

Mustang thinclads open with win

Richard Schmidt emerged as a triple event winner and Marty Smith copped his pair of specialties as the Mustang thinclads rolled to a season opening win in a three-way meet track meet last Thursday in Pendleton.

Heppner racked up 109 points to 78 for the Pendleton

JVs and 73 for the squad from Elgin.

Schmidt picked up his firsts by recording a 21'3" long jump, a 41'7" triple jump and his 6'2" high jump tied for top honors with team mate Dave Piper. All three of the efforts established new junior class records.

Smith, a senior weight specialist, took first in both the discus and the shot and he picked up a second in the javelin.

Other Mustangs firsts were turned in by Dan Nix, whose winning time in the 3,000 meters was the equivalent of a 10:50 2-mile; Sam Myers, who

won the 300 meter intermediate hurdles in his first attempt at the event; and Bryan Marlin who picked his first in the javelin.

Mustang coach Dale Conklin

said he was particularly pleased with the efforts of his sprinters and distance run-

ners. Heppner went 2-4 in the 100 meters with Dennis Peck taking second in 11.8 and Jim Kinney finishing fourth in 11.9.

Heppner also picked up a third and fourth in the 1,500 as Todd Sherer's 4:35.5 was followed by Scott Sherer's 4:35.2.

G T S P O R T S

Run shortage sinks 'Stangs

Saturday's Pilot Rock tournament got shifted to Umatilla due to soggy ground but the Heppner hitters apparently forgot to make the switch as the Mustangs managed only one run in two games and came up empty in the win column.

"We played some good ball but we just didn't score the runs," Mustang coach Dale Holland said. "When you only score one run in a double header, you don't win many games."

In the tourney opener, Heppner ran up against Ken Belleque, a hard-throwing southpaw from Class AA Gervais, who blanked the Mustangs on just three hits, all singles. Belleque struck out seven and walked none in picking up the 4-0 win.

Scott McEwen, Bruce Young and Dale Holland were

the only Mustangs to reach base. Dennis Peck went the distance for Heppner giving up four runs on eight hits.

Heppner and Pilot Rock were matched up in the consolation game and the Rockets pulled out 2-1 win in the five inning contest.

The Mustangs jumped out in front in the first inning as Lionel Wood, Holland and Peck all connected for base hits but the Rockets came back to tie the game in the third when Ron Carey tagged Wood for a home run. Pilot Rock pushed across the winning run in the fifth.

Wood threw three innings plus with Holland behind the plate before the two switched positions in the fourth inning. The Rockets scored their pair of runs on six hits while Heppner collected its lone run on five hits.

Hawks take Colt League crown

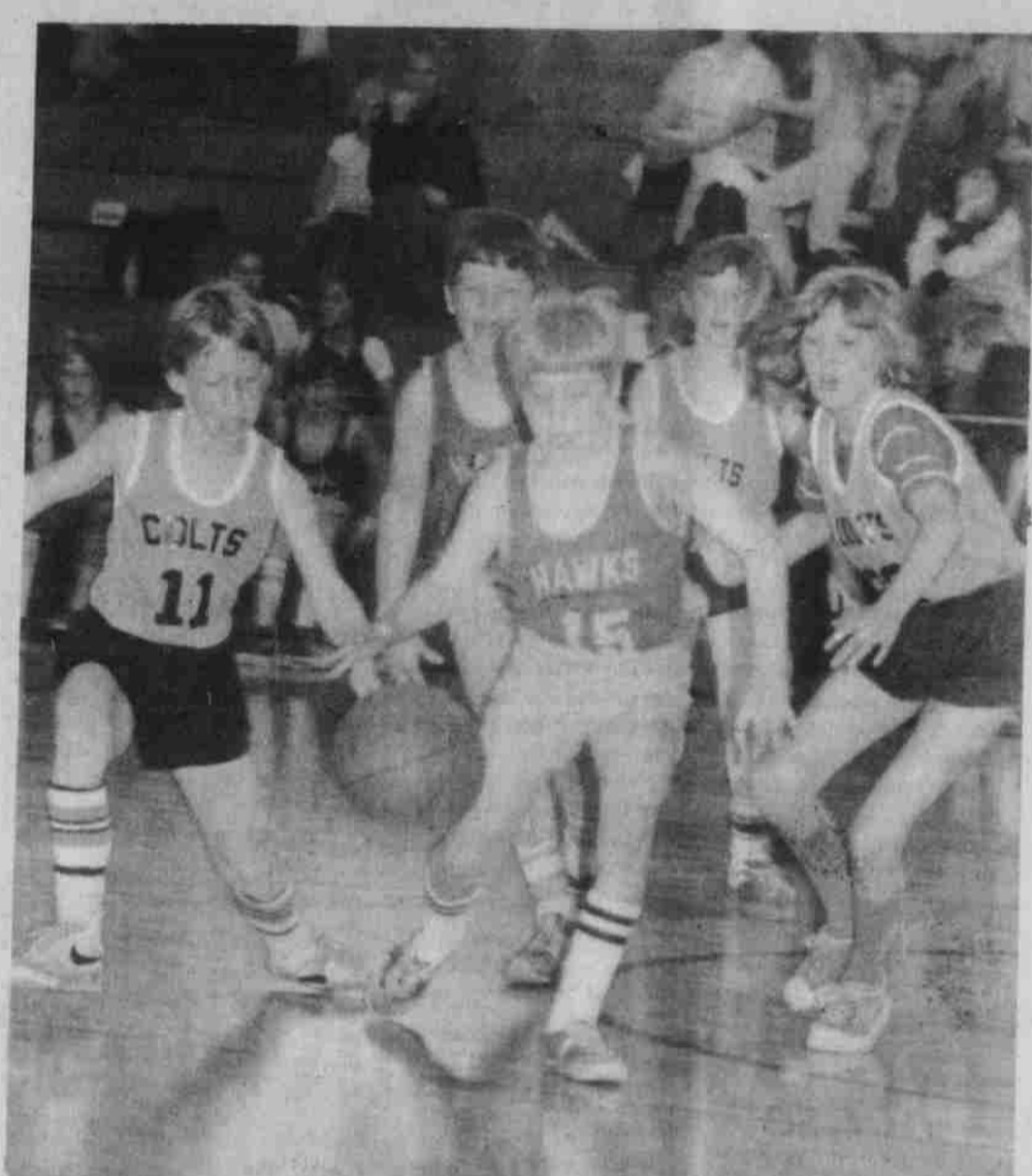
The Hawks were named the champions but all the participants were the winners Saturday when the Colt Basketball program finished out a successful year with four-game tournament and awards presentation.

Certificates went to all the players, all-star and special awards were presented and free popcorn topped off the half-day event.

Special appreciation and gifts went to the Colt referees, Jack Atkins and Lyle Lowe; timekeeper, Michelle Portmann; and scorekeeper, Sheree Mahoney.

In the tournament action, the Colts earned a berth in the finals by topping the Bears 15-8, while the Hawks were turning back the Lions 14-8.

The consolation game for third place moved into sudden death overtime before the Lions pulled out a 14-12 win over the Bears. The Hawks then nailed down their championship with a 15-10 victory over the Colts.



Colts and Hawks go at it in Saturday's championship final won by the Hawks.

COLT AZL-STAR (boys)

- Justin Lowe
- Eric Thompson
- Sid Kennedy
- Tony Hazelwood
- Steve Plocharsky
- Chuck Coffman
- Rod Cole
- Steve Currin
- Stan Sporseen
- Archie Lucas

COLT ALL-STARS (girls)

- Teddi Coffman
- Susy Olson
- Jodi Padberg
- Kelli Bergstrom
- Joni Mitchell

SPECIAL AWARDS

- HIGH SCORER Chuck Coffman
- MR. HUSTLE Archie Lucas
- MISS HUSTLE Joni Mitchell
- MOST IMPROVED Stan Sporseen
- MOST VALUABLE Justin Lowe

Filly golfers breeze while Mustang linkers struggle

Heppner's Filly golf team has breezed past a trio of opponents while the Mustangs are still looking for their first win after three outings in early season links action.

Heppner opened the season Tuesday, March 28, in Pendleton where the girls knocked off the Buck JV boys team by a 220 to 226 margin. Cindy Kerr turned in a 47 for nine holes to lead the Fillies while Kristi Edmondson carded a 55, Joan Warren 56 and Kathy Wolff 62.

Meanwhile the boys were coming up on the short end of their three-way competition. Pasco led by low medalist Todd Beyers' par round of 72, topped the field with a team score of 318 while Pendleton finished at 363 and Heppner recorded a team total of 390.

Jeff Edmondson led the Mustang delegation with an 87 followed by Mike Lott at 100, Jerry Cutsforth at 101 and Brian Thompson at 112.

Returning to more familiar surroundings at Willow Creek Country Club for their second match, the Fillies continued their winning ways by out shooting Umatilla 174 to 227 while the Mustangs finished seven stroked behind the Vikings and well ahead of Wheeler. Team scores for the boys were Umatilla, 312; Heppner, 319; and Wheeler, 381.

Kathy Wolff's round of 41 paced the girls while Cindy

Kerr shot 42, Kristi Edmondson 43 and Joan Warren 48. The boys were led by Mike Lott's 18-hole total of 71 followed by Jerry Cutsforth's 73, Darrel Bigelow's 87 and Dale Holland's 88.

For their third match, Heppner again took on Pendleton, this time at Willow Creek and the boys fell three strokes short while the girls whipped

the JV team by a score of 168 to 179.

Mike Lott again led the boys at 74, Jerry Cutsforth was a stroke behind at 75, Jeff Edmondson carded a 76 and Darrel Bigelow finished at 84 for a 309 team total.

For the girls, Cindy Kerr fired a 37, Kristi Edmondson shot 42, Kathy Wolff 44 and Joan Warren 45.

Weather stymies Willamette Relay athletes

Generally miserable weather conditions limited the performances of most of the 2,000 competitors at Saturday's Willamette Relays in Salem, but Heppner's 11-man contingent still managed to come away from the rain-soaked meet with seven placings among the leaders.

The Mustangs were up against a formidable group of

Class A schools including eight of the top 10 dual meet teams in the state and defending state champ Jefferson. Also represented were teams from Alesa, Amity, Canyonville Bible Academy, Joseph, John F. Kennedy, Monroe, Oregon School for the Deaf, Paisley, Perrydale, Regis, Sacred Heart, St. Paul,

Gilchrist, Days Creek and Mapleton.

Senior weight specialist Marty Smith placed third in the shot and fourth in the discus while sophomore Jim Parker finished fifth in the same two events. Dave Piper recorded a third in the high jump.

Heppner's 880-yard relay

team consisting of Mike Jones, Richard Schmidt, Piper and Bryan Marlin finished fifth and the 440-yard relay of Jones, Schmidt, Marlin and

Buck Estes took sixth. Due to a timing error, the Mustang distance medley team finished just out of the money in seventh place.

Swimmers urged to attend clinic

Swimmers in the Heppner area are encouraged to take advantage of an opportunity to improve their skills by participating in a swim clinic organized by Pendleton swim coach Milt Nelms.

The clinic will be offered on nine consecutive Tuesdays beginning this week. Instruction will be provided for several different skill levels

but swimmers should have some basic knowledge of stroke technique.

Transportation will be provided from Heppner with cars leaving the Heppner City Park next to the library at 4:30 p.m. and returning around 9 p.m.

Total cost for the clinic is \$5 and further information can be obtained by calling Donna Hughes at 676-5526 or 676-9183.

Fillies drop opener despite Healy's triple events win

Heppner's Fillies are a little slow getting out of the blocks as the 1978 track season gets underway—they finished last in a field of three in last Thursday's season opener in Pendleton despite a triple win afternoon by Maureen Healy.

Pendleton reached the century mark to win the competition while Elgin collected 83 points and Heppner ended up with 51.

Healy picked up firsts in both the high jump and long jump before heading for the track where she won the 400 meters in 62.1 and placed second in the 200 with a 26.5 clocking. In the jumping events Healy's winning efforts included a 5'4" high jump and a 16'9" long jump.

Diane Holland gained a pair of seconds in the meet by putting the shot 31'7" and throwing the javelin 93'5". Holland also took fifth in the discus with a throw of 72'1".

Bonnie Nix was three inches back in the event to take sixth place.

Kellie Hammond placed in three events, taking third in the discus at 28'11"; fifth in the javelin at 85'7" and her 13.55 clocking in the 100 was

good for third place, a tick ahead of Susan Johnson's 13.59 fourth place effort. Johnson also long jumped 15'6" for third and Geri Grieb came in sixth in the 400 at 72.3.

Both of the Fillies relay entries crossed the line third.



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