

Heppner takes twin bill from Cardinal nine

Heppner took the lead in the conference pennant race last week, with two wins over luckless Ione in a doubleheader on the Cardinals' home field.

The winless Cardinals threatened during the first game of last Thursday's twin bill, in a game that developed into a pitching duel between Ione's Kevin McCabe and the Mustangs' Randy Worden.

Both teams were held scoreless until the seventh inning, when Heppner tallied a run after Mike Stookey tagged a

base hit, advanced on a sacrifice to third, then scored on an error.

Ione came back in its half of the seventh when a base hit by Robin LaRue, a walk, and a bunt by Barney Rea combined for a Cardinal run.

Dennis Peck was sent to the mound to relieve Worden, striking out his first hitter, then forcing the next man at the plate to fly out, ending the inning.

In the overtime eighth inning, Heppner's first batter walked. Then Mustangs Peck

and Stookey drilled base hits to clinch the game 3-1.

Heppner pitchers Peck and Worden were credited with a two-hitter. The Cardinals also logged a fine defensive moment, when outfielder Glen Krebs snagged a shoestring catch to surprise Heppner baserunners, forcing a triple play.

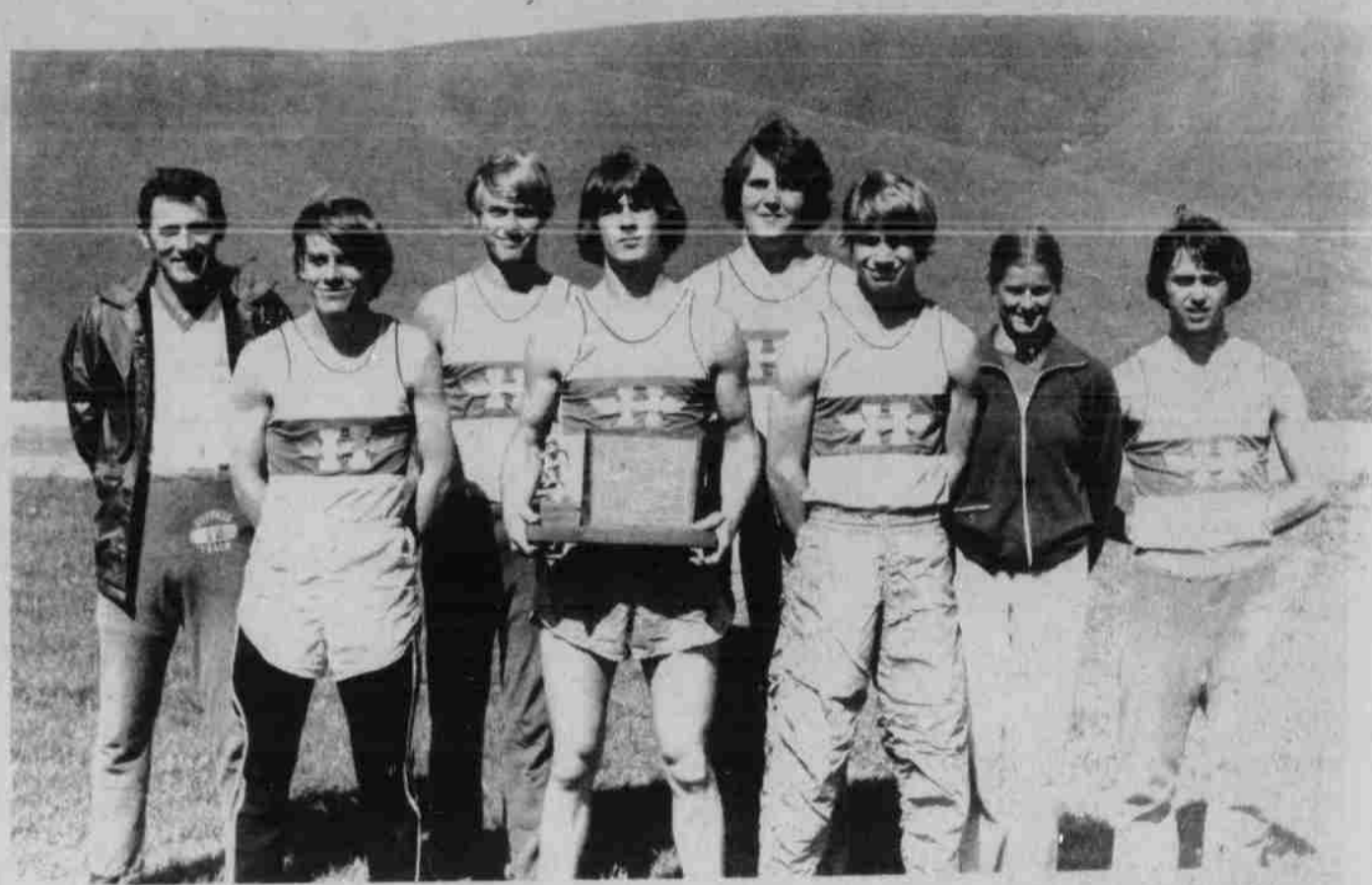
The second game, a makeup contest, was not as dramatic.

Mustang batmen were in fine form, drilling ten hits for ten runs. The Cards scored only once.

Heppner's scoring was produced by a triple by Peck, three singles by Holland, a triple and a single by Stookey, a double and a single by Groshens, and Young's two singles.

As of Monday, the Mustangs stood 5-1, taking the conference lead. Condon was second with 4-1, followed by Wasco County at 3-2, Sherman at 3-3, and Ione at 0-7.

Heppner was slated to face Wasco and Condon this week, to finish the season, with Ione set to play Wasco for its last game.



Traveling to Portland this weekend for the state track meet are, from left, Heppner coach Dale Conklin, Dan Nix, Sam Myers, David Piper, Marty Smith, Richard Schmidt, Maureen Healy, and Brian Martin.

Eight area youths qualify for State Junior Olympics

Eight Morrow County youngsters, four boys and four girls, qualified for state competition at the Junior Olympics Track Meet held at the Heppner High School field on Saturday, May 16.

Earl Hammond hit the state qualifying mark in two running events, the 100 yard dash at 12.0 sec. and 220 yard dash at 26.5 seconds, competing in the 12-13 year old division. In the same age group Margaret Dougherty also ran the 100 yard dash in 12 seconds, beating the state standard of 13 seconds for girls, while Sandra Ward qualified for high jump competition with a 4 foot 6 inch leap.

Two youngsters in the 10-11 year old division will compete in the 100 yard dash at the state meet. Mark Myers ran the distance in 13.5 seconds and Stefi Payne in 13.3. The qualifying time for both girls and boys was 13.5.

In the 14-15 year old age group, Jim Launer tied the state standard in the high jump, 5 feet 8 inches, and Doug Holland won a spot in the javelin event, throwing the shaft 27 feet 11 inches in a new event for which no qualifying mark has been set.

Missy Turner cleared the

bar at 3 feet 5 inches in the high jump to earn a place in state competition as the only qualifier in the 9 and under age division.

The state Junior Olympics Track Meet will be held at

Madison High School in Portland on Saturday, June 3.

Approximately 150 spectators watched 68 boys and 44 girls compete in the preliminary meet on Saturday, according to Courtney Kiser and

Lynda Murray, Heppner Junior High track coaches and organizers of the event. The Heppner Lions Club sponsored the meet. Ribbons were awarded to the top competitors in each event.

Junior Rodeo expands to three-day event

The eighth annual Morrow County Junior Rodeo, scheduled for June 2-4, promises to be bigger and better than ever, according to rodeo secretary Beverly Steagall.

Queen Cindy Dougherty and Princesses Kathleen Van Schoiack and Jana Steagall will preside over the event, which is sanctioned by the Western States Junior Rodeo Assn.

This year's Junior Rodeo will expand to a three-day event, with action beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 2. Saturday and Sunday, rodeo action will start at 1 p.m.

Saddle bronc, bareback, bulldogging, team roping and calf roping competition will make up the senior boys'

program, for cowboys 15-18 years of age. The senior division girls will take part in cow riding, breakaway, pole bending, team roping, barrel racing and goat tying events.

Junior boys and girls will see action in the calf riding, breakaway, barrel racing, team roping, pole bending and

goat tying categories.

A total of 70 entries had been received by Tuesday, according to Mrs. Steagall, with a final count of about 250 entrants expected by rodeo time.

The rodeo will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Little League action

Last week's Willow Creek Little League action saw the Giants beat the Braves in a Monday night contest, followed by a Tuesday win by the Dodgers over the Indians.

The Indians appeared again Wednesday to suffer a 16-21

loss at the hands of the Giants. Thursday night action featured a 5-7 Dodger victory

over the Braves.

Games are scheduled Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m.

Mustang rodeo team victorious in second meet of season

Heppner High School's rodeo club brought home the gold again this week, winning the second of two prep rodeo meets held thus far this season.

During last weekend's meeting in John Day, Heppner

cowboys and cowgirls outscored representatives of 42

Oregon high schools to take first place. Heppner cowgirls

Cindy Dougherty, Jana Steagall, and Janice Healy finished first, second and third in

all-around girls' competition.

Cindy Dougherty, who also serves as Queen of the Morrow County Junior Rodeo Court, placed first in the breakaway event, second in the pole race and third in team calf roping, and third in team calf roping.

Jana Steagall, who also serves on the junior rodeo court, took second in the breakaway, third in team roping, and fifth in the barrel race.

Janice Healy was first in the barrel race, fourth in the cutting event, and seventh in

the pole race. Sister Maureen Healy placed ninth in barrels and ninth in the breakaway.

Ron Currin topped Heppner's boy competitors by taking first place honors in bulldogging, and second place in calf roping. Lawrence Rice also placed within the top ten in the roping event.

During the high school rodeo season's first meeting two weeks ago at Rufus, the Heppner team took first place. The next competition will be this coming weekend at Chiloquin near Klamath Falls.

Men's golf results

Golf action during men's play Sunday at the Willow Creek Country Club saw John Edmondson taking low gross honors with a 66, and Harry O'Donnell winning low net

honors with a 45.

Jim Wishart scored the least putts, Craig Cooley slammed the longest drive, and Clint McQuarrie was closest to the pin

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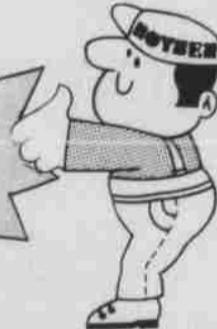
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