 26, at Pioneer Memorial hospital after a lingering illness. She was 84.

Sophrona B. Brown was born near Condon on August 27, 1882, the daughter of pioneer families. Her father, W. C. Brown, crossed the plains with his family in 1852 and her mother, Mary Ann Scott, was born in Scottsburg, Oregon, in 1852.

Mrs. Thompson who was a resident of Eastern Oregon all her life, received her schooling in Gilliam county. She married Clarence Neel in 1901, and they had one daughter, Relta. Mr. Neel died in 1905.

In November, 1909, she was married to Robert A. Thompson. They were engaged in extensive farming and livestock operations south of Heppner. He preceded her in death in 1941.

Mrs. Thompson was a member of the First Christian church, was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star, and a life-long member of the Oregon Wheat League.

Survivors include a son, Robert Stephen of Pendleton; daughters Mrs. Luke (Relta) Bibby, Heppner, and Mrs. Paul (Kathryn) Webb, Walla Walla. Other survivors are a brother, Scott Brown, Portland, 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Roberta Espy.

Mrs. Olive Hughes returned last Thursday from California where she had visited sisters at Sacramento and with other relatives and friends over the state. She expects to leave soon after April 1 to spend several weeks at the home of a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes, at Sweet Home.

TV Sets Disappear From Hospital Here

Randy Lott of Lott's Electric is trying to solve the mystery of the disappearance of three new RCA portable television sets from Pioneer Memorial hospital during the last month.

The sets were loaned to patients in the hospital but they can't be located now.

Lott said that the sets were left for some time after the patients to whom they were loaned were discharged. He said that they might have been taken to other rooms, but a check throughout the hospital reveals no trace of the sets.

"There is no question as to the honesty of the patients," Lott said. He said that he has made no charge for the use of the sets to the patients.

Others bring sets to the hospital, and it isn't unusual for sets to be going in and out of the building, he added.

Anyone who can help solve the mystery will find Lott appreciative. The wholesale cost of the sets totals about \$500, he said.

The whole family of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty was at home for the Easter week-end to observe Mr. Gonty's birthday that was coming on Monday, March 27. Included were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Gonty and family of Seattle, Tom Gonty of Renton, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Terry D. Blevins and family of Ukiah.

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Blood Drawing Planned May 1

Red Cross blood drawing is scheduled in Heppner on Monday, May 1, according to Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, county blood program chairman for the Red Cross chapter.

Heppner High school student body may sponsor the drawing by helping with recruiting donors and assisting with arrangements, Mrs. Cutsforth said.

Three Hospitalized

By coincidence, Oris Crisp and his two sons-in-law, all of Heppner, are hospitalized in Pendleton this week. Crisp, Charles Cline and Bruce Griffith are all under medical treatment at St. Anthony hospital. The two younger men hope to be dismissed later this week, but Crisp may have to remain a few days longer.

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