

Kinzua qualifies for state softball finals for third year in a row, after dist. win

For the third consecutive year, Kinzua softball team will be playing in the State Recreational Tournament in Eugene the last weekend in August.

Kinzua knocked off Sky High of Hermiston and the East Oregonian in the district tournament to advance on to the state tourney. Prowler of Pendleton and the Hermiston Herald also will represent eastern Oregon. District play-offs were held in Hermiston this past Saturday, despite showers.

In the first game, Kinzua—plagued with errors and poor hitting—suffered its first loss to Chubs, 4-3.

Chubs jumped to an early lead in the first by scoring three runs on a fielding error. Kinzua couldn't get anything going till the fifth inning when a double by Jamie Sands scored Gary Kemp and Buck Query.

Kinzua added another run in the seventh, as Delbert Binschus' single crossed the plate on Keith Curnutt's sacrifice fly. However, Chubs came

back and scored the winning run to capture the victory.

Gary Kemp and Jamie Sands both had three hits apiece with Keith Curnutt adding two to lead Kinzua in batting.

After trailing for five innings, Kinzua scored in the sixth to edge Sky High 3-2 in the second game.

Sky High scored in the first and second to lead Kinzua 2-0. Kinzua got its first run in the fifth, when Dave Eckman scored on Delbert Binschus' single.

Jamie Query and Keith Curnutt followed in the sixth with singles, and John McCabe's double scored them both to hand Sky High a defeat.

Mike Rowell and Gary Kemp hit safely for Kinzua but failed to score.

Despite rain, the third game was played with both teams going nine complete innings before Kinzua edged East Oregonian 7-6.

Kinzua jumped to an early lead and held its opponents scoreless until the sixth.

Kinzua scored in the first when Jamie Sand's and Keith Curnutt's singles crossed the plate on John McCabe's sacrifice and Mike Rowell's double.

The second inning saw a single by Buck Query score a run on a single by Jamie Sands.

Kinzua scored again in the fourth, when Dave Eckman singled to bring in Buck Query.

During the sixth inning Kinzua allowed East Oregonian five runs while they scored only one on John McCabe's single.

Kinzua fought back in the seventh when Jamie Query added another run on a single by John McCabe.

The final run for East Oregonian came in the eighth but Kinzua captured the win in the ninth, when John McCabe drove in Jamie Sands.

Other Kinzua batters who hit safely were George Waterland and Delbert Binschus.

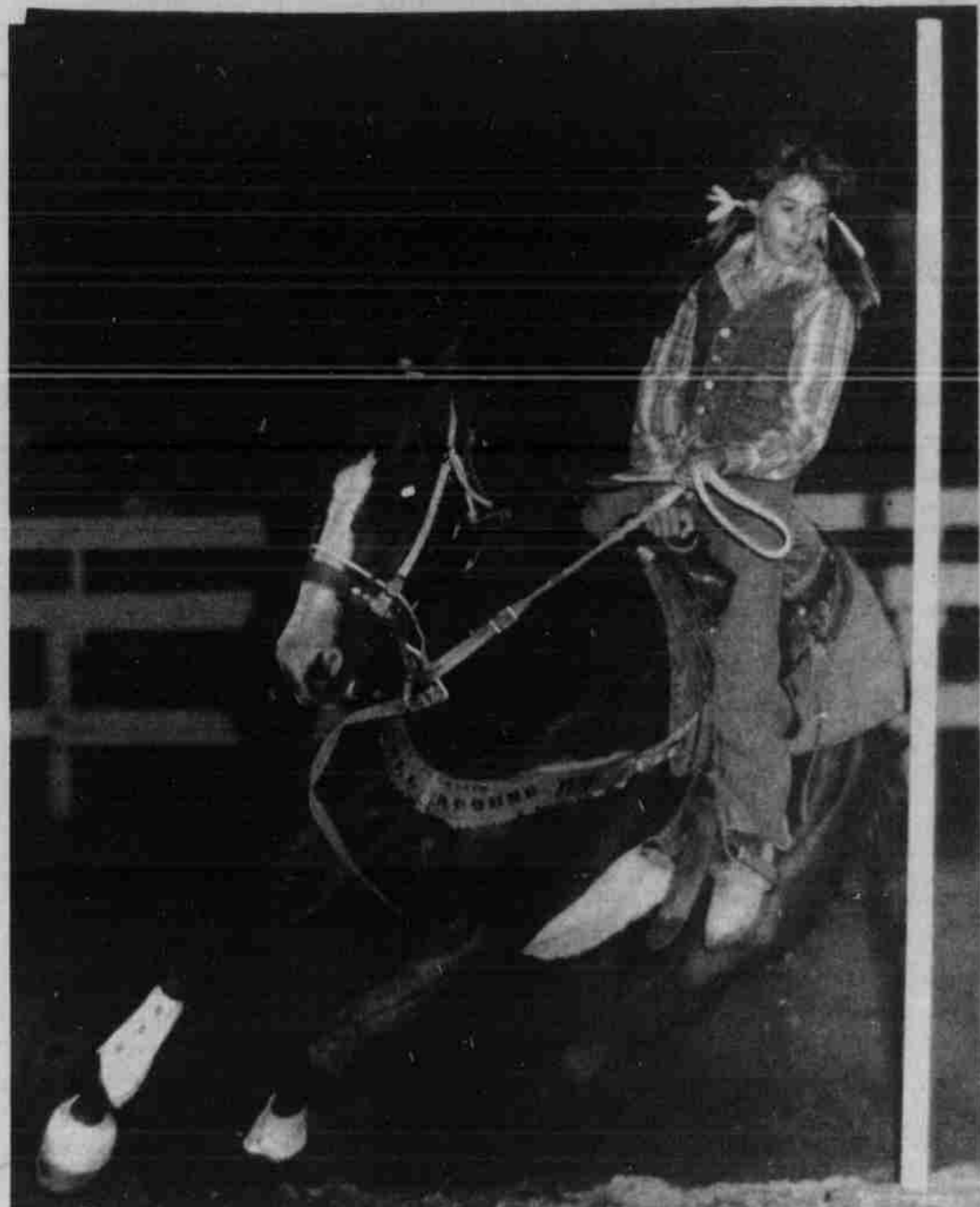
In the game that followed, the Hermiston Herald beat Kinzua 7-2 to earn them a second place berth in the state tourney.

Kinzua's only two runs came in the sixth when Jamie Sands and Jamie Query

scored. Other Kinzua batters who got on base were: George Waterland, Keith Curnutt, John McCabe, Mike Rowell, Delbert Binschus, Dan Mathews and Buck Query.

Kinzua gained back injured Mike Smith who has been out most of the second half of the season. Mike has seen action in the city tourney and during district play.

While gaining back Smith, Kinzua lost Ron Bowman who injured his knee in a playoff game last week.



Trish Mahoney competes in pole bending at Umatilla Junior Rodeo, placing sixth in the event in 22.58 seconds time. Brett Sherer another Morrow Countian, won the event.

County youths place high at Umatilla Junior Rodeo

Morrow County youths dominated the top standings during last week's Junior Rodeo action at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.

Maureen Healy and Jana Steagall tied with Lynn Stefanides of Hermiston for all-around senior girl honors.

In other senior division action, Lawrence Rice was first in saddle bronc and fifth in bareback bronc competition. Ron Currin was first in

bulldogging and fifth in calf roping. In the barrel race, Jana Steagall placed second and Janice Healy fourth.

Maureen Healy was third in goat tying and Jana Steagall was fifth. In breakaway roping, Maureen Healy was first, Jana Steagall fourth and Cindy Dougherty fifth.

Janice Healy took first in pole bending, followed by Cindy Dougherty in second. Tim Daly placed fourth in the

bulldogging event.

Junior division action saw Cliff Dougherty take first and lone's Brett Sherer place third in breakaway roping, with Brett also taking first in pole bending.

Trish Mahoney placed sixth in pole bending, with Tara Mahoney taking first place honors in steer dodging, followed by Irrigon's Brad Huwe in fourth place.

Lee Rice was fifth in the calf riding event.

Heppner fails to place in final swim meet

During the final meet of the 1978 season, Heppner swimmers failed to place within the top three teams at a 10-way conference last weekend at John Day.

Final results of the John Day meet—including the final placing of the Heppner squad—were not available at press time.

Individual point winners included Karen Kenny, who took third in the backstroke; Cindi Bergstrom, second in the breaststroke; Kelly Bergstrom, first in the backstroke;

and Lottie Laughlin, fourth in the breaststroke. Duane Ball earned points in every event he entered in the boys' eight and under division. Heppner's 13-14 year old girls took second in the medley relay.

Correction

Farrell Grigg's name was misspelled in a story listing winners at the Pendleton district swimming meet, carried in the Gazette-Times last week. Griggs finished second in the 11-12 boys' freestyle, and fifth in the 11-12 boys' backstroke.

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