

## Mustang baseball squad beats Sherman

The Heppner Mustang baseball team turned in a slug of hits in the fourth inning Saturday to overwhelm Sherman County, 11-1.

Trailing 2-1, the home team hit six fourth inning runs. Mike Stookey started the Mustang streak with a double by Doug Holland. Rick Cole and Dennis Peck collected two

run singles to bring in the scoring runs.

Peck held the advantage by striking out 11 batters and he, Cole and Stookey had two hits apiece to stabilize the Mustang attack.

The final game of the season was Tuesday against Wahtonka which leads the West Division of the Columbia Basin Conference. If the

Mustangs were able to knock off the league-leader they might tie for second place, needed to place them in

District competition. In the Eastern Division, Umatilla cinched the top spot by defeating Pilot Rock, 4-1.



Four Mustang tracksters will be heading to the State A Track Meet at Portland Friday and Saturday after qualifying in the District Meet last weekend in Umatilla. Qualifying were Richard Schmidt, high jump, long jump, triple jump, Maureen Healy, 400 meters, high and long jumps, Jim Parker, shot put and Bryan Marlin, 400 meter run.

## Four qualify for state

The Heppner Mustang track team placed third overall at last week's Umatilla District A meet and qualified four to the State Meet at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Friday and Saturday.

Qualifying were junior Jim Parker, shot put, who threw his lifetime high of 47'6", senior Bryan Marlin, 400 meter run, :52.9, senior Richard Schmidt, who qualified in three events, high jump, long jump and triple jump, 43'8 1/2" and Maureen Healy who qualified in the 400 meter run, high jump and long jump. Maureen was disqualified in the 200 meter hurdles for not

clearing the final hurdle.

Coach Dale Conklin was pleased with the overall performance of the boy's track team. In the meet final, Wahtonka placed first, Weston-McEwen was second and the Mustangs third out of a 14 team field.

A freshman, Mary Kincaid, placed third in the high jump, ran the 800 meter run in 2:40.3 to break a school record but was not fast enough for the finals which eliminated runners outside of the 2:30's. Kellie Hammond was fourth in the discus with her best throw of 89'2", fourth in the shotput, 32'4 and 34", fifth in the

javelin, 97'11" and Dawn Honnegger was sixth in the shotput with a throw of 29'6". The girls were fourth out of a 14 team field with Sherman County, Pilot Rock and Wasco County leading the pack.

In other results, Marlin was third in the overall javelin throw with a distance of 162', placed fifth in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump, 20 ft.; Larry Palmer ran the 1,500 meters in 4:30.3 and Dan Nix was fifth in the 3,000 meters.

Friday and Saturday's State Meet begins at noon the first day and 12:30 p.m. the second and will be the climax of the Mustang track season.

## Braves and Giants post league wins

The Willow Creek Little League began its season Saturday at the County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

In the first game, the Braves and Angels battled for five and a half innings before the Braves came out on top, 1-0. Stan Sporseen started the bottom half of the sixth with a single. On the next pitch, Sporseen stole second, Jason Mullinau bunted and the throw to third was wild sending Sporseen to home plate with the winning run.

Sporseen collected two of the Brave's three hits. Kirk Rothwell was credited with two of the Angel's three hits.

For the win, pitcher Tom Hammer struck out 12 Angel batters. Angel pitcher Kirk Rothwell struck out ten and walked none in the losing effort.

The Giants came from behind in the second game's sixth inning to edge the Dodgers 8-7.

Dave Green started the bottom of the sixth with a single, followed by a single by Tom James. Jeff Ball doubled driving in the winning run.

Cam George belted a two run homer in the fifth for the Dodgers. Jeff Ball was the winning pitcher striking out six Dodger batters.

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