

Mustangs, Fillys destroy

Heppner kinda destroyed people Tuesday. In two, 4-way track meets in Boardman, the Mustang spikers, both girls and boys, won convincingly over Riverside, Umatilla and Ione.

Between the two Heppner teams, there were 12 first places garnered. The Mustangs brought home eight, the Fillys four.

Behind a team effort and Brian Marlin's three first places, Heppner strode to 84½ points, outperforming Umatilla 59, Riverside 54½ and Ione, 28. Maureen Healy took off from where she left basketball and again used her speed and jumping abilities. The sophomore sprinter brought home four first places, winning every event she entered. The Fillys were behind her and walked away, doubling the second place team. Heppner won with 76 points, ripping past Ione with 33, Umatilla at 22 and Riverside girls, surprisingly, in fourth with 20 points.

Healy won two fast dashes, the quickest hurdle event and the high jump. She was quickest in the 220, sprinting the distance in 27.7. She rallied in the 440, taking the quarter mile in 1:05. The long legged Healy skipped over the 110 yard hurdles, bettering the second place Jackie Mollahan by almost a full second.

Healy didn't get as high as she's gone in practice, but she failed to tip the bar at 4-10 Tuesday and again outbested her basketball MVP partner, Mollahan.

Marlin used his arm in the javelin and surprised the field, but didn't surprise anyone in the jumps with a pair of triumphs there.

Marlin flipped the spear 139 feet, edging Marty Smith at 133. In the triple jump, he went 39-8½ and long jumped 19 feet, ½ inch for a first there. Marlin, with Smith carrying firsts in the shot and disc, put Heppner over the top.

Smith's disc toss was a highlight in the meet. A career

best, Smith lifted the big frisbee 123-9 to win by ten feet over second best, Mark Parker, at 113-10. Smith also put the shot 42-10½ for first.

Adding to the fire were good performances by individuals. Both Heppner relay teams, leading both relay events, dropped the baton during the final leg and were disqualified.

But Dave Piper and Danny Nix' event performances will stand out. Piper toured the quarter in 54.8, an impressive clocking for this early in the season. And Nix, a freshman, ran the two-mile in 11:35.9 to take second, behind Ione's Scott Sherer, another freshman who was clocked in 11:26.2.

Piper took home one of the remaining two firsts for the boys. He high jumped 5-6 to win it. The other first came from track newcomer Brian McLaughlin, who raced 330 yards over intermediate hurdles in 45.5 for the win, ahead of Bryce Powell in second.

Mustang mentor Conklin called it a "terrific overall team effort." Conklin said he thought Heppner would be strong in the field event, but would be a little weak in the running department. "But the running came through a lot stronger and helped us carry to the win."

Besides Miss Healy's contribution, Diane Holland had a first in the javelin and Heppner girls came up with six second places, in one case sweeping the event.

Holland's hurl was 88-8, the same method that took her to the state track meet last season.

Seconds abounded, and in high fashion. Heppner girls swept the high jump, Maureen Healy being followed by Mollahan and Janice Healy, respectively.

In the long jump, Tammy Lucas was second and she took second in the 100 yard dash, too. Mollahan was second in the 220 and Janice Healy was second in the shot. Diane Holland added a second in the disc to her javelin mark and was fourth in the shot.

Heppner girls' 400 yard relay team was second. A poor handoff of a baton may have slowed the Fillys, who ran the distance in 57.6, almost a second slower than winning Ione girls at 56.7. The second place finishers were Claudia Huston, Tammy Lucas, Jackie Mollahan and Laurie Harrison.



Dennis Stefani went 17-6 in the long jump at Boardman. Complete results were not available.

Smith shot-putt second at Salem

Seven Heppner thinclads took places Saturday at the prestigious Willamette Relays in Salem. Marty Smith finished second in the senior division of shot putters to top the Mustang efforts.

Heppner competed in the A class with both senior and novice divisions. Senior divisions were for athletes who had gained a varsity letter before. Novice was for athletes who had not yet attained the varsity status.

"It was tough," Dale Conklin, HHS track mentor, said this week. "The teams in the Valley are way ahead. Some of them have a couple meets under their belts already."

Conklin said he was a bit disappointed in some areas of the meet that brought together more than 1,000 Oregon tracksters. The weather was great, Conklin said.

The weight men and field events performers had a rough go of it, Conklin said, complaining that the athletes didn't get ample time to warm up and that waiting in between performances slowed their chances of staying warm. He said, too, that some performers were hurried in events.

"I think the young kids were a little awed," Conklin said. He noted that the lack of a track facility right now was detrimental to his thinclads.

"We need to work on pace and distance," he said, noting that the Mustangs didn't fare well in anything over mid-distance.

Smith's shot put second was three inches from the first place mark. Smith putt the heavy ball 44-10, against a first place toss of 45-1 by Greg Sura of John F. Kennedy High School.

In the novice division, Heppner garnered a first place from Jim Parker. The freshman weight man putt the shot 39 feet and followed with a 109 foot disc effort, good for fifth. In other senior events, Heppner's 880 relay team of Bryce Powell, Steve McLaughlin, Eric Clow and Dave Piper took fourth. The time in that event was 1:42.0. The winning time by Amity was 1:37.8.

Bryan Marlin took an individual fifth place in the long jump, leaping 18-6. The winning jump by Mike Bernt of John F. Kennedy was 19-8.

Powell took a sixth place in the high hurdles, turning a time of 18.6. Pat LaBrasseur of Scio was first in 16.1.

Tim Douglas of Pendleton won the Statesman's Mile in 4:17 and Jeff Lavender was second because of misses in the A high jump with a 6-4 effort.

Teams competing against Heppner in the A division were impressive. They included (Continued on page 10)

Card boys surprise coach

Ione's young boys surprised their coach Tuesday, yielding 28 points against three bigger schools in a 4-way track meet in Boardman. Ione was fourth in the meet, but outperformed their coach's first meet expectations.

"They did pretty well," Gordon Myers said matter-of-

factly Tuesday night. "I was really surprised."

Scott and Todd Sherer paced the Cardinal thinclads. Scott took the only first in the two mile and Todd had a pair of seconds in a third.

Scott ran an 11:26.2 for first, ahead of Heppner's Nix at 11:35.9. Sherer holds the Ione

school mark of 11:25.1 and according to Myers, is shooting at a time under 11 minutes.

Brother Todd was second in the 880, behind premiere mid-distance ace Jim Bozarth of Riverside. Sherer was second in the mile, running the distance in 5:03. A third in the pole vault came at nine feet.

Ione girls take second

Ione girls garnered three firsts, including the 440 yard relay, to produce 33 points en route to a second place finish Tuesday in the 4-way meet in Boardman.

Ione followed Heppner and bested Umatilla and Riverside.

The Card girls' 440 yard

relay team crossed the line first in 56.7, ahead of Heppner at 57.6. The winning combo was Brenda Patton, Lisa Martin, Kim Cofenas, and Kim Pettyjohn.

Two more firsts came from a pair of McElligotts. Grace ran a 6:34 in the mile for first and Janet was first in the half

mile in 3:08.

Janet also added a second in the javelin and a fourth in the disc to end up the Cards' high scorer in the meet, with 11 points. She threw the javelin 68-7 for second and hurled the disc 64 feet for fourth.

Kim Pettyjohn also had a second.

Edmundson leads golf

Vicki Edmundson fired a 48 Saturday to pace Heppner's Filly golfers to a dual meet win over Umatilla at McNary Golf Course in McNary. Edmundson led the five girl squad to a 327-354 win.

Following the senior sticker, Cindy Kerr had a 51, Joan

Warren 60, Kristi Edmundson 71 and Debbie Paustian carded a 97.

In the boys' action, Charlie Rawlins fired a four over par 38, but his Mustang unit dropped to third in a four-way boys' match.

DeSales of Walla Walla paced the field with a 169, four

man total. MacHi of Milton-Freewater was second at 181, Heppner was third at 185 and Wheeler brought up the rear with a 245 total. Par for the four man teams was 136.

Rawlins was medalist for the field. Other scores for Heppner golfers were Don McEwen 48, Mark Sargent and Ron Ward 49s. Three other golfers for Heppner failed to make the varsity cut, but forwarded scores of 50 by Jeff Edmundson, 52 by Jeff Cutsforth, and a 75 by Todd Harrison.

Heppner golfers play Riverside at Willow Run in Boardman today (Thursday) at 1:30 p.m.

Track readied

Final stages of the Heppner High School track facility are getting underway this week with the first home meet slated for April 19.

The final grading was done last week, Dale Conklin, Heppner track coach told the Heppner Lions' Club Tuesday. Conklin said the track was "great" and that it "looks wonderful."

Conklin said that with this week's final packing and paving of the preliminary surface, it would be ready to go for the four-way meet slated in mid-April. Heppner will host Pilot Rock, Weston-McEwen and Oregon Trail.

Conklin said, too, that a meet for freshmen and sophomores may be scheduled in the first week of May to take advantage of the track.

The track is being rebuilt, from a 330 yard oval to a 400 meter regulation facility. More than 1,000 truck loads of dirt have been hauled to and from the property. An investment of almost \$8,000, via volunteer and donation, is represented by the work.

The main donations to the Lions' project have come from

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