

# Eckman cops city league crown

Four free throws in the final minute and a half by Dave McLaughlin led a second consecutive city league championship for Eckman as they held off a second half surge by

VanMarter to post a 62-57 win Sunday.

The early stages of the game shaped up as a rout with undefeated Eckman jumping out to a 26-12 lead by forcing turnovers and capitalizing on 12 first half points from Jim Lankford. In the final six minutes of the half, VanMarter began to close the gap and trailed by nine, 33-24, at intermission.

Opening the second half, LaVern VanMarter, who was held without a field goal in the opening half, hit four quick buckets to chop Eckman's lead to a single point, 33-32. With 12 minutes remaining, another VanMarter field goal put his team in the lead for the

first time. The lead continued to change hands five times before Eckman moved on top for good with three minutes remaining.

McLaughlin was the top scorer for Eckman with 17 points, with seven of those coming from the line in the second half. Lankford finished with 16, Keith Curnutt added nine and Rob Eckman finished with seven.

VanMarter led all scorers with 22 while Daryl Spivey collected 10 and Frank Pearson picked up nine points.

## Cards lack experience

# Baseball is back at Lone

Baseball has returned to Lone after a years absence and the comeback is none too soon. With only six practice sessions to prepare his team for their season opener Tuesday against Riverside, Coach Del LaRue's task is not made any easier by the fact that only one member of the 15-man roster has any varsity experience.

Kevin McCabe is the lone returnee from the 1976 Card team and LaRue figures the junior will be seeing plenty of action—on the mound, behind the plate and in the infield.

After Monday's first day of practice, LaRue said he was beginning to get an idea of where most of the players would end up for the year but

no positions were definitely nailed down.

Possible mound staffers to go along with McCabe include sophomore Gari Gaustad and freshman Les Thompson while freshman Greg Rietmann might be handling the catching chores with McCabe.

Sophomores Robin LaRue and Jerry Rietmann and

freshmen Shawn LaRue and Treve Peterson are showing a preference for some infield work.

Brian Rietmann is the only senior on the squad and he is joined by Junior John Lindstrom, sophomores Glenn Krebs, Bruce Millman, Frank Engelman and Larry Snider and freshman Barney Rea.

## HHS athletes try Pentathlon

The Pentathlon was added to the repertoire of three Heppner athletes last Friday and all three came away from the competition at Blue Mountain Community College thinking they would like to see more of it.

Heppner track coach Dale Donklin accompanied Jim Parker, Dennis Peck and Maureen Healy to the four-team meet in which each competitor picked any five of the 10 events of the Decathlon. Parker and Healy both finished second in their respective divisions and Peck wound up in sixth place.

The three Heppner tracksters were matched against athletes from Pilot Rock, Hermiston and Pendleton high schools.

Parker, second in the boys ninth and tenth grade bracket, chose the discus, javelin, shot, 100 meters and 400 meters and recorded strong early-season efforts of 118 feet 10 inches in the discus and 41 feet 9 inches

in the shot.

Healy, competing in the girls 11th and 12th grade division, was on her way to a first place finish until she fell in the hurdle event and had to settle for second. She finished first in three events, recording a 64.8 in the 400 meters, clearing the bar at five feet in the high jump and setting a new school record of 17 feet in the long jump. Healy's fifth event was the 100 meter dash in which she also finished among the leaders.

Peck, enroute to a sixth place finish in the boys 11th and 12th grade bracket, set a junior class record in the javelin with a throw of 156 feet 8 inches. He also long jumped 19 feet and competed in the 100 meters, high jump and 400 meters.

Combining their efforts in the 11th and 12th grade co-ed grouping Healy and Peck nailed down a second place finish.

## Colt finals Saturday

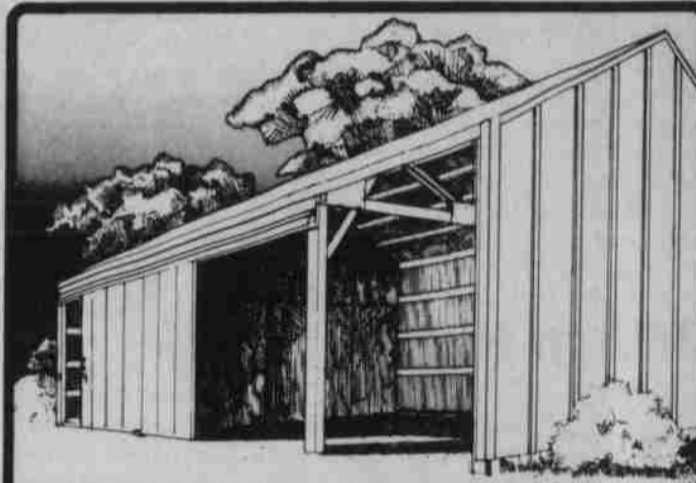
Colt basketballers will wrap up their season Saturday with a championship tournament beginning at 10 a.m. in the Heppner High School gym.

The four-team league completed regular season play last week with the Colts and Hawks tied for first place honors with 4-2 records. The Lions hold down third place with a 3-3 mark and the Bears are sitting in the cellar with a 1-5 record.

The tournament will open up with the Colts facing the Bears followed by the Hawks vs. the Lions in the second game. At the conclusion of the championship game, awards will be presented to the players and an all-star team will be named.

Concessions will be available and a hot dog lunch will be served. Admission to the tournament will be 25 cents.

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