

State finals in buffalo, zonie riding at Burns

World championship buffalo riding, zonie bucking and three days of rodeo action will be packed into the state championship finals of the Oregon High School Rodeo Association at Burns June 28-30.

An expected 300 contestants will be competing on tough RCA approved Brahma bulls, bareback horses and saddle broncs. Stock will be provided by Ralph Stevens of Midvale, Idaho.

Oregon Fryer Commission will be serving barbecued chicken dinners each day from open pits, a big carnival will be operating, dances are planned, and gigantic fly-in of aircraft from six western states will add to festivities.

Three top winners in each of the 14 arena events will qualify for competition later this summer in the nation rodeo championships.

Sponsoring the Oregon State Rodeo is the Burns Elks Lodge.

During the three days of arena action, fans in the stands will receive 15 five-band radios from numbers drawn of ticket stubs.

Major prize to be awarded fans the final day is an all-expenses paid six day trip by jet to New Orleans on Dec. 28. Winners will be housed in Montelone Hotel in the French Quarter, travel on a Mississippi River paddle-

wheeler, four colonial mansions, and receive choice seats for the New Year's Day Sugar Bowl football game.

All meals and transportation will be pre-paid and winners will receive \$300 spending money.

Buffalo riding and zonie bucking, are open events for cowboys from Western United States ranches, and is an extra attraction added to the daily performance.

The wild zonies, half zebra and half pony, are vicious buckers and few cowboys have ever stayed the limit of time on their back.

Buffalo are rounded up on the vast domain of Harney County's Ponderosa Ranch for the event. World's Champion buffalo rider is expected to again enter and defend his title.

Pirates fall to Sherman

A one-hitter for Ken Melzer of Sherman County kept the Riverside Pirates off the basepaths April 27 when they went down to defeat, 6-0.

The boys from Moro were clearly showing their abilities as they rolled up 6 runs in the first four innings and the Boardman team fanned a total of 16 times.



Heppner High School Baseball Coach Dale Holland points out a few points of the game of baseball to Little Leaguers at a clinic held here Saturday.

Mustangs in 13-4 win over Condon

With a smashing score of 13-4 the Heppner Mustangs rolled over Condon at Heppner April 16, for Heppner's second league win of the season.

The Mustangs initiated scoring with a four-run 3rd inning. The next inning Condon came back with two runs, but the Mustangs settled matters with what proved to be the winning run in the bottom of the 4th.

Heppner pitcher Jerry Gentry continued to hold the Blue Devils in the 5th and 6th and allowed another double tally for Condon in the 7th on the way to his four-hit win. Gentry struck out eight and walked nine in gaining the nod.

Heppner's explosive innings came as the result of 10 Heppner hits coupled with 7 errors by the losing team.

Three Mustang players came through with two hits each to lead their teammates. Karl Harrison went 2 for 5 cracking a triple and a single while pitcher Gentry followed with a double and a single to go 2-4.

Dyrk Dunlap garnered 4 RBIs as he punched out two singles to go 2-3 at the plate.

The win left Heppner with a 2-1 league record and a shared spot at the top of the league with Wasco and Ione.

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Condon: Logan and Price.
Heppner: Gentry and Harris.

T. Harrison, D. Gentry, S. Harrison, Gentry, Dunlap (2) Boyer, Kilkenny, Peck, and Harris.

67 attend LL clinic

Tryouts for aspiring Little Leaguers were held last Saturday in conjunction with a baseball training clinic conducted by Heppner High School Baseball Coach Dale Holland.

Holland reported that 67 boys ranging in age from 9 to 12 from Ione, Lexington and Heppner were present for instruction.

Assisting Holland were Heppner High ball players who helped teach such techniques as base running, batting, pitching and catching and infield and outfield procedures.

The season for the junior ball players begins May 4 with opening day ceremonies.

Girls softball league complete

The Pirates are starting slow this season as Coach Jim Harper is working with a basically young team of freshman and sophomores.

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Riverside: White and Snyder.

The Willow Creek Girls' Softball league is organized for the 1974 season.

Seventy-five 4th through 8th grade girls will be playing slow pitch softball May through June due in large part to the hard work of Martha Doherty. Sponsoring organization for the program is the Heppner branch of the American Association of University Women, but Mrs. Doherty has organized the teams, located coaches, assistants and officials, set up the schedule and solicited funds.

The first game is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7. The last game of the season will be Thursday, June 27. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. Locations for the games are the lower field at the Heppner Elementary School, the Lexington field, and the field at the Ione school.

More officials to call the games are badly needed. Six are needed in Heppner and three or four more in Ione. Anyone who would help out in this capacity is asked to call Mrs. Doherty at 676-5398.

There are four teams in Heppner and one in Ione, one more team than last year. Every girl who turned out for the clinics held earlier in April

was placed on a team. Coaches for the Heppner teams are Jerry Rood assisted by Donna Bergstrom, Dawn Stuchell assisted by Barbara Johnson, Judy Gochbauer assisted by Jean Bennett and Karen Dubuque and Glen Ward assisted by Joyce Ward and Nadine O'Brien. George Gutierrez is the Ione coach.

To date \$270 has been donated from the Heppner area to meet expenses. Donors are the Elks, IOOF Lodge, Jaycees, Morrow County Grain Growers, Kinzua Corporation, American Legion, Betty Fulleton, Murray Drugs, Case Furniture, Morrow County Grain Growers, Pettyjohn's, Gonty's, Bank of Eastern Oregon, First National Bank, Gardner's Men's Wear, Coast-to-Coast, Morrow County Abstract and Title Co., Lott's Electric and Columbia Basin Electric.

STUDED TIRES MUST BE OFF BY APRIL 30

The period for the use of studded tires in Oregon for this year will expire on April 30, the State Highway Division says.

By statute studded tires in Oregon may be used from Nov. 1 of one year to April 30 of the following. The Transportation Commission may shorten or lengthen this period as it deems necessary.

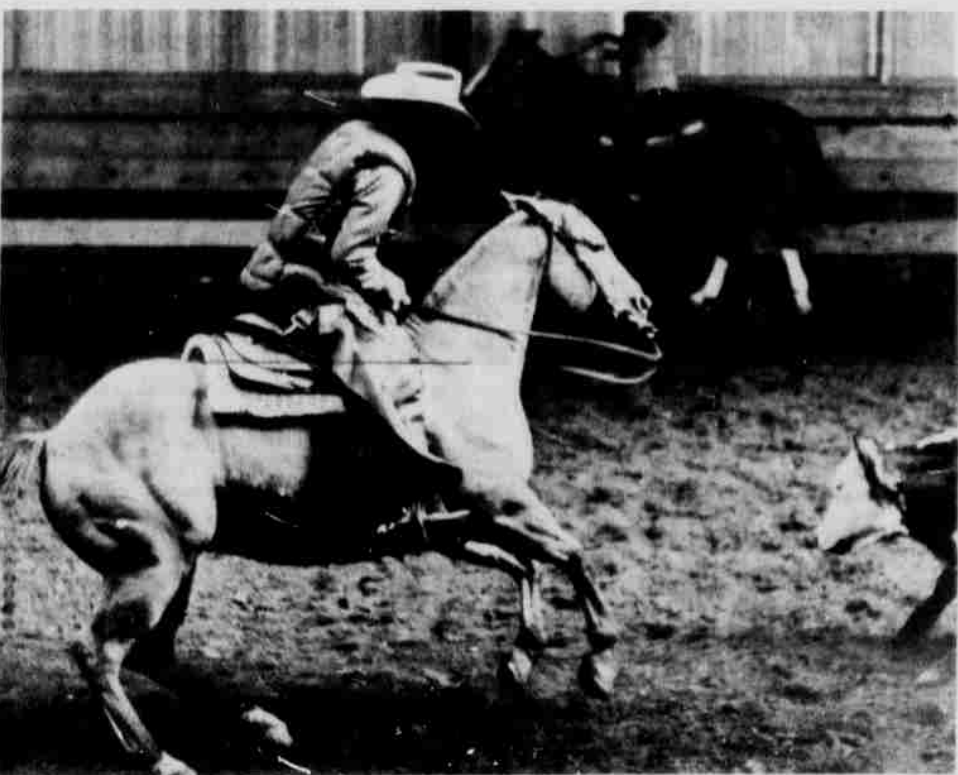
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