

# Outfield, batteries OK; infield ?

## 'Best crop of freshmen I've seen in a long time' --Holland

"I think we'll do alright," Dale Holland, Heppner High School baseball coach, said this week, following one week with his pitchers and catchers and a day with the rest of his squad.

Holland is in his 11th year at Heppner and will be looking for his 100th win Mar. 18 when the Mustangs face Umatilla there.

Holland termed his group "awfully young" but was quick to add that this year was the "best crop of freshmen I've seen in a long time."

Holland said he has a good sophomore group, with four seniors and a few juniors. Seven lettermen, including two sophomores, return to the diamond.

Dave Allstott and Kindall Thomas are the only returning senior "H" gainers. Joining that pair, Bruce Young, Curtis Sweek and Jim Kinney are juniors and Dennis Peck and Randy Worden are sophomores.

Allstott, who was injured midway through the season last year, finished the first half of last year's season with about a .420 average. He will pitch and play first base this year, along with track tasks.

Thomas is an outfielder who will join Allstott as the two upperclassmen who more than likely will break into Holland's lineup.

Young was a utility player last year, playing almost every spot on the field. This year, he will catch and play outfield. Sweek, a quick guard on the HHS JV basketball team this season, is back as the only strong, solid infielder on the team.

Sweek played second base last year, but may find himself at the shortstop position before the season starts. Kinney will be in the outfield again, using his "excellent speed" there and his hitting power at the plate.

Two sophomores round out the returning list. Peck, the leading sticker on the squad last year and the leading batter in the Hermiston Babe Ruth league last year, finished the season at .325. Peck will be on the mound and behind the plate this year.

Randy Worden, a husky scrapper on the hardwood, will take his aggressive style onto the turf this spring.

Dale Holland wore one of many warm hats during Monday start. (G-T Photo)



Assistant Coach George Koffler works mound with pitching machine. Holland calls his offense "aggressive" and plans to use his wheels on the paths. (G-T Photo)

Worden fills out a strong Mustang outfield list with Kinney and Thomas.

Holland is counting on a good pitching staff this season, sparked by Allstott with Worden and Peck working the mound, too. Pitchers and catchers are about all Holland has had a chance to work with this season so far.

Holland calls his infield "shy," adding that Sweek is the only "solid" member of that four man defense. His offense is termed "solid" with the likes of returners Kinney, Thomas and Worden and Young when he's needed.

Infield is the question mark. Peck will see action in the infield when he isn't pitching. Holland would just as soon not put Peck behind the plate, opting for possibly Dale Holland, Jr., or Jody Marlatt.

Allstott will be at first when he isn't hurling and Steve

McLaughlin, a first year senior, could break the Mustang infield roster. The other senior, Chris Rauch, played outfield and first base for Heppner junior varsity last year. Holland will count heavily

on some young players. "This frosh bunch is impressive," he said, reeling off names: Jody Marlatt, Tim Hedman, Ron Young, Eric Clow, Dale Holland and Ron Schwartz.

"It's as an impressive a freshmen group as I've seen," Holland said, "and they all look like ball players."

Heppner opens their 1977 season with a trip to Umatilla to face the Jim McGraw coached Vikings. McGraw, who coached the Hermiston Spuds to a state championship and a second place in regional competition last summer, replaces Warren Hall.

## Honkers 2nd

Big Sky's Arlington raced to a 19-12 lead, but saw it dwindle and fall as Jordan Valley took a 68-48 win for the "B" state basketball title in Baker this week.

Arlington settled for second place when they hit a seven minute scoring loss in the second period and trailed 32-23 at halftime.

Smythe led the Honkers with 16 points. In the girls' finals, Big Sky rep. Wheeler County bested Valsez for the consolation win, 49-42.

## Piper, Hudd lead JV results

Mark Piper and Howard Huddleston headed the final junior varsity statistics released this week by Heppner JV coach Chuck Lutsch.

Piper ended the year with 15 points in 19 games for an 8.6 average. Huddleston finished with 159 rebounds in 19 games for a 8.16 carom average.

Other top scorers were Dave Piper, 127 points, 7.4 average; Bob Miller, 135 points, 7.1 average; Huddleston, 119 points, 6.2 average; Curtis Sweek, 119 points, 6.2 average; Randy Worden, 83 points, 4.3 average; and Gordon Hoffnagle, 38 points, 3.8 average.

In rebounding, the list was about the same. Huddleston led with an 8.6 average. After that, Mark Piper had 150 rebounds, 7.9 average; Dave Piper had 98 rebounds, 5.7 average; Miller had 104 rebounds, 5.4 average; Worden had 82 rebounds, 4.3 average. The best field goal shooter was Dave Piper, hitting 44 per

cent of his shots. Miller shot 40 per cent and Ron Ward, 38 per cent.

In free throws, Mark Piper, Miller, Scott Groshens, Ward, Dave Jones and Dan McEwen each hit half at 50 per cent.

Team stats were not available. Heppner varsity stats should be available for next week's Gazette-Times.

The Phinney golf dictionary completed, grab your sticks and head out to the links. Along with being able to decipher my style of writing about golf, you can be a learned sticker, too. If you don't want to concentrate, then it is good exercise.

## Central Mkt. blows lead, three knotted

Central Market blew their lead when they dropped three games to Gardner's last week in Kessler's Korner action at Fiesta Bowl in Heppner.

Central, which held a slim lead, fell into a three-way deadlock with Fiesta Bowl and Morrow County Grain Growers at 2-11. The three teams are knotted and hold seven game leads over Gardner's in fourth.

Gardner's bumped off Central Market with a 2679 series and a 936 game. They came away from the competition with a 14-18 mark, four games up on Peterson's Jewelry at 10-22. Coast-to-Coast dropped

four to Fiesta Bowl and remained in the cellar at 9-23.

Fran Cook Siebling rolled the high series for Gardner's with a 511. Mary Kennison topped the individual honors with a 184 game for Central Market.

Barbara Strohm picked up the 5-9-7 split while Patty Harshman cleared the 2-4-10 and Judy Pickert picked up the 5-10 split.

Standings	
Fiesta Bowl	22 11
Central Market	21 11
MCGG	21 11
Gardner's	14 18
Peterson's	10 22
Coast-to-Coast	9 23

## Eagle. Not a bird or a plane.

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Also describes a nightmare for the tournament golfer who finishes the first side even. Two over par on any given hole. To take a six on a par four. Has reputation for following out-of-bounds shots.

**EAGLE.** Not a bird or a plane. One less than a birdie, but more precious. To take a three on a par five. Usually accompanies a 420 yard par five, with no trees, no water, no sand traps, a downhill slope, two fine wood shots, an excellent iron and a whole lot of luck.

**FRIED EGG.** (noun) Describing the golfer's worst possible lie in a sandtrap or wet spot and still able to see the ball. Usually accompanies a Lonny Lofter on a hot day with dry sand. Sometimes results in bogeys and many cases, double bogeys.

**GET LEGS.** A nice, polite way of telling the golf ball to get up off its skidding rear end and shift to overdrive.

**SIT, HIT A HOUSE OR DIE.** Referring to a ball to stop in its track. Words accompany a ball that gets too many legs.

**HOOKER.** Having nothing to do with busy downtown street corners. Opposite of banana ball, but the lesser of the two evils. A hooker or hook shot often follows an outside in-swing. Ball takes off to the right and hooks to the left. Sometimes referred to as duck hook when the ball goes farther to the left than straight.

**PAR.** The fundamental aim of golfers. Par is the allotted, regulated score on any given hole. Comes more than birdies but less than bogeys.

**STICKERS.** Describes the basic golfer. Used by sports editor who is tired of calling golfers golfers. From the word stick, which describes clubs used in the complex sport.

**STIFF.** To put the ball very close to the hole. As in a "stiff wedge shot that lofts to the hole and sits."

**TEE OFF.** To strike the ball from a tee (small wooden or plastic mount) with a wood or iron. Some oddballs have been known to use a putter off the tee. A shot from the tee is referred to as a drive or tee shot. It can be a most useful and beneficial shot or a hazardous one. (See banana ball or duck hook.)

**TEED OFF.** Describes the golfer's feeling when he sees a fellow player teeing off in the rough. A state of mind, usually accompanied by anger, hostility and possible club and neck breaking.

The list could go on, but this is a family newspaper. Golf is a good game that should be tried by all. Concentration is the key after a few correct physical tasks have been performed.

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