

Heppner 2nd in invitational

Strong pitching and defensive play by the Heppner Mustangs gave them second place in the Tiger-Scot-Rocket Invitational baseball tournament held in Athena and Pilot Rock over the weekend.

The two-day tournament hosted 10 teams from John F. Kennedy High School, Gervin, Warrenton, Emmett, Idaho; Heppner, Weston-McEwen, Condon, Union, Pilot Rock and Elgin. Final results found Pilot Rock in first place, Mustangs second, and Emmett, Idaho, third. The tournament games were shortened to five innings.

Heppner was paired with Elgin for the first game of the series Friday. John Boyer pitched a no-hitter to lock the Elgin batters off the scoreboard as his Mustang team romped away with a 4-0 win.

The Mustangs ripped off to a three-point lead in the first inning and added another in the fourth.

It was Heppner all the way as Boyer struck out 8 and walked 2 in gathering his perfect game honors. Karl Harrison was 2-2, cracking a single and double to lead the Mustangs.

The win over Elgin qualified the Mustangs for semi-final play Saturday against Emmett, Idaho, a heavy favorite to take the tournament. The Mustangs ran wild in the game that was called after they went ahead by 11 points in the 3rd inning and the Emmett team failed in the 4th. The tournament rules ended the game in the 4th because the Mustangs were ahead by more than 8 points.

In gaining the victory the Mustangs shut out Emmett and allowed only one hit for the team from Idaho. Coach Dale Holland said the game was "one of the finest baseball efforts for Heppner in recent years."

The pitching combination of Jerry Gentry and DeWayne McClain held their rivals at bay, allowing only 3 walks, and Gentry led the way with 2 no-hit innings.

Gentry also showed strength at the plate as he connected for a double and single followed by Dyck Dunlap who punched two singles. John Kilkenny added a double to the Mustang 6-hit attack. A strong defensive effort by the Heppner team committed no errors making the game a complete runaway.

The two tournament wins led the Mustangs into the finals against Pilot Rock Saturday afternoon.

Despite the momentum the Mustangs had gathered so far

this season they couldn't quite get it all together against Pilot Rock in the final tournament game, and went down 4-0.

Pilot Rock gathered their runs in the second inning with a triple and error. A base hit and two walks in the 3rd added another two runs and the Rockets had the victory insured.

Heppner had several chances to score as they punched out 5 hits, one more than the Rockets could muster. The closest the Mustangs came to crossing the plate was in the 5th inning when Ray Curnutt slapped through a base hit with two men on base. Tim Skow was thrown out at the plate as he attempted to score on Curnutt's hit. Leading the Heppner hitters was Gentry with a double and single and Karl Harrison with two singles.

The loss to Pilot Rock left Heppner with a 5-1 pre-league record.

Three Mustangs were selected for the tournament all-star team; Gentry, Harrison, and Boyer. In tourney play Gentry was 5-7 and Harrison 4-6, at the plate. Although not selected for the all-star team, Dyck Dunlap did well hitting at a 3-5 clip. Boyer showed well in hitting to back up his no-hitter.

Coach Holland was pleased with the team's efforts in preparing for league play. "We feel we're ready for league play and that we're strong league contenders," said Holland. The season record for the Mustangs so far clearly shows they might go all the way this year.

First game:
Elgin 00000-003
Heppner 3001x-454

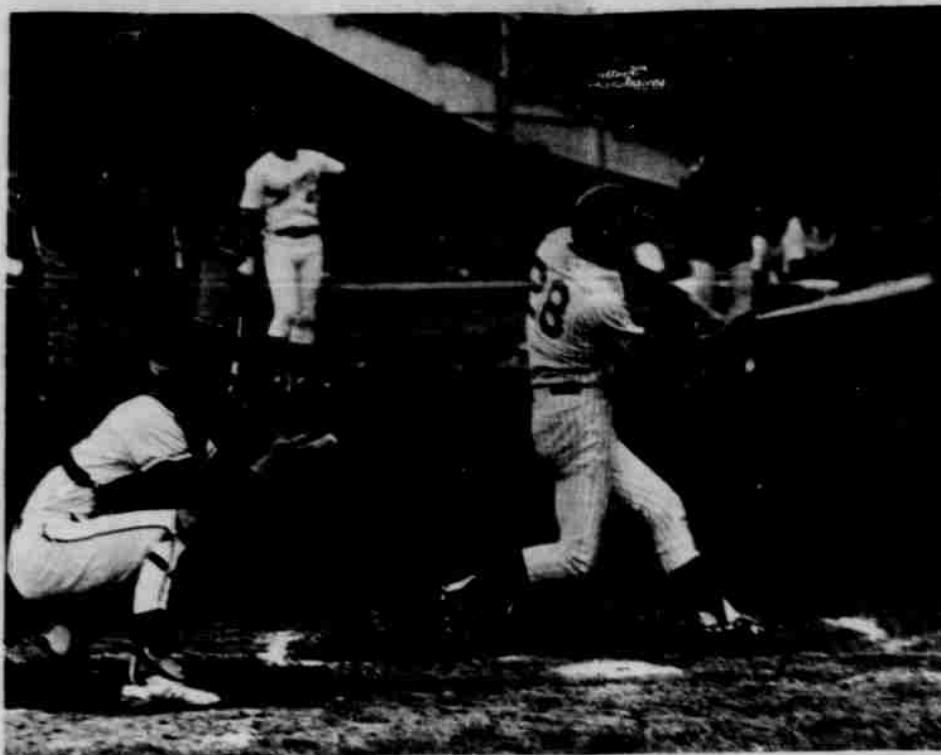
Elgin: Smith, G. Peterson and Rodgers.
Heppner: Boyer and Harris, D Harrison, S Harrison, Boyer, Gentry.

Second game:
Emmett 0000-012
Heppner 731x-1160

Emmett: Horton, Knight (1) Henderson (2) and Henderson, Tucker (2).
Heppner: Gentry, McClain (3) and Harris, D Kilkenny, Gentry, S Boyer, Gentry, Dunlap (2).

Third game:
Heppner 00000-052
Pilot Rock 0220x-240

Pilot Rock: Grumpacker and Lemons.
Heppner: Gentry and Harris, D Gentry, S Harrison (2) Gentry, and Curnutt.



Clayton Wilson steps into another safe hit in recent action for the Heppner Mustangs as lone Catcher Kim Gutierrez watches it go.

Girls softball league forming

The Willow Creek Girls Softball League will hold two skill clinics for interested players.

The first is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, at 4 p.m. on the Lexington field, across from the school. The second clinic will follow on Saturday, April 20, 1 p.m., on the same field.

All girls 4th through 8th grade are eligible to play, but must attend the clinics. If a girl wants to play but is unable to attend, she should contact Martha Doherty, 676-5386.

Car pools will be necessary, so parents willing to drive the girls to Lexington should call Miss Doherty.

Girls must be dressed for playing and bring their gloves. Those who bring balls and bats should have them plainly marked.

Girls in lone interested in playing on the lone team should contact George Gutierrez.

lone's net team wins

lone's tennis netters continued their winning ways by again drubbing the team from Arlington last week.

Action on the lone courts found Joan McElligott defeating Beth Hilden 6-1 6-0. Kim Gutierrez over Steve Elliott 6-1, and Richard Keen over Steve Elliott 7-6 in a close match.

Doubles play resulted in a victory for Gayle McNary and Vicki Edmundson over Julie Frost and Peggy Grubraugh, 6-2 6-2. Arlene Cannon and Marilyn Warren defeated Gwen Weldon and Jan Steike 8-0.

Coach Jim Edmundson reports that the pre-season for the team is over and league play will now begin.

Interest has been shown in forming a women's softball group. High school students would be eligible to play this year.

Anyone interested should contact Barbara Stefani in lone (422-7127) or Martha Doherty (676-5386). At least 20 women are needed to form two teams.

Mustangs win over Umatilla

The Heppner Mustangs kept their non-league win streak going when they bumped off Umatilla Tuesday, 7-5, at Heppner.

After two scoreless innings Umatilla tallied a run in the third which opened the game for a 3-run Heppner inning. Another 3 runs in the fourth for Heppner put them beyond Umatilla's reach.

Umatilla came on to score 4 runs in the last three periods, but Heppner's early rallies put her well in front.

Karl Harrison zeroed in on the Umatilla pitchers to hit 4-4, all of which were singles.

John Boyer went the full distance for the Mustangs giving up 5 hits and collecting 4 RBIs on a triple and single.

Umatilla 0010211-552
Heppner 003301x-782

Umatilla: Lafferty, Watkins (5) and Carrick.
Heppner: Boyer and Harris, T Boyer, S Harrison (4) Boyer, Wilson, Peck.

DOGS RUN TWO CALVES TO DEATH

Dogs killed two calves recently in the Sand Hollow area.

One calf weighed 700 pounds, the other 350 pounds. The calves belonged to a Mrs. Miles, and were run to death by the dogs.

Cardinals beat Echo, Arlington

The lone Cardinals started the season on the right foot when they rolled over the Arlington team March 27, 6-4.

Power for the lone attack came from the long ball homer by Tom Gates and singles by Akers, Rietmann, Tod Peterson and Kevin Gutierrez. After Arlington jumped to a 1-0 lead in the second inning lone could do nothing until Gates' homer in the 4th tied the game. Lone continued to pull ahead with 3 in the 5th and 2 in the 6th. Arlington's last inning bid fell through giving lone its first season win.

Monday, April 1, found Echo at lone and the Cardinals continued to win after giving up a loss to Heppner the preceding Friday. The Cards managed their victory after the Cougars came on strong in the last inning to almost pull out of the 7-4 deficit. Gates let two Echo runs score in the last inning before finishing off the Cougar attack.

Once again Gates led with power as he connected for a triple. Mark Rietmann doubled and Bob Gates singled for the Cards.

Arlington 0100003-4
lone 000132x-6

lone: Kevin Gutierrez and Kim Gutierrez, Kim Gutierrez (4) and Mark Rietmann, Hr. Tom Gates, S Akers, Rietmann, Tod Peterson, and Kevin Gutierrez.

Echo 1000002-345
lone 0231013-733

Echo Bowman and Odorn, Spike (4) Sampson (6).

lone: Kevin Gutierrez and Mark Rietmann, Tom Gates (7), T Tom Gates, D Mark Rietmann, Joe Rietmann, S Bob Gates.

Heppner sweeps Dalles track meet

Heppner High School tracksters ran, jumped and threw to a 91-43 dual meet victory against Wah-tonka at The Dalles Saturday afternoon in boys competition.

Although there were no really outstanding individual performances, the Mustang squad did have solid efforts and good depth in nearly all events. The locals won every running event and posted 13 out of 16 first place finishes to dominate the event. Seven second place efforts and five places for third rounded out the scoring.

David McLeod and Matt Greenup paced the Heppner squad as each earned three first place victories and were on winning relay teams. Mike Bergstrom contributed three second place efforts and was on a winning relay team. Wade Padberg captured two victories and shared two winning relay efforts and Tom Wolff posted two wins.

Tuesday the Heppner squad was at Condon for a five-way meet. This weekend the Mustangs are again competing in Condon in the second annual Condon Invitational Track and Field Meet. This will be the first big area meet of the season and will give an indication of the potential of the track squad.

Golfers win at McNary

Heppner High School golfers saw action this week at the McNary Golf Club when they walked away with honors at a three-way meet with Riverside and Umatilla.

Although the girls team was not invited, the boys held up the Heppner cause with a total of 353 strokes to edge out Umatilla with 356 and Riverside with 378.

The victory over Riverside was especially sweet since the Pirates had previously outshot the Mustangs in an earlier meet.

Top player for Heppner again was Mike Mills who tallied 81 over the tough course. Gary Hunt followed with an 83; Doug Gunderson, 91; and Charlie Rawlins, 98.

The golf schedule has been altered due to team withdrawals and date changes.

WANTED: Coaches and manager of Heppner's Little League farm teams. Anyone is welcome for this job. The hours are long and the pay nothing to speak about, but we do need people who are interested in helping these kids, who are either too young or inexperienced in playing ball this year. The reward will be outstanding. If you don't know who to call, phone me at the Gazette-Times, 676-9228.

Meet results: High jump - McLeod, H. 5-8; Christman, H.; Lawrence, W.; pole vault - Greenup, H. 8-9; Roberts, W.; 440 relay - Heppner (Greenup, Bergstrom, Sumner, Padberg), 47.3; Wah-tonka; mile - Wolff, H. 5:16.3; Young, W.; Holden, W.; long jump - Hammond, W. 18-8½; Sumner, H.; Dyball, W.; shot put - Sasser, W. 38-3½; Bergstrom, H.; Marshall, H.

440 - Padberg, H., 53.3; Doane, W.; Harshman, H.; discus - Section, W. 98-4; Marshall, H.; Clow, H. 100 -

Greenup, H., 11.0; Twidwell, W.; Christman, H.; javelin - Greenup, H. 140-7; Sasser, W.; Lawrence, W.; high hurdles - McLeod, H., 18.4; Bergstrom, H.; Lawrence, W.; 880 - Wolff, H., 2:20.7; Cheadle, W.; Young, W.; 220 - Padberg, H., 24.7; Sumner, H.; Twidwell, W.; low hurdles - McLeod, H., 23.4; Bergstrom, H.; Stranz, W.; 2-mile - Van Marter, H., 12:32.9; Roberts, W.; McConnell, H.; mile relay - Heppner (McLeod, Christman, Sumner, Padberg), 3:45.2; Wah-tonka.

Girls track team a strong performer

Heppner High School's girl track team competed in its first meet of the season Saturday at Wah-tonka.

Despite fine individual efforts by the squad members, they were defeated as a team, 54-50.

The Heppner girls were led by Susan Healy who picked up first place finishes in the high jump, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, and paced the 440 relay team to a first place finish.

Teresa Peck showed well at the meet gathering a first place finish in the 440-yard dash, long jump, and as a member of both the 440 relay team and 880 relay team.

High jump: 1st, Susan Healy, 4'10". 2nd, Laurie Dunlap, 4'4".

100 hurdles: 2nd, Laurie McCabe, 19.3; 3rd, Cindy McConnell, 19.5

Long jump: 1st, Teresa Peck, 13'10"; 3rd, Tammy Toll, 13'6".

100 dash: 1st, Healy, 12.2; 2nd, Toll, 13.0.

Discus: 3rd, Robin Riddle, 58'7.5".

Javelin: 2nd, Laurie McCabe, 64'7".

440 dash: 1st, Peck, 69.5; 220 dash: 1st, Healy, 28.6.

440 relay: 1st, (Toll, Peck, McConnell, Healy), 55.9.

880 relay: 1st, (Toll, McCabe, McConnell, Peck), 2:10.

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Oh what is so rare as a day when a youngster launches a kite far off into the wild blue yonder - and the upward-slanting kite string magically links him with a happiness as high and boundless as the sky?

But-now and then a kite string links a child with sudden and drastic injury or death, when a kite plunges into electric wires. That's why all young high-flyers - and their parents - need an early-spring refresher each year on the following "Keys to Carefree Kite-Flying"...

Fly kites in the open, far away from electric wires.

Use dry kite string, with no metal in it.

If a kite does become caught in electric wires, don't climb a tree or pole to try and free it; let it go!

Look left and right before crossing streets, when kite-flying.

If kite-flyers and their parents will remember these four "Keys," and see that they are consistently observed, then carefree happiness - not danger - will ride high on kite strings during this and every "kids-with-kites" season.

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