

## HHS thinclads take top individual honors at Condon Invitational

Although a good portion of Heppner High School's track team was participating in a biology field trip to the Oregon Coast, the Mustang thinclads who stayed close to home during the weekend scored big points at the Condon Invitational.

Richard Schmidt jumped his way to the top of the standings among boys' individual pointwinners—an honor shared by Maureen Healy on the girls' side of the competition.

Schmidt took first in the high jump, clearing the bar at 6-4; first in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 6 inches; and first in the triple jump, at 39 feet 5½ inches, to rack up 30 points for the Mustangs.

Healy took first in the high jump with a 5-4 leap; first in the long jump, soaring 16 feet, 3½ inches, and first in the 220, clocking the sprint at 26.7.

A dozen teams, from Wah-tonka to Culver, took part in the Condon meet, making the individual performances of

Schmidt and Healy all the more impressive.

But the efforts of other Heppner performers did not go unnoticed in the "pleasant surprises" category. Coach Dale Conklin cited Larry Palmer's first place finish in the two-mile run, clocked at 10:52.9, and second place showing in the mile, at 4:55.6. Another unexpected bonus was Mary Kincaid's second place finish in the 880, at 2:42.4. Mary also took fourth in the high jump, and Maureen took third in the 100 yard dash. Kelly Hammond's fourth place showing in the shotput rounded out the Heppner girls' scoring at 51 points, good for a third place team finish behind meet winner Wah-tonka and second place Wasco County.

In team scoring, the Heppner boys tied for fourth with Umatilla, behind third place Ione, second place Wah-tonka and meet winner Joseph.



Heppner distance man Larry Palmer leads teammate Dan Nix going into the gun lap of the 1,500 meter race at Tuesday's five-way meet at Umatilla. Nix edged past Palmer to take first in the event in 4:38.5. Palmer was second with a time of 4:40—well ahead of the rest of the pack. Meet results had not been compiled by Wednesday noon, but tentative results showed Heppner boys finishing first, with the Fillies taking second.

## Card trackmen take third at Condon

The Ione boys track team placed third out of 12 teams Saturday afternoon at the Condon Invitational.

Ione's Robin LaRue garnered two seconds to lead his team in total points. LaRue jumped six feet in the high jump, four inches below Heppner's Richard Schmidt who took first, and ran a 16.0 in the 120 high hurdles. Terry Starr broke the school record in placing second with the discus at 128'6", and put the shot 40'1½" for a third.

The mile relay team of Treve Peterson, Jeff Hams, Robin LaRue and Gregg Rietmann took a third, while the team of Duane Fetsch, Peterson, LaRue and Riet-

mann secured a fourth in the 440 yard relay. Rietmann also went 39'5½" in the triple, good enough to take a fourth. Hams also took a fourth in the 880 yard run with a 2:13 time. The only other placer for the boys was Mike Conklin in the 120 high hurdles with an 18.7 time and a sixth place. Overall the Cards scored 49 points.

Although the girls under Ione Coach Del LaRue didn't place as impressively as the boys LaRue said, "I was pleased with the way we did." Ione's Janet McElligott was the only girl to place, with an 87'3¼" throw in the javelin at fourth place and a 66'8½" throw in the discus, good enough for a sixth.

## Mustang Boosters to aid in home track meets

Mustang Boosters met last Wednesday and the group decided to become active this spring by helping HHS Track Coach Dale Conklin with home meets.

Conklin will assign Booster members to different timing and records-keeping positions at the meets. Persons interested in helping should come to the meet at least one-half hour early. A weekly sports log, listing schedules, is published

each week in the Gazette-Times.

Booster members also decided to have a sew-on patch designed for use with the Heppner Mustang jackets sold by the Lions Club last year. The jacket sales promotion has been turned over to the HHS band by the Lions.

The next Mustang Booster meeting will be scheduled with the spring sports dessert in late May.

## Tryouts, work-day are among week's Little League events

Final tryouts for Ione area Little League baseball players will be held this Saturday at 1 p.m. at the school athletic field.

At the same time on Saturday in Heppner, a Little League workday will be held

at the Little League ball field at the fairgrounds. Chores will include painting, fence construction and field repair.

Final tryouts for Heppner Little League teams will be held April 21. The season opens May 12.

## Van Marter ends Town Team race with 14-0 record; playoffs begin

Van Marter ended regular season play without a loss, two games ahead of the nearest challenger in Town Team Basketball League action.

The final game of league play, held this past Sunday, saw Van Marter overpower Eckman 52-46, despite a 22-point scoring effort by Eckman's Jim Lankford. The win made Van Marter 14-0 for the season.

Eckman finished the regular season in second place with a 12-2 record—both losses suffered at the hands of Van Marter.

Laverne Van Marter scored 19 points in Sunday's winning effort, followed by Ernie Ross with 12.

In other action Sunday, Greenup beat Johnston 62-43, with Dan Coiner picking up 18 points and Mark Greenup 16 for the winners. Roger Britt

was high point man for Johnston with 15.

Watkins edged Smith 38-36, in a battle that saw only one player—Gary Watkins—score in double figures, with 10.

In the final game of the day, Lane outdistanced Forest Service 53-49, despite a 17-point game by the Forest Service's Lee Padberg. John McCabe was high point man for Lane with 12.

Finishing the season in third place behind Van Marter and Eckman was Lane, with a 10-4 record. Fourth went to Watkins, 7-7; fifth, Greenup and Forest Service, tied at 5-9; sixth, Smith, 3-11, and seventh, Johnston, 0-14.

The first round of playoff action starts on Sunday, April 15, when Van Marter takes on Watkins at 7 p.m., and Eckman meets Lane at 8 p.m.

## Willow Creek Country Club

### Over the tee cup

By Cindy Kerr

## Leading the pack

## Mustang golfers ace RHS, Enterprise to launch '79 season

Sunday men's play kicked off the 1979 Willow Creek Country Club golf season on April 1.

Ron Bowman won the low gross honors and Robert Bier won the low net award. Don Lott and Harold Kerr tied for least putts. Lott also won the K.P. contest and Kerr won the long drive contest.

The next event was Men's play, Sunday April 8. John Edmondson won low gross followed by John Shaw with second low gross. Jim Wishart won first low net followed by Harold Kerr with second low net. Doug Gunderson finished with the least amount of putts, taking that prize. Second least putts was won by Chuck Starks. Robb Rush was the long driver while Harold Kerr took the K.P. award.

April 13 is the deadline for signing up for team men's play. You can sign up in the club house. Women will begin action Tuesday May 1.

Heppner High School golfers got off to a strong start, winning both contests of the first week of action.

Heppner golfers traveled to Boardman on April 4, where both the boys and the girls defeated Riverside. The score for the girls was Heppner 206 and Riverside 229. Cindy Kerr led that effort with a 9-hole score of 37, followed by Cindy Bergstrom with 50, Lottie Laughlin, 51, and Diane Samples with 68. Jeff Edmondson fired a 78 to lead the boys to a 339 to 348 win over Riverside. Don Lott shot a 79, Curt Day shot an 89 and Mike Lott scored a 93 to round out the Mustang scoring. Robert Bier shot a 96 and Darrel Miles a 112 for Heppner's jayvees.

Keeping on the winning note, the Mustangs won their second meet over Enterprise, 286 to 295. Mike and Don Lott led the effort, with each scoring a 70. Jeff Edmondson

shot a 71 and Cindy Kerr shot a 75 to total out Heppner scorers. JV scorers were Lottie Laughlin, 46, and Darrel Miles 60. Kerr and Laughlin competed with the boys because Enterprise does not

have a girls' team. The golfers will be in action Thursday, April 12, at Umatilla.

## Morrow riders place high in college rodeo

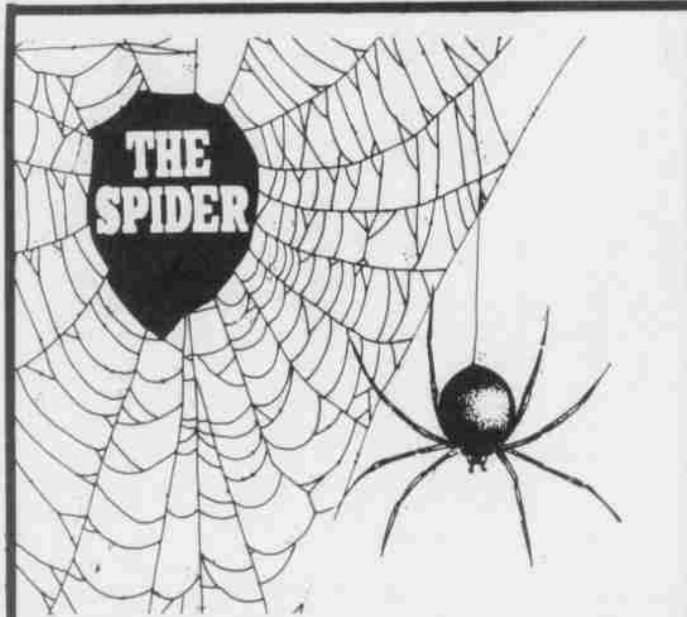
A number of Morrow County rodeo performers placed high during college rodeo action this past weekend at Ellensburg, Wash.

Tim Daly finished third in the calf roping finals, with a total time of 30.3 seconds on two head. Cindy Dougherty

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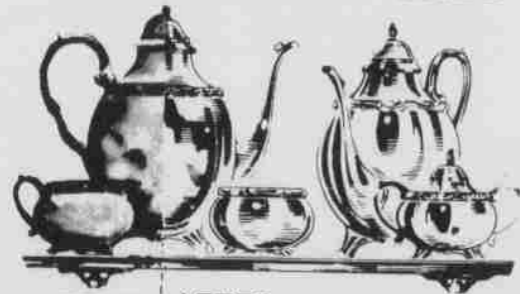


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