



Gary Kemp begins motion, lobs pitch to Hermiston batter, who hits line drive. Hit is then brought down by Kinzua fielder Keith Curnutt. Game against Hermiston's Sky High team was played Monday.

Kinzua tied for second place in Hermiston Slo-Pitch League

With only one game remaining in the first half of season play, Kinzua Corporation is tied for second place in the Hermiston Slo-Pitch Softball League with a 10-2 record.

Kinzua has won seven straight to bring them to their present position. Wins tallied by the Heppner team include: a 26-2 score over Steve's Carpet, 10-6 rally over Hughes Desert Marina, a forfeit over Simplot and Roemark's, a 10-0 romp over Pacific Northwest Bell, a squeeze over N-5 Fruitstand, an 18-0 romp over

Wes Cruishank, a 15-0 victory over Speciality Electric, an 18-2 roll over Gourmet, a 5-2 win over Hermiston Herald, and a 9-4 win over Midway Tavern.

Losses were to Stockdale Real Estate, 4-2, and Erico Building Supply, 14-3. This is the fifth year Kinzua has competed in the league. They were second in 1976 and third last year. Gary Kemp is this year's coach.

While competing in the Hermiston softball league, Kinzua has also participated

in three tournaments this month. They walked away with a fourth place trophy in Burns. They boosted wins over Faith Center 17-4, Kidwell 18-7, and Pizza Factory 10-8.

The following weekend the team captured ninth place in the Hermiston Invitational Slo-Pitch Tournament. The team failed to place in the Pendleton City Tournament held this past weekend.

Kinzua has been led by Ron Bowman and Mike Rowell, with Bowman batting .670 and Rowell .620. Other team mem-

bers and their batting averages included: Jamie Sands .520, Jamie Query .490, George Waterland, .480, Keith Curnutt .470, Gary Kemp and Dave Eckman both .450, Delbert Binschus .430, John McCabe .420, Richard Hamlett .400, Dan Matthews .400 and Buck Query .240.

The only sad note for the team so far this season is the loss of right fielder Mike Smith who was hitting over .600 when he was injured in a league game just prior to the Hermiston Tournament.

Heppner Rodeo Club ends season with best record in Oregon

Heppner High School's Rodeo Club ended the regular Oregon high school season on a high note last weekend in Vale, with a 127½ to 86½ point win over second place contender Redmond.

The Mustangs finished well ahead of all other statewide teams during the regular season, ending with a 5-1 win-loss record.

Janice Healy took all around girls' honors at the Vale meet, after finishing first in cow cutting, fourth in breakaway roping, fifth in the barrel race, fourth in the poles, and sixth in goat tying.

Her sister, Maureen, finished first in goat tying, second in cow cutting, and tenth in the pole race. Lawrence Rice took first in saddle bronc competition, followed by Jack Yocum in third place. Jana Steagall was third in goat tying, tenth in the breakaway, and teamed up with Cindy Dougherty for a fourth place finish in team roping.

Cindy was also sixth in the pole race, seventh in barrels and third in breakaway roping. Despite a highly respectable time of 12.98 seconds, Ron Currin was fourth in calf

roping. Tony Currin finished fourth in cow cutting.

Mike Bosworth of Pendleton took boys' all around honors.

Most of the Heppner club's roster qualified for the state championship high school rodeo, to be held this weekend in Redmond.

Cindy Dougherty and Jana Steagall qualified for the state finals in team roping, girls division, with Ron and Tony Currin qualifying for the boys' division in the same event.

Jack Yocum will compete for the state championship in bull riding, with Ron Currin, ranked third in the state, competing in the bulldogging event, along with teammate Wade West.

Mary Daly, Janice Healy, Jana Steagall and Maureen Healy all qualified for the state championship in goat tying. Qualifying for the cow cutting event were Janice and Maureen Healy and Tony Currin.

Janice Healy is currently ranked first in the state in barrel racing, and will be joined in the statewide championship by fifth-ranked Jana Steagall, Mary Daly and Cindy Dougherty.

Cindy was ranked first in the poles, and will compete with other qualifiers Jana Steagall, Janice Healy and Maureen Healy. Miss Dougherty is also the state's

first-rated breakaway roper. Other local qualifiers include second-ranked Jana Steagall, fifth ranked Janice Healy, and Maureen Healy.

Lawrence Rice qualified for both bareback and saddle bronc and calf roping events. Jack Yocum will take part in the saddle bronc finals. Ron Currin, rated number two in the state in calf roping, will also be at the Redmond showdown.

Janice Healy is currently leading the state for the girls' all around title.

Midseason Babe Ruth statistics are posted

Statistics compiled for the first half of Babe Ruth League season play show Morrow County leading the league in batting, with a 4.40 team average.

Morrow County's defense was also strong during the first half of season play, with opposing batters averaging only .200 against the local team. Morrow County batted a total of 94 hits compared with 32 hits for opponents, scoring 167 runs to 60 for all contending teams.

At the midseason point, Doug Holland held a batting average of .390, with 13 RBIs and 2 home runs. Jeff Hams was also hitting .390, with 8 RBIs.

Rick Cole was leading the league in hitting, with an average of .630, plus 9 RBIs. John Murray's midseason average was .430, with 7 RBIs

and a homer. Gregg Rietmann was hitting an even .600, with 11 RBIs. John Bier was averaging .470 at the plate, with 6 RBIs. Ralph Morter tallied a midseason record of .350 with 5 RBIs, with Shawn LaRue posting a .290 average and 4 RBIs. Earl Hammond logged a .530 average at the plate, slugging in 7 RBIs and a homer. Mary Kincaid tallied a .330 average, with 4 RBIs.

Craig Gutierrez averaged .170 at the plate, with Rick Klaus logging a .270 average. Bob Bier, in his five trips to the plate, tallied a .670 average.

In the pitching department, John Bier held a midseason record of 2 wins and a loss, with one save. He threw 17 strikeouts and one no-hitter. Rick Cole logged a 2-0 record at the mound, with Gutierrez holding down an even 1-1,

The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES SPORTS

Sherer, Mahoney top point winners in Junior Rodeo action

Brett Sherer of Heppner won all-around honors at last weekend's Western States Junior Rodeo at Lakeview.

Brett topped the junior division category by taking first place in both the pole and barrel races, third in dobbing and sixth in team roping.

Fellow Morrow Countian Trisha Mahoney placed third in team roping and sixth in the barrel race.

Junior Rodeo action at Halfway, Ore., last weekend resulted in an all-around title win by Heppner's Jana Steagall. Jana topped the senior girls' division by taking first in dobbing, third in breakaway roping, tying for third and fourth in the barrels, and placing fifth in the goat event.

Tara Mahoney was the top girls' point winner in the junior division, taking second in breakaway roping and fourth in the pole race.

Janice Healy took first in the barrel race and first in breakaway roping, with Cindy Dougherty placing sixth in the barrel race, and Brett Sherer taking first in the poles and third in breakaway.

Trisha Mahoney was third in the poles and fifth in breakaway roping.



Linda Hutchinson of Heppner displays trophies won during four-wheel drive competition last weekend at Starkey. Mrs. Hutchinson took second place in a barrel race and third in drag racing during her first experience at off-the-road competition. About 100 entrants from four states competed.

You are cordially invited to attend an Open House in honor of Tom and Dolly Fraters on their 40th wedding anniversary on July 1st at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Grass Valley from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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