

Take own invitational

# Heppner tankers splash competition

Baker took a ten point lead after two events but had to be satisfied with just that.

Heppner tankers hit the water in the third event and didn't stop stroking to glory till 66 events were over and the Heppner Invitational victory was deep in their pockets.

In the first annual Heppner Invitational, the local naiads destroyed their three team competition leading by nearly 100 points at times over their nearest foe.

The scoring put Heppner, which annihilated nine individual pool records, in first with an impressive 476 1/2 total. John Day came from behind to take the second spot with 417 points, followed by Baker with 375 and Enterprise with 253 1/2.

Interestingly, John Day, the last place team, broke the most individual pool records with 14. Baker busted 11 and Enterprise added five new marks.

Heppner was paced by eight individual first place winners.

Karen Kinny sparked that group with first place wins in the 60 meter freestyle and butterfly and a first in the 120 meter individual medley. Swimming in the 11-12 girls group, Miss Kinny's mark in the IM was just .08 off the record.

Five other swimmers picked up two firsts each. Dale Holland's efforts produced two firsts and two records in the process. In that 13-14 age group, Holland won the 60

meter breaststroke and the 240 meter IM. His first mark came in the breaststroke. Dale's 51.05 clocking broke his

own mark set in June of 53.6. His old mark in June of 1:58.2 in the IM was cracked by seven seconds. His time in

that race was 1:51:01.

Little brother Doug did almost as well, winning two firsts and setting a mark in

stroke and butterfly; and Lottie Laughlin in the 11-12 60 meter breaststroke.

Heppner relays came up

with five team records. The relay teams broke records in the 9-10 boys 120 meter medley relay by 17 seconds; in the 11-12 girls, 120 meter medley by six seconds; the 8 and under girls 120 meter freestyle by 21 seconds; the 8 and under boys, 120 meter medley relay by 55 seconds; and the 9-10 boys 120 meter freestyle relay by 10 seconds.

Heppner results for the Heppner Invitational follow:

Medley Relay: 8 and under girls, Heppner first; 9-10 girls first; 9-10 boys first; 11-12 girls first; 11-12 boys first;

30 meter Freestyle: 8 and under girls Shelly Biddle first; 8 and under boys, John Kinny second; 9-10 girls, Kelli Bergstrom second; 9-10 boys, Greg Connor second, Cam George third;

60 meter Freestyle: 11-12 girls, Karen Kinny first; 11-12 boys, Doug Holland third; 13-14 boys, Dale Holland second, Bryan Kerr third;

30 meter Breaststroke: 8 and under girls, Shelly Biddle first, Penny Connor third; 8 and under boys, Ron Klaus third; 9-10 girls, Kelli Bergstrom first; 9-10 boys, Greg Connor first, Cam George third;

60 meter Breaststroke: 11-12 girls, Lottie Laughlin first, Mardel James second, Sandra Ward third; 11-12 boys, Doug Holland first, Shane Laughlin third; 13-14 girls, Sonja Biddle third; 13-14 boys, Dale Holland first;

Free Relay: 8 and under girls, Heppner first; 8 and under boys, Heppner first; 9-10 girls, Heppner third; 9-10 boys, Heppner first; 11-12 girls, Heppner second; 11-12 boys, Heppner first; 13-14 girls, Heppner second;

25 meter Backstroke: 8 and under girls, Penny Connor, third; 9-10 girls, Kelli Bergstrom second; 9-10 boys, Greg Connor second, Ken Gochsauer, third;

60 meter Backstroke: 11-12 girls, Karen Kinny second; 11-12 boys, Doug Holland first; 13-14 boys, Bryan Kerr second;

30 meter Butterfly: 8 and under, Shelly Biddle second; 8 and under boys, Ron Klaus third; 9-10 girls, Kelli Bergstrom first; 9-10 boys, Greg Connor first;

60 meter Butterfly: 11-12 girls, Karen Kinny first, Lottie Laughlin third; 11-12 boys, Doug Holland second; 13-14 boys, Bryan Kerr first, Dale Holland second;

Individual Medley: 11-12 girls, Karen Kinny first, Lottie Laughlin third; 11-12 boys, Doug Holland second, Shane Laughlin third; 13-14 boys, Dale Holland first, Bryan Kerr third.



Kevin Curnutt grabs a mouth full of air between strokes.

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**Dale Holland set two meet records.**  
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one. Doug broke the 60 meter breaststroke record for 11-12 year old boys with a 1:00:01 mark, breaking his old mark, set three weeks ago of 1:03:2. Holland also won the 60 meter backstroke.

Another individual record was set by Bryan Kerr in the 13-14 60 meter butterfly. Kerr swam the distance in 53.04, more than five seconds quicker than Todd Alleman of Hermiston's 58.5, set last year.

The only other individual pace setter was Greg Connor. Connor, a 9-10 year old, busted the 30 meter breaststroke record by about a second. Shane Laughlin of Heppner set the old mark last year in 31.09. Connor swam the length in 31.09.

Connor also took a first in the 30 meter butterfly. Other first place marks came from Shelly Biddle in the 8 and under 30 meter freestyle and breaststroke; Kelli Bergstrom in the 9-10 30 meter breast-

## Looking ahead to 'B' title

"Now we're going for the big one," Doug Sams, Heppner swim coach said Monday, after his tanker squad ripped three other teams for first place in the Heppner Invitational Sunday.

The invitational win was "great," Sams said, but now the team is eyeing a second district championship.

The district "B" meet will be held Saturday in Pendleton and Sams has maintained all summer that Heppner will win it.

Last year Heppner won the event with 25 kids swimming, Sams said.

"Now we have 42 swimming and we're better swimmers this year," he said. "We should win it... I'm positive."

"The kids got psyched up for the meet yesterday," Sams said of Sunday's triumph. Sams said other coaches were impressed by the Heppner teams improvement.

More than 40 swimmers will hit the water Saturday in an attempt to equal last year's victory against "B" teams from LaGrande, Milton-Freewater, John Day, Enterprise, Pendleton, Hermiston, Baker and The Dalles.

The "A" meet will also take place Sunday and some Heppner relays and a couple individuals will compete in that race.

In a "B" meet, there are no relay events so some Heppner relay squads will compete in the "A" meet Sunday.

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## Over the tee cup

A local ladies fun day will be held on Tuesday, August 3. The day will include 9 holes of golf and a noon luncheon. Coffee and rolls at 8 a.m., tee off at 8:30. All local ladies interested in playing are welcome.

In ladies play last Tuesday a.m. the special award of the day went to partners Eddie Skow and Pat Lankford. A visitor from Springfield, Jo Stein, won least putts. In evening play Harriet Evans was low net winner.

Ladies tee off time for morning play is 8:30 and 5 p.m. for the evening players.

Men's play was held on Saturday morning because of the visitation to Echo on Sunday. Saturday winners included John Edmundson with low gross and a tie between Chris Borgen

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and Norm Rickert for low net. Borgen also won long drive honors. Elmer Sams had the KP on No. 3 and Dave Harrison had least putts.

Only a small group of locals braved the heat to play at Echo last Sunday. The host club was most gracious providing carts for all to ride. Charlie Rawlins was the big winner with low gross, long drive and KP. John Edmundson won second low gross and Dave Harrison had low net. There was a tie between Doug Gunderson and Ed Hiemstra for second low net.

A barbecue is planned for 4 p.m. on Sunday so plan to attend and enjoy the afternoon of activities.