



Base runner for Braves reaches first before throw arrives from Giant infield. Last week's Little League contest ended in a 17-8 Braves win.

Morrow County Babe Ruth team wins, loses during season's first two games

Morrow County's Babe Ruth baseball team lost its season opener, then came back to win

its second game during the squad's first week of season play.

The Morrow Countians went down to an 8-5 defeat to Inland Empire during the season's first game, played in Hermiston. The contest was a pitchers' duel until the final innings, when the Inland Empire nine came on to put it away.

The Umatilla County team capitalized on two MC errors that were made with the bases

loaded. Despite the 8-5 score, Morrow County batters tallied seven hits to IE's five.

John Bier represented Morrow County on the pitcher's mound. Inland Empire's Henderson showed good control from the mound, striking out 14 MC batters.

Bier made a good showing at the plate, hitting two for three with two runs batted in. Teammate Rick Cole was also 2-3 in the batter's box, with one RBI.

The season's second game came May 24 in Heppner, with the local nine ending up on top of a 17-13 slugfest with

Hermiston Auto Parts. Morrow County batters punched out a whopping 15 hits to the Hermiston team's four. Hermiston scored several of their runs on the seven errors given up by MC.

Craig Gutierrez and John Murray shared pitching duties for Morrow County. The Hermiston squad threatened to come back in the game's final inning, when, with bases

loaded, Murray caught a line drive to end the contest.

It was a fine day for Murray, who not only played well as a pitcher and fielder, but slammed out a three-run

homer during a trip to the plate.

Nearly every Morrow County player logged a hit during the home game. Gregg Rietmann batted three hits,

Nix places in half-marathon

Dan Nix of Heppner was the third place winner in the 18 and under age division at the Spray Half Marathon last Saturday, running the 13.1 mile distance in one hour, 23 minutes and 10 seconds. Nix placed 23rd overall in the 13th running of the annual event which attracted a record field of 245 starters. Most of the entrants, 216, finished within three hours.

A Portland man, Gary Purpura, crossed the finished line first in a time of one hour, nine minutes, 59 seconds. He was entered in the 19-29 age division. The winner of the women's division, which included a record 42 runners, was 11-year-old Teresa Barrios of Eugene. She was also the youngest contestant in the

race, finishing the half regulation marathon distance in one hour, 29 minutes and five seconds behind 46 men runners. The oldest entrant in the race was 76-year-old Don Childs of Stanfield, who crossed the wire in 2 hours, 15 minutes, 13 seconds.

Local winners in the Spray Rodeo on Saturday included Morrow County Court Queen Donna Palmer, placing third in the cowgirls' race; and Pennant Bearer Anita Palmer, third in the girls' quarter mile race.

The wild horse racing team which included rider Jack Yocom of Lexington placed second in the Sunday event, while George Steagall of Heppner crossed the wire third in the men's race.



Dan Nix holds the trophy he won at the Spray Half Marathon last Saturday for crossing the wire third in the 18 and under age division.

Ione hang-glider places in regionals

Ione aerialist Rick Peterson placed eighth in overall competition in regional hang-gliding finals at Dog Mountain, Wash., during Memorial Day Weekend.

Peterson was entered in the high performance soaring division, and qualified for an

alternate's position at the U.S. National hang-gliding meet, to be held in Pennsylvania in July.

Last weekend's regional competition consisted of hang-gliding enthusiasts from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Peterson faced a field of 38 competitors.

Ione Jr. High ends season with district track wins

Ione junior high track teams wrapped up the season last month with the Junior High District Championship Meet at BMCC in Pendleton and the Arlington Junior Olympics Track Meet.

Eighth grade girls finished first in their division over ten other teams in Pendleton, while eighth grade boys picked up a third place, and the seventh grade boys placed fourth. Boy and girl track team members combined efforts to show their stuff with a first place win over teams from eight other schools at the Arlington meet.

Several Ione junior high thinclads earned a chance to compete in the Oregon Junior Olympics in Portland on June 3 with qualifying times registered at the two meets.

Jeff Hams finished first in the 880 yard race at Pendleton's BMCC, breaking the meet record. He also qualified for state competition in the event in Arlington, placing second, and at the Heppner meet on May 13. Breaking both meet and school records in the 120 hurdles (15.7 seconds) at Pendleton, Hams will also compete in that event at state. He continued to rack up points for Ione in the championship contest with a school and meet record-breaking win in the 440-yard dash and a third place in the high jump. Hams contributed to the junior Cardinals' victory in Arlington with a first in both the high jump and in the 440.

John Murray also earned a trip to the Portland meet, setting a meet record in the 220 yard and the 100 yard dashes at Pendleton, and qualifying for the shot put competition with a third place finish. Murray placed second in the high jump at both meets and first in the 100 yard dash and second in the 220 at Arlington.

Other Ione boys qualifying for state Junior Olympics were: junior division, Howard Leavitt, 100 yard dash; midjet division, Mark Myers, 100 yard dash, and Randy Robb, high jump.

Also contributing points to the Ione boys' effort in Pendleton were: Donnie Taylor, hurdles, second, long jump, third; Howard Leavitt, 100-yard dash and long jump, second; Craig Hams, hurdles, fifth; and Craig Gutierrez, shot put, fourth. The 440 relay team, consisting of Taylor, Leavitt, Craig Hams and Denny Starr, crossed the finish line in first place.

Adding points for the Arlington win were Chris Rietmann, shot put, second, discus, third, and 440 yard dash, fourth; Donnie Taylor, long jump and 120 hurdles, second, and 220 yard dash, third; Craig Hams, high jump, fifth; Roger Morter 800 yard race, fourth, and

220, fifth; Craig Gutierrez, shot put, fourth; and Howard Leavitt, 100 yard and 220 yard dashes, first and long jump, second.

Ione girls qualifying for the Oregon Junior Olympics event at the Arlington meet were Margaret Doherty, who posted wins in the 100 yard dash and the long jump; and Mary Kincaid, with a second place finish in the high jump.

Kincaid and Doherty also joined forces with Anne Mur-

ray and Michelle LaRue to cross the wire first in the 440 relay, adding points to the Ione Junior High meet victory in Arlington.

Murray finished fourth in the 100 yard dash while LaRue placed third in the shot put and high jump events. Also placing were Margaret Kincaid, first in both the 220 yard dash and the long jump; Kris Pettyjohn, first in the 880; and Patty Taylor, fifth in the mile walk race.

The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES SPORTS

Dodgers top pack in Little League standings

The Dodgers remained at the top of the Willow Creek Little League pennant race, with no losses recorded by the beginning of this week's play.

Action last week saw the Dodgers overpower the Giants 11-2 in a Tuesday game. Last Wednesday, the Dodgers continued their winning streak,

scoring 28 runs to the Indians' 4. The Braves defeated the Giants 17-8 on Thursday, with the Indians bowing to the Dodgers 9-11 this Monday.

Tonight, June 1, the Dodgers are scheduled to take on the Braves. Little League action starts at 6 p.m. each night at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

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