

Eye April start

Mustangs ready for rodeo

It looks like Heppner High School is destined to add another sport to its list. So plug another schedule into the busy spring slate, because rodeo is coming to Heppner. Not that it hasn't been here for a long time, but the Rodeo Club, one that has existed on an individual basis for about eight years, will finally become a sanctioned school activity by the end of April. According to President Tim Daly, the club has been alive at the high school level for the last eight years. But it has

been on an individual basis, without an actual club charter or advisor. And that seems to be the only hold barring the 25 member group right now. "We need to write a constitution and get an advisor," Daly said. He said no one had been approached about the advisory position yet. Daly, an avid rodeo'er during the year last year as well as the summer rodeos in the area, said he hoped the group would be sanctioned by Heppner High School before

their first rodeo, slated for April 30 and May 1 in Rufus. The schedule for the club lists five rodeos this spring. Following the Rufus riding, the schedule sets John Day,

May 14-15; Pendleton, June 4-5; Vale, tentative for June 10-11; and the high school finals in Redmond on June 17-19. Daly said the club now

boasts about 25 members, despite its current lack of authorization. Daly is joined by Janice Healy, vice-president, and Cindy Dougherty, secretary-treasurer.

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Sports



Seitz, Marlin lead final Mustang stats

Final Mustang basketball stats, released this week, showed Wayne Seitz and Brian Marlin as the leaders in most categories. Marlin, a sophomore guard, ended the regular season as

the Mustangs' top scorer with 148 points. Senior Seitz was a field goal back with 146 points. In rebounds, Seitz held a seven carom edge over Keven Haguewood. Seitz brought down 100 rebounds and was

ranked ninth in the Columbia Basin Conference among rebounders. Marlin was the leader with 40 assists, followed by Carl Christman with 32. On the other side of the coin, Haguewood was whistled for the most fouls and Seitz had the corner on turnovers.

Players and how they rated in the HHS program this year follow: Rebounds: Seitz 100, Haguewood 93, Cutsforth 70, Marlin 65, Christman 64, Huddleston 53, Peck 49, Rauch 40, Myers 18, Young 14, Skow 13. Assists: Marlin 40, Christman 32, Huddleston 30, Grieb 27, Peck 26, Haguewood 15, Cutsforth 13, Seitz 11, Young 11, Myers 7, Rauch 3.

Points: Marlin 148, Seitz 146, Peck 141, Grieb 134, Huddleston 97, Haguewood 75, Christman 61, Cutsforth 61, Rauch 29, Skow 28, Myers 22, Young 14.

Fouls: Haguewood 76, Peck 64, Huddleston 50, Seitz 50, Rauch 44, Cutsforth 31, Grieb 31, Christman 24, Young 17, Skow 14.

Turnovers: Seitz 34, Marlin 51, Huddleston 50, Peck 44, Grieb 43, Christman 41, Haguewood 38, Cutsforth 26, Skow 25, Young 14, Rauch 11, Myers 3.

Heppner vs. Weston McEwen Tuesday, March 29 there

Kegler's Korner

Morrow County Grain Growers rolled over Coast-to-Coast with a high team series of 2588 Tuesday night to regain their league lead in Kegler's Korner action at Fiesta Bowl.

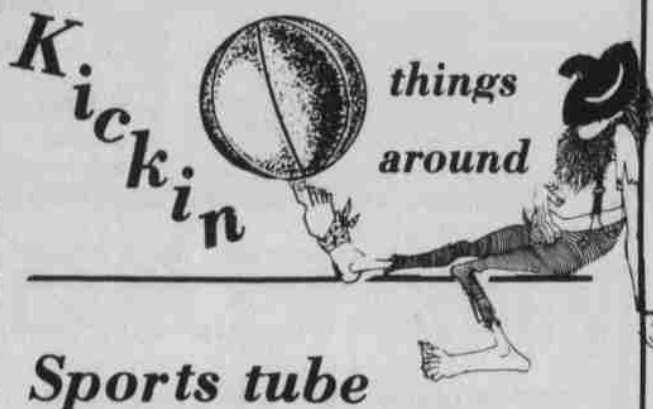
MCGG, behind Phyllis Cole's 490 series, rallied to bump last place Coast-to-Coast and grab a two game edge on Fiesta Bowl.

Fiesta Bowl, who took the high game honors with an 883, beat Central Market in three of the four contests. Peterson's Jewelers downed Gardner's in three games.

Individual high game was rolled by Fiesta Bowl's Ann Melland with a 187.

STANDINGS

MCGG	31	13
Fiesta Bowl	29	15
Central Market	26	18
Gardner's	19	25
Peterson's	14	30
Coast-to-Coast	13	31



Really. What can one say about my man Jimmy Young? It was "counterpunch after counterpunch after counterpunch." Young, a sparkly 28-year-old finesse boxer, carries a pretty stout belt. It put big George Foreman to the mat. The weekend was full of boxing and basketball for those of us who battled running noses and opted for Wide World of Sports instead of the wide world.

The NCAA battles were somewhat surprising. Basketball fans watched Michigan, Kentucky, Notre Dame and UCLA all bow in the same week. The four favored schools gave in to the four schools who represent their regions in the championships next week. Except UCLA.

We'll go with Nevada Las Vegas for a variety of reasons. First, they'll take on North Carolina. If there is a weaker team among those four, NC gets the nod.

UNLV is strong, both offensively and defensively. They are so quick. Eddy Owens led a group of five men in double figures over Idaho State this week in 107-90 romp.

Who did they beat? Idaho State. Alright. The west was finally represented in the regional match-ups without the Bruins. UCLA. We should leave it there. Just say: Idaho State of the Big Sky Conference pummeled the Bruins' hopes.

The other semifinal match-up sets Marquette, a perennial basketball powerhouse, with University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

It's kind of funny to think that of the top four teams in the NCAA tournament this year, two are from North Carolina and none, really, represent the west coast.

And while we're on the basketball floor, you can bet that somebody behind the Portland Trailblazer recruiting staff is kicking himself in the butt every time he watches Ron Lee and the Phoenix Suns play.

It was Lee who boosted Phoenix, along with Feher, to somewhat of an upset win over the struggling Trailblazers Sunday.

Just like with the Ducks, Lee was diving, flying, contorting...anything to get to the ball or put it through the hoop.

Right out from under their noses. The guy was drafted by the San Diego Chargers in football; by the professional soccer league in the states; has thrown the javelin over 250 feet; and the Blazers took Wally Walker instead.

Hate to see those two match-up in a one-on-one situation. Lee would eat him alive. Nothing against Walker. In a couple seasons, he'll have the opportunities to prove himself. We all know he's a good shooter now. But Lee stepped into a title role.

He was called the Pied Piper at Eugene. He walked around the campus with a smile and his hips and thighs busting the seams on a pair of Levi-Straus' finest.

But back to the ring. So much for Young and Foreman. And Ron Lyle's bout with Joe Bugner hardly seemed exciting enough to watch. The two brutes leaned and shoved and pounded each other with short, sharp blows. Both walked away from the ring with bruises and blood. Lyle won by a split decision. Nobody was surprised.

The Golden Glove competition opened a few eyes, though. It started with a man named Howard Davis, a gold medal winner, and got progressively better. Little Kenny Davis won, too, at about 135.

A couple newcomers walked into the ring with promise stamped across them by every white boxing fan around. No prejudice intended. People just kept looking for that Great White Hope.

A big guy named Rocky Capalino might get the nod. He's big enough at 6-5 and 259 pounds. He loomed over a scared Puerto Rican before blowing the guy's face away with trips on uppercuts.

The big rival laid on the mat for more than a minute while the big New Jersey 23-year-old walked around smiling. Who knows? He's certainly large.

Spinks did it again. Like with his brother at Montreal, he pounded a bigger opponent. Giving away 37 pounds, Leon Spinks ripped a blonde Texas boy's hopes with a flurry in the first round.

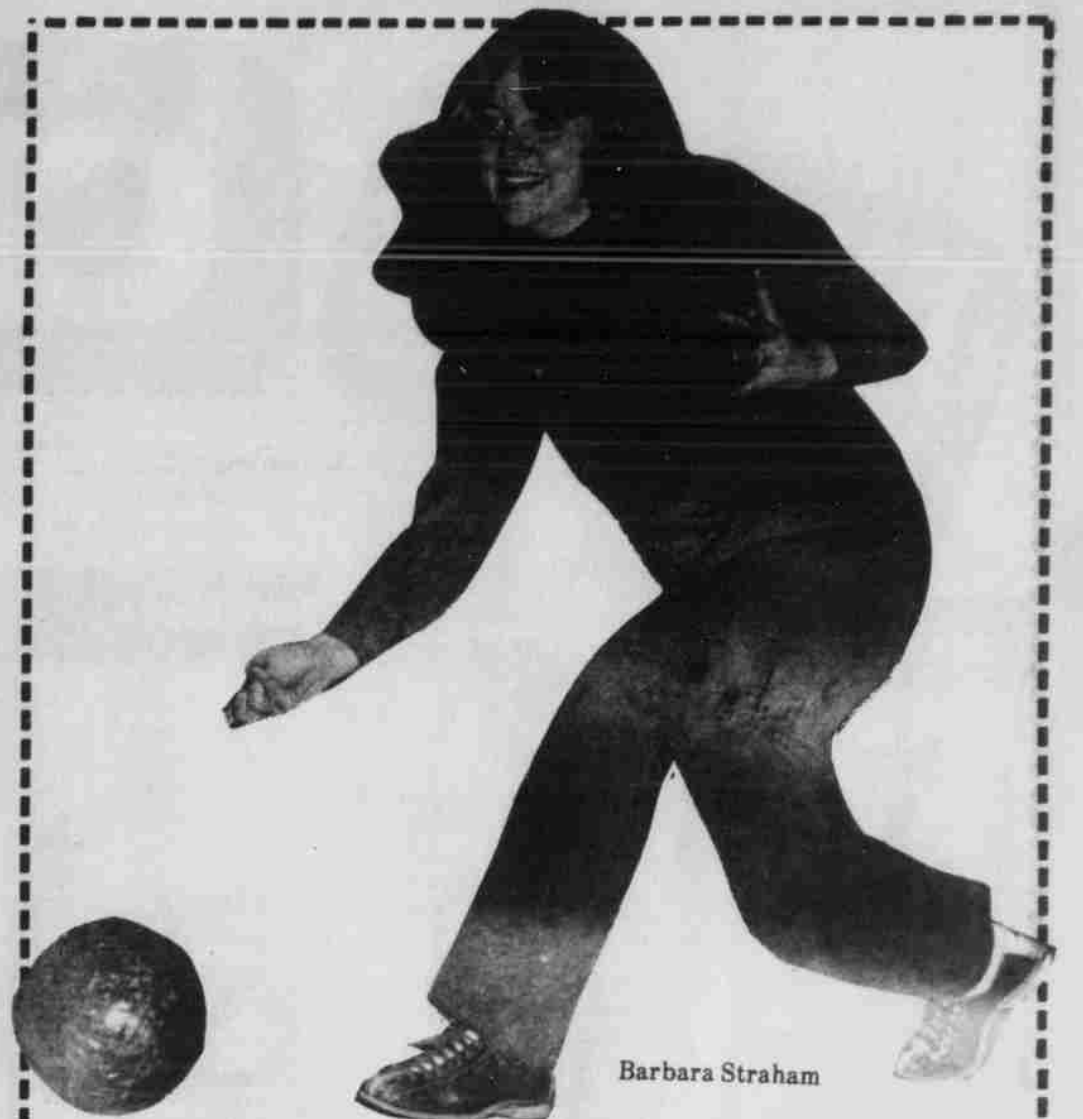
Basketball fans were treated to professional and college games. Boxing fans were treated to some heavy heavyweight bouts, some Golden Glove flurries, everything from a 12 round slug fest to a one round knock out.

The only gripe. They both had to be on at the same time on the same day. It kept you in shape...jumping up from the couch to blow your nose or switch a channel.

The easy life. So it goes.



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Barbara Straham

Barbara Straham leads state's women bowlers

Another week has gone by in the Oregon State Women's Bowling Tournament in Pendleton. And another Heppner woman is in the kegler spotlight again.

Barbara Straham, a bowler for four years on the Coast-to-Coast Tuesday night league team, leads the state women in all-events. She is currently listed first in singles, third in doubles and tenth in the team contests.

Coast-to-Coast, who stood third in last week's team competition, dropped to tenth with the week's action. The tourney is slated for two and a half more months, ending July 3.

Straham entered the tourney with a 112 average, placing her in the "D" division. Her 112 didn't last long when she rolled the "D" division high game of 232 in her first game.

The 232 came via seven strikes, four at first, then three in a row in the ending frames. An open seventh frame wasn't helpful.

Straham's previous high game was a 199, rolled two years ago. She said she was surprised at her finish this week, saying she "isn't that kind of bowler," but it "was nice to see our names across the board."

Straham took the class "D" singles lead with the 232 game and 505 series. She bettered

Pendleton's Jan Cook's 501 in singles and was the leader by seven pins in all-events. In total pins, Straham has 1338 to Cook's 1331.

The Heppner woman teamed up with her mother, Jackie Allstott, to grab the third place handle in doubles. The duo was placed in the "C" division because of their averages, but the total pins for Straham are still tallied for the "D" all-events title.

Straham-Allstott rolled a 926, good enough for third, but more than 35 pins shy of second place. And another Heppner unit holds that mark.

Hilda Yocom and Iris Campbell combined for a 982, good for second in class "C" doubles, two pins behind the first place pair from Dallas.

Heppner's team of Coast-to-Coast, who last week were ranked third in the state, dropped to tenth. Team members are Allstott, Straham, Danonne Nelson, Diane Stickner and Rhonda Lorenz. The group rolled a 2037 series last week. The leader this week is Cascade Locks Lumber Co. from Hood River, with an impressive 2299 series.

Straham's 505 will have to hold up for another 15 weeks. The winning tally in last year's "D" class singles was a 525.

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