

Bier fires no hitter; Morrow stands 2-4

Morrow County's Babe Ruth baseball team moved up to the 2-4 mark last Monday, when John Bier threw a no hitter to shoot down the Hermiston Herald team 16-3.

It was Morrow County's game from the outset, with Bier striking out the first three batters faced. When the first Morrow County batter of the game, Doug Holland, stepped to the plate, he slugged out a home run—his second of the season.

"Holland's homer must have gone 360 feet," said manager Jim Swanson. "It was just about a perfect game for us—Bier really had the ball moving...A pop fly was the only thing they got out of the infield."

The Hermiston Herald squad scored on two Morrow County errors—the only errors made during the game.

Holland was 2 for 2 at the plate, with 3 RBIs. Rick Cole was 2 for 4. But nearly every Morrow County batter connected at least once during the Hermiston road

trip. Twelve Morrow County hits were tallied in all, compared with none for the Herald.

Swanson said Bier's no-hitter effort consisted mainly of a combination of fastballs and sliders.

The game was called after five innings, when the 10-run rule was invoked.

During Babe Ruth action last week, Morrow County lost a home game at Lone 10-8 to Tum-A-Lum of Hermiston.

The Thursday night game was called due to darkness in the sixth, as Morrow County was in the process of catching up to the Hermiston team, which had led by as much as 8 runs. Morrow County would have had two more chances at the plate, had the game not been called.

Rising up from an 8-0 deficit in the third, Morrow County came to within one run of the Hermiston team at one point in the later innings.

Morrow County outhit the Hermiston squad 9-8, but gave up 6 errors.

On Wednesday, Morrow County played Sports Village of Hermiston, whalloping them 17-7. Bier pitched a two-hitter in that game, with a no-hitter in progress until the final inning.

Morrow County got 10 runs on 8 hits in the first inning, with Gregg Rietmann going 4-4 at the plate, batting in 4 RBIs during the game. All totaled Morrow County batters slugged out 14 hits, with fielders tallying only two errors.

On Tuesday, a slugfest at Stanfield netted Morrow County batters 25 runs off of 17 hits.

Rick Cole pitched, allowing only six hits to Stanfield. The entire Morrow County roster got a chance to play in the game, with many of the scoring hits. Doug Holland homered in that contest, with Jeff Hamms batting 3 for 4, and Rick Cole going 4 for 6.

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Next week marks the midseason point for this season's Babe Ruth play.



Batter for Morrow County's Babe Ruth team connects for a hit during a game last week in Lone. Despite this and other hits, the game accounted for Morrow County's only loss of the week.

Dodgers winning streak broken by Giants assault

The Dodgers lost their perfect win-loss record last Monday to the Giants, as the 1978 Little League season passed the midway mark.

The unbeaten Dodgers were upset by the third-ranking Giants club 7-3 during Monday's game. They had come into the game with a 10-0 record.

Dodgers still remain comfortably at the top of Little League standings with a 10-1 record, as of Monday night, ahead of the second-place

Braves, with a 5-4 record. The Giant's started the week with a 6-6 record, with the Indians so far failing to appear in the win column, despite a close call on Monday, when they barely lost to the Braves 10-9.

Tonight, Thursday, the Giants are scheduled to take on the Indians. Next week's play will see the Dodgers facing the Braves, the Indians versus the Giants, and the Giants taking on the Dodgers.

Rawlins playing in national golf tourney

Heppner collegiate golfer Charles Rawlins is playing this week in the National Junior College Golf Tournament in Nashville, Tenn.

Rawlins, third-ranking Oregon junior college golf medalist, is representing Central Oregon Community College at the Nashville tourney. He left for Tennessee last weekend, with eight other Oregon junior college golfers who qualified for the

national match. While living in Heppner, Rawlins regularly represented Willow Creek Country Club in inter-club play, and participated in the Heppner High golf program. He is the son of Jane and Bill Rawlins of Heppner.

Results of the national golf tournament should be known by the end of this week. Rawlins expects to work this summer for a golf course in the Bend area.

Heppner Rodeo Club wins fourth straight contest

Heppner High School's rodeo club maintained its perfect record last weekend at Pendleton, sweeping its fourth straight win of the season.

All around honors were won by Heppner's Janice Healy and Joe Talburt.

In the breakaway event, Heppner cowgirls took the top three places, with Jana

Steagall finishing first, Cindy Dougherty second, and Janice Healy third.

Tony and Ron Currin placed third in team roping, and Lawrence Rice earned ninth place points in the bareback bucking contest.

Cindy Dougherty was second in the pole race, with Janice Healy placing ninth in goat tying.

In boys' cow cutting, Tony Currin finished second, followed in third place by his brother Ron. In the girls' division, Janice Healy placed second, followed in fourth

place by her sister Maureen. Jack Yocom tied for second and third place in the saddle bronc event, followed by Lawrence Rice in fourth.

Ron Currin placed fifth in bulldogging.

In the barrel race, Heppner's Janice Healy placed first in 17.37 seconds, a scant .12 seconds better than third place winner Jana Steagall.

Heppner scored 114½ team points, well ahead of second-place Crane at 68.

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SPORTS

Over the Tee Cup

by Cindy Kerr

Morrow County Educator's held their annual invitational tournament June 3 at Willow Creek Country Club.

Larry Bartee and Mike Wetherell tied for the low gross honors, followed by Al Beck. John Edmundson and Gordon Fjeld tied for third low gross.

In the low net competition Gary Turner, Gary Nelson and Terry Gibbs tied for the first honors. Second low net

went to Jim Reeves. Jerry Deford, Dave Fine and Jerry Daggett tied for third low net.

Eddie Skow won the ladies' low gross honors and Michelle Portmann won low net.

In the K.P. contest, Larry French won on the second shot on the first hole. Steve Peters won the K.P. on the third hole, Jim Harper won on the second hole, Jim

Thompson won on the seventh hole.

In the long drive contest, Larry Bartee won for the men and Eddie Skow won for the women.

Carlyle Harrison and Michelle Portmann won a prize because each put three balls

in the water.

In men's play Sunday June 4, Rick Johnston won the low gross honors. Ray Ferguson won low net, while Jerry Daggett won least putts. Ron Bowman won the long drive contest, while Ray Ferguson won the KP contest.

Ione Junior High athletes receive sports letters

Ione junior high students were presented with letters and certificates for their efforts on behalf of the school's sports teams during the 1977-78 school year at a special awards event last week.

Eighth-graders John Murray, Jeff Hams and Chris Rietmann were given junior high letters for their three-year participation in football, basketball, baseball and

track. Eighth-grade girls receiving letters as basketball team members included Diann Morter, Michelle LaRue, Anita Palmer, Mary Kincaid, Tammy Holtz, Margaret Doherty, Elizabeth McElligott and Corby Sullivan. Morter, Palmer and Kincaid also played on the co-ed baseball team.

Craig Gutierrez, Steve Millman, Craig Hams, Howard Leavitt, Denny Starr and

Larry Sullivan won certificates for their efforts on the football, basketball and baseball squads, with Tim Patton, Vince McElligott, Jim Jenson and Darrin Padberg earning the recognition in football and basketball.

Scott Barnett combined football and baseball, while Roger Childers and Troy Lindstrom gained their certificates in basketball and baseball. Roger Morter was

recognized for basketball involvement and Don Taylor for baseball.

A certificate for being a member of both the baseball and girls' basketball team went to Anne Murray, with Patti Taylor earning one in baseball and Sharon Kroll and Bunny Salchenberg in basketball. Ms. Salchenberg was also the recipient of the Most Improved Player Award.

Cardinal varsity awards received

Ione High School athletes were recently honored at their Spring Sports Dessert, where awards, letters and pins were presented to participants in baseball, tennis and track.

Grace McElligott was the winner of the Senior Athlete award for her contributions to the volleyball, track and basketball teams during her high school career. Grace, Ione high School's salutatorian for the Class of '78, was named to the first district basketball team this winter.

Brenda Patton was presented with the Most Improved award by girls' track coach Barbara Stefani.

Letters for both baseball and track were given to Robin LaRue, Jerry Rietmann, Larry Snider, Bruce Millman, Les Thompson, Gregg Rietmann, Shawn LaRue and Treve Peterson.

Kevin McCabe, Barney Rea, Frank Engelman, Glen Krebs and Gari Gaustad won baseball letters, while Terry Starr and Duane Fetsch received letters for their participation in track.

A big 'I' was also given to girls' track team members Lisa Meyers, Teena Lindstrom, Margaret Kincaid, Brenda Patton, Grace McElligott and Janet McElligott.

Tennis letters went to Danny McElligott, Dennis Stefani, Rick Gilbert, Stuart Keene and Clint Carlson, with Jerry McElligott, Mike Leavitt and Duane Fetsch winning junior varsity pins.

Girls earning tennis letters were Susan Thompson, Natalie Tews, Carol McElligott, Jeannie Piening, Jan Peterson, Kim Cofenas, Darcy Rea, Michelle McElligott and Martha McElligott.

Four Heppner tracksters win points in Pendleton

Four Heppner High School students placed high during last week's Blue Ribbon Invitational track and field meet in Pendleton.

Top competitors from the area's high school track squads were asked to take part in the meet, which will become an annual post-season event, according to its sponsors. Five Heppner High students competed.

Mustang distance man Dan Nix took first place in the 3,000 meter run, with a time of 9:36.2. He also placed second in the 1,500, crossing the finish line in 4:32.5.

State A girls' champion high jumper Maureen Healy cleared the bar at 5 feet 5 inches to win first place at the Pendleton meet, then went on to place second in both the long jump and 200

meter dash.

Heppner's Richard Schmidt won the boys' long jump contest, soaring 20 feet 9½ inches, then took first in the triple jump with a 42 foot effort. The Mustang fieldman turned in his best high jumping effort of the season, leaping 6 feet 5½ inches, matching the school record. But Schmidt's effort only earned him second place at the Pendleton meet.

Freshman Susan Johnson hardly looked like an underclassman at the meet, taking second place honors in both the shot put and 200 meter hurdles.

Teammate Kelly Hammond placed second in the javelin, with a 93 foot 10 inch effort.

"I was pleased to see that the kids were competitive to triple-A teams like Pendleton and Hermiston," said Mustang track coach Dale Conklin, "especially after almost a two week layoff."

Local youths win points in

Prineville

Jr. Rodeo

Three Morrow Countians took first place honors during last week's Tri-County Junior Rodeo held in Prineville.

Cindy Dougherty was first in the senior breakaway division, followed by Jana Steagall in second place. Si Lawrence was first in the senior saddle bronc contest, and Brett Sherer took first in the junior poles.

Third and fourth places in the junior poles went to Trisha Mahoney and Tara Mahoney, with Trisha also taking second in the junior division barrel race. Lee Rice placed second in junior calf riding competition, followed in fourth place by Cliff Dougherty.

Cindy Dougherty also claimed second place honors in the senior pole bending contest.

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