



Randy Worden pulls and delivers to a Riverside batter in Tuesday night's 9-8 win. Worden gave up five hits in as many innings. (G-T Photo)

Big lead staves Riverside

Mustangs escape, 9-8

An 8-0 lead almost faded in the waning innings Tuesday night, but Heppner's Mustang diamond nine improved their record to 4-3 with a 9-8 holdout over visiting Riverside.

Both teams hammered out eight hits. Riverside garnering six of those in the last two innings.

Randy Worden worked the mound for Heppner for 5 and two-thirds innings before tiring and Dave Allstott went in to relieve. Worden gave up five hits and four runs. Allstott gave up three hits and four runs in an inning and a third.

Dale Holland, Dennis Peck, and Bruce Young continued to

belt the ball, each hitting two for three on the day.

Heppner, as in their previous wins, drew first blood, scoring one run in the first after Holland singled and Peck sacrificed.

In the third, Peck led off with a double, an error followed before two walks scored Allstott and Peck.

While Worden and defense shut Riverside down with errorless ball, not allowing more than three batters to the plate in four innings, Heppner was still on the bandwagon at the plate.

In the fourth, Peck singled, Allstott reached first on a

fielder's choice, Young and Stookey used errors, Worden singled, and two walks produced five runs on two hits.

In the top of the sixth, RHS untracked itself. A walk, a fielder's choice, and three singles yielded four runs and brought Riverside to an 8-4

gap.

In the bottom of the fifth, Heppner added the run that would prove very beneficial. Allstott walked and a Young double, one of four RBIs for Young, brought him home.

In the top of the seventh, three base hits and three

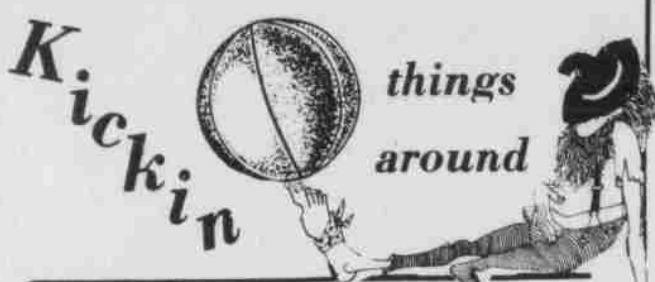
walks pulled the Pirates to within one run, 9-8.

With two outs, and the bases loaded, Jim Kenny ran down a long smash in deep left to end the contest.

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What run-off?

True or false?

The general angling season in Oregon opens April 23, Saturday.

If you said true, then go watch a baseball game. Northeastern Oregon anglers can take a break until late May before they can dangle worms in front of the timid Dolly Varden.

Every region in the state... except northeastern Oregon... lists Saturday, April 23 as the opening fishing date. In this area, we have to wait until May 21.

Why? A pretty legitimate reason, whether we like it or not.

"We have to give the young steelhead protection in the creeks," according to Glen Ward, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Biologist in Heppner. Ward said the young steelheads would be taken as trout if we didn't wait until run-off.

The water is low all over the state, but northeastern Oregon is setting some kind of precedent for slowing down steelhead spawning runs. The law postponing opening date until late May has been around three years now.

Steelhead would have a tough time getting up Willow and Rhea creeks with the lack of water, but dams have stopped them from taking that route anyway. But nonetheless, other streams are making it difficult for adults to get upstream and spawn.

It's those little steelies, those 6-8 inches, that will be hooked on a stringer and taken as trout if the fishermen don't wait until May 21. Some will be taken as trout anyway, Ward said.

During the spring run-off, some of the fish will stay in the creeks, but the majority will go out with the high water run-off. Unfortunately for the fish and the fishermen, not to mention the farmer, the run-off this year doesn't promise to be flood size, by any means.

There are a few places to wet your worms, however, and the state has done its derndest to plant a few nice fish for the anglers.

At Wineland Lake (Camp Five) and Bull Prairie, year 'round fishing is legal. Twenty-five hundred fish have been stocked at Camp Five. Bull Prairie, Ward anticipating a small winter kill, is still producing good angling.

Bull Prairie is free of ice and the road is open. For those who wait until May 21 to angle, Rhea and Willow creeks will be ready. Ward said both the area creeks will be stocked by opening date.

Cutsforth Pond usually gets three loads of 1,000 fish each over the season. But because of low water, that figure will be cut.

But don't be alarmed. Those fish have got to swim somewhere, so they'll probably get a shot at Penland Lake or Bull Prairie. Plans were for 3,000 fish at Cutsforth Pond, so the other two area lakes will be ready for the night crawlers.

There has been a "big" fish carryover, but it hasn't been plentiful, Ward said. The outlook for the area, with a decent snow pack in the Willow Creek drainage area, is encouraging, if the weather stays cool for awhile.

Steelheading is open below Kimberly on the John Day River. But don't let Vic Grosheens catch you on the north fork or the main stream of the John Day above Kimberly. It is closed to steely hunting.

Just forget the Rowe Creek Reservoir near Spray. All there is for the fish to swim in there is mud; the water is gone. The reservoir is dry.

Rowe Creek's dryness can only mean more fish for other areas. The usual 8,000 fish stocked in that puddle will be transferred to water in other areas.

Trout not your style? Then how about bass? Bass fishing should be good on the John Day from Spray downstream. But the weather will have to get warmer and heat the water to about 60 degrees before the bass will hit your plug.

My personal favorite is catfishing on the Snake River. Even if we don't connect with fish and lip, the scenery in Hell's Canyon can't be beat.

Two guys were sitting in a booth in Richland near a good cat hole, Brownlee Reservoir. One old timer said to the other, "Hey, Mo, have you caught any big ones lately?"

The other guy turned his old tired head slowly and with a border drawl said, "Yep. I caught me a whopper t'other day. I don't know how big he was, but the picture weighed 14 pounds."

Are you ready for fishing season? Better get that way; you've got a month before the local creeks are ready for you.



HHS thinclads destroy foes

It was more than just appropriate that Heppner's Mustang thinclads inaugurated a new track facility with a devastating five team victory Tuesday. Every Heppner school mark was destroyed because of the new track's 'meter instead of yards' standard.

Heppner strode to victory with nine first places, garnering 123 points, more than doubling closest Oregon Trail at 58. Pilot Rock followed with 32, Umapine had 18 and Ukiah, 12.

The Mustangs poured it on, winning the shot, 1600 meters, 400 meters, 100 meters, long jump, disc, triple jump, 300 meter intermediate hurdles, and 3000 meters.

And every event that the Mustangs didn't win, they took a second place.

Brian Marlin won three events, Marty Smith and Dan Nix each won two, Mark Piper won one and Steve McLaughlin won one.

Smith's 46-5 1/2 in the shot was one of the meet's highlights. Marlin won the 100 meters in 11.9, then long jumped and triple jumped his way to golds.

Nix, a sophomore, won the 3000 meters in 10:49 and the 1600 meter event in 4:55.8. McLaughlin ran 43.76 in the 100 meters and Piper was a 53.9 winner in the 400 meters.

First place winners and Heppner finishers follow: Javelin: Seifer (OT) 173-10, Christman second, Smith third, Mark Parker fifth. 400 meter relay: Oregon Trail 46.7, Heppner second.

Shot put: Smith 46-5 1/2, Jim Parker fourth. 1600 meters: Nix 4:55.8. 400 meters: Piper 53.9. High jump: Jeff Lavender (PR) 6-1, Piper second, Clow third.

100 meters: Marlin 11.9, Jones fifth. Discus: Smith

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PGA pro to teach at Boardman

Neil Christian, a Professional Golf Association (PGA) teaching pro will be in Boardman next Wednesday and Thursday to start a weekly clinic.

Christian, a three time northwest professional champion, will teach at Willow Run Golf Course in Boardman, where he taught last year.

If a good response is made for lessons from Christian, the former champ will continue on Wednesday and Thursday each week.

For information or an appointment, golf enthusiasts are asked to call 481-4381.



Dennis Peck rounds third on way home when fly ball went to deep center. Dave Allstott is seen coming into second. But the throw was quicker than anticipated and



Peck had to dive back to third. He was safe on the play.

(G-T Photo)

Cards 3rd, 5th

Grace and Janet McElligott paced Ione's girls' thinclads to a third place finish in a six-way meet in Wahtonka Tuesday. Ione's boys placed fifth.

Grace won the mile in 6:20 and came back with a first in the two mile, a school record at 14:04. Janet took second in the two mile, third in the 800 and third in the javelin.

Other Ione girls: Kim Pettyjohn, third 100, sixth in long jump; Lisa Martin, fourth hurdles; 440 relay team, third.

Ione boys were fifth in the six-team field that saw host Wahtonka win both boys' and girls' competition.

Todd Sherer paced Ione with a five-minute mile first, third in 800, fourth in pole vault. Scott Sherer followed with third in two mile and fourth in mile.

Terry Starr was fifth in the shot, fifth discus, second javelin; Robin LaRue second high jump, fourth high hurdles, sixth intermediate hurdles; Mike Conklin, third in high hurdles.

Marvin Johnson was fifth in both long jump and 880; Gari Gaustad third in 100, sixth in long jump; Jerry Rietmann, third in pole vault.

Ione mile relay team (Sherer, Johnson, Rietmann, Rick Ely) was fifth; 440 relay team (Starr, LaRue, Conklin, Gaustad) was fourth.

Babe Ruth

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13 - 15 years old before Aug. 1

• Must have parent attending

• \$10 registration fee

• Proof of age required

★ Ione - April 27

Boecher's Cafe - 7 pm

★ Heppner - April 28

7 pm - Grade school multi-purpose room

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Fiesta Bowl finished strong, taking three games from Central Market this week to take the season half championship. Fiesta Bowl, finishing at 43-17, will bow off with first half winner, Central Market, on April 26 for the year's title.

Growers took four from Coast-to-Coast to retain second place. Gardner's and Peterson's split in four games. Peterson's rolled a 962 for high game, while Fiesta Bowl's 2628 nipped MCGG's 2627 for hit series.

high honors and Betty Galbraith rolled a 502 series high.

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| MCGG | 38 22 |
| Central Market | 28 32 |
| Gardner's | 27 33 |
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Willow Creek Little League 1977 Baseball Schedule

Opening day at Heppner
Sat., April 30, 1977
10:00 A.M.
Indians vs. Dodgers
1:30 P.M.
Braves vs. Giants

Mon., May 9, 6:00 P.M.
Giants vs. Braves
Tues., May 10, 6:00 P.M.
Dodgers vs. Indians at IONE
Wed., May 11, 6:00 P.M.
Indians vs. Giants
Thurs., May 12, 6:00 P.M.
Braves vs. Dodgers

Mon., May 16, 6:00 P.M.
Dodgers vs. Braves
Tues., May 17, 6:00 P.M.
Giants vs. Indians at IONE
Wed., May 18, 6:00 P.M.
Indians vs. Braves
Thurs., May 19, 6:00 P.M.
Giants vs. Dodgers

Mon., May 23, 6:00 P.M.
Braves vs. Indians at IONE
Tues., May 24, 6:00 P.M.
Dodgers vs. Giants
Wed., May 25, 6:00 P.M.
Indians vs. Dodgers
Thurs., May 26, 6:00 P.M.
Giants vs. Braves

Mon., May 30, 6:00 P.M.
Dodgers vs. Indians at IONE
Tues., May 31, 6:00 P.M.
Braves vs. Giants
Wed., June 1, 6:00 P.M.
Indians vs. Giants
Thurs., June 2, 6:00 P.M.
Dodgers vs. Braves

At IONE - Sat., June 4
10:00 A.M.
Giants vs. Dodgers
1:30 P.M.
Braves vs. Indians

Mon., June 6, 6:00 P.M.
Dodgers vs. Giants
Tues., June 7, 6:00 P.M.
Indians vs. Braves
Wed., June 8, 6:00 P.M.
Braves vs. Dodgers
Thurs., June 9, 6:00 P.M.
Giants vs. Indians at IONE

Mon., June 13, 6:00 P.M.
Dodgers vs. Braves
Tues., June 14, 6:00 P.M.
Indians vs. Giants
Wed., June 15, 6:00 P.M.
Giants vs. Dodgers
Thurs., June 16, 6:00 P.M.
Braves vs. Indians at IONE

Mon., June 20, 6:00 P.M.
Giants vs. Braves
Tues., June 21, 6:00 P.M.
Dodgers vs. Indians at IONE
Wed., June 22, 6:00 P.M.
Dodgers vs. Giants
Thurs., June 23, 6:00 P.M.
Indians vs. Braves

Mon., June 27, 6:00 P.M.
Braves vs. Giants
Tues., June 28, 6:00 P.M.
Indians vs. Dodgers
Wed., June 29, 6:00 P.M.
Giants vs. Indians at IONE
Thurs., June 30, 6:00 P.M.
Braves vs. Dodgers

Home team is last team listed.
Game time: 6:00 P.M. SHARP Infield Practice: 5:45 P.M.
All Heppner team home games will be played at the Heppner Little League field.
All Indians home games will be played at the Ione Little League field.
Friday is reserved for makeup games.
Any change in the schedule will require notice to the Manager whose game is being changed no less than two (2) days before the game is being changed.
Due to the Outdoor School, there will not be any games scheduled the week of May 2nd.

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