



Standing tall after good showings at state and district golf tournaments are, from left, Cindy Kerr, Joanie Warren, coach Tom Day, Shelly Grace, Kathy Wolff, and Kristi Edmundson.

Mustang girls first in state 'A' golf

Heppner High's girls' golf team topped all state class-A teams last week for the third consecutive year, during state tournament play at Portland's Glendoveer golf course.

The Mustang squad placed eleventh in statewide competition for girls from both A, double-A and triple-A schools. Their showing at the Portland tournament included a six-point margin over Bend, which edged out Heppner for first place in the district during the

previous week. Bend finished 13th in the state.

Cindy Kerr had the best individual showing for the Heppner girls competing at Glendoveer, completing the tournament in 177 strokes. The first-place individual titalist at the tourney was South Salem's Susan Sanders, with 157. Cindy was 16th in individual standings.

Next best on the Heppner roster was Kristi Edmundson with 209, followed by Kathy

Wolff, 216; Joanie Warren, 217; and Shelly Grace, 274.

Lake Oswego's team placed first in the girls' state tournament.

Heppner qualified for the state competition by placing second in district competition at the Bend Country Club. Maximizing a home links advantage, Bend outdistanced

second-place Heppner by 13 strokes. The lady Mustangs edged Redmond by one stroke to take second in district play.

In individual statistics at the district tourney, Cindy Kerr earned a fourth-place tie with a final tally of 196, while Kristi Edmundson placed sixth with 208, and Joanie Warren tied for seventh with Kathy Wolff at 213. Shelly Grace shot a 272 during the Bend tourney.

Mustang girls may be hard-pressed to match this season's showing during the coming year, since all varsity girls except Cindy Kerr will graduate.

Mustang nine lose playoff berth to Condon in season closer

A heartbreaking 1-4 loss to Condon Friday dashed the Heppner Mustangs' hopes for district baseball playoff action.

The loss brought Heppner's season record to 6-2 in conference play, leaving the Mustangs in a conference championship tie with Condon. However, Condon scored nine more AZZI points during the season than Heppner, and will go on to face Riverside for the sub-district title. AZZI points are tabulated by the amount of runs by which a team wins or loses.

Friday's game was a classic pitching duel between Heppner's Randy Worden and Condon's Brian Shaffer. Both teams were held scoreless

until the sixth inning, when Condon batters drove two runs across the plate.

Heppner came back with one run in its half of the sixth, with Dennis Peck reaching first on an error, moving to third on a second Condon mistake, then scoring on a base hit by Lionel Woods.

Condon blasted out its final two runs in the seventh, before Peck relieved Worden of duties at the mound. Worden was charged with all four Condon runs—only one of them earned.

Bruce Young tagged two hits in as many trips to the plate, while fellow Mustangs Dale Holland and Lionel Woods each got one hit in three attempts. Heppner tal-

lied two errors, compared with four Condon.

"I think we probably had the better team," reflected coach Dale Holland after the game. "I know we are a better team defensively. But they just outit us Friday."

Heppner's only other loss during conference play came during the first game, against Sherman. The Mustangs went on to win the next six straight, including a win over Condon, until last Friday's season ender.

The Mustangs logged a first-rate .944 fielding average

during the season, averaging only about one error per game in conference play.

Heppner moundsman Randy Worden finished the season with a 1.99 earned run average, logging a 3-1 win-loss record. Reliever Dennis Peck tallied an ERA of 3.10, with a 4-3 record. Despite a 1-3 win-loss record, Lionel Wood was credited with a 1.62 ERA.

Mustang catcher Dale Holland topped the team's season batting statistics, with an average of .386. Peck was next with .341, followed by Mike Stookey with .318.

Awards night held for HHS sports

Heppner High School stand-outs in track, baseball and golf were honored Monday night during the school's annual Spring Sports Award Dessert.

Awards ranged from plaques for top performers in each event, to letters for varsity regulars, to certificates of merit for jayvee competitors.

Baseball plaques were awarded Dale Holland, the Mustangs' leading hitter, with a .386 average for the 1978 season, and to first baseman Mike Stookey, the team's most improved player. Named to the 300 club for holding batting averages above the .300 mark

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Healy high jump champ

Five Heppner thinclads score points at state track meet

Heppner's District 7-A champion track team made its final appearance of the year last weekend, when it placed 13th at the State Class A meet at Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

Despite Heppner's 13th place showing, the Mustangs' 19 points earned at the state finals were only 9 points away from a second place finish. Gilchrist won the meet with 37 points.

But the weekend was not without its brighter moments for the Heppner representatives. Maureen Healy, the Mustangs' lone girl qualifier for the Portland meet, won the state championship in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 4 inches. After making her first-place winning jump, Maureen had to prepare for a running event. "If she would have had time to continue jumping, she may well have broken the 5 foot 4 3/4 inch meet record," said coach Dale Conklin.

Richard Schmidt took second place in the triple jump, soaring 42 feet 11 3/4 inches, after leading the field in that event during the preliminaries. Schmidt was upset by a 44 foot leap by Tim Beekley of Elkton—a new meet record. Schmidt had broken the 43 foot mark in district competition.

Heppner weightman Marty Smith placed third in the shot put, with a heave of 28 feet 8 inches—the best throw of his

life. Smith hurled the weight more than 50 feet during the weekend meet, but scratched.

Other Heppner pointwinners were Sam Myers, fifth in the 300 intermediate hurdles with a time of 40.7 seconds, and Schmidt, again, in the high jump, placing fifth with a 6 foot 3 inch leap. Schmidt

cleared the bar at 6-5 in district competition. David Piper was sixth in the high jump, soaring 6 feet 1 inch.

"If we would have had a few more breaks, we would have

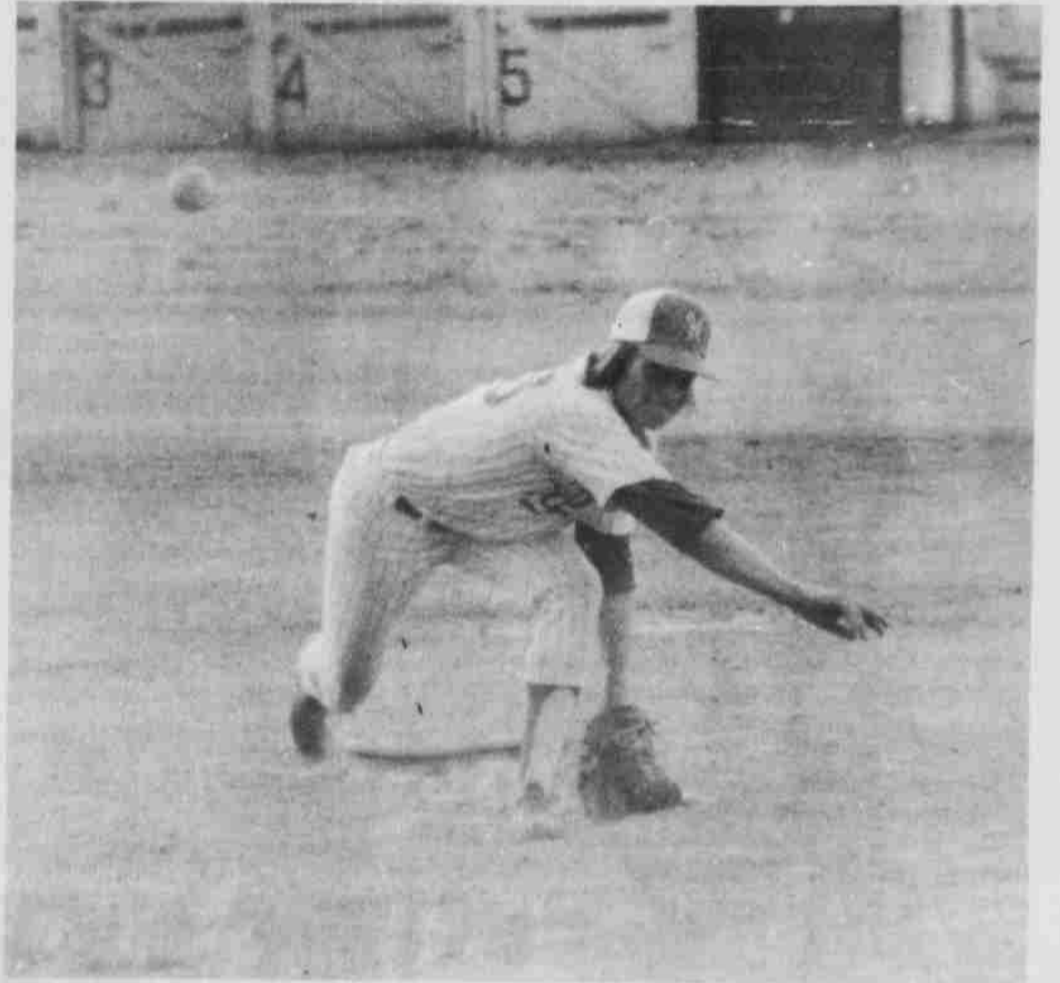
been right in there," commented Conklin. "A quarter inch here, a tenth of a second there—we were that close...I guess we got all our breaks at the district."

But, the track coach added, "you've got to be pleased any time you get people placing at the state meet."

Lone's Robin LaRue ran the 110 high hurdles in 16.2 seconds in preliminary competition at the state meet—a better time than several other qualifiers for the finals. How-

ever, since he finished third in his heat in the preliminaries, he did not qualify for competition in the finals. The Cardinals other two state qualifiers, pole vaulters Jerry Rietmann and Leslie Thompson, both failed to place.

Nearly 70 high schools from across the state were represented at the Portland meet. Finishing behind first-place Gilchrist were Weston-McEwen, Elkton and North Douglas, all with 28 points.



Fireball from Mustang pitcher Randy Worden arcs toward plate during last week's game with Condon. Worden held Condon scoreless for five innings.

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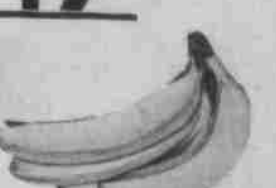


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