

## Monday Morning Quarterback

By Jim Hackett

As you drop in your favorite local restaurant for morning coffee, think about what could have happened if that coach had only followed your directions, your input on Friday's game.

I won't be doing that but inaugurating a sports column called the Monday Morning Quarterback. I hope to be looking back at the week's past sporting events and providing readers with some of the background to the events which the Gazette covers and adding what will occur. I might even stick my neck out and make predictions as to the outcome of the latest sporting contest.

**Prediction:** Seattle SuperSonics over the Washington Bullets in the fourth game of the NBA championship series, largely because of the home court advantage. I'm writing this Monday so at deadline, the Tuesday outcome is not known. In the rest of the series, the Bullets should come back to even up the series 3-3. And the Bullets are the favorites to win all the marbles despite Seattle's improvement over the last year.

Locally, Portland Trailblazer fans have been avidly following the Sonic's move into the finals with Northwest pride—hopefully, the Trailblazers will be stronger next year to wrest the Western Conference title away from Seattle and Phoenix. Heppner High School Athletic Director John Sporseen is still trying to drum up support for a Mustang Booster Club. Sporseen and Robb Rush are working on a football information booklet to be published in the fall and efforts made to generate enthusiasm for the new organization.

Booster clubs can be helpful in supporting local athletics by adding to the enthusiasm for local teams, serve as a forum for coaching comments and bring in outside speakers of interest. Colleges often look to local organizations such as booster clubs and athletic roundtables to publicize their athletic programs.

Andy Clark and I were chatting on the telephone about his participation at the Spray Marathon. Clark was commenting on the friendliness of the average runner and I asked whether he was harassed by any dogs on the routes. At one point in the race, Clark said a dog ran out but looked as tired as he felt, so let him complete the 13 miles.

There were stretches along the John Day River route when the 27 year old runner saw no people—an unusual thing for marathon runners who are often in the thick of running men and women. Clark likes the crowds and doesn't seem intimidated by the thought of someday running through the people-choked streets of the Boston Marathon.

I wish him good luck in his efforts to qualify for the marathon. He may wish he was back in Spray before he navigates the full distance of Boston's most touted event.

This summer, we'll try to highlight some of the sporting events taking place including Little League, the Heppner Swim Team and whatever else, you, our readers submit. You may phone in sports news at 676-9228 or drop by the office at West Willow Street.

## Braves lead Little

## League with 4-1 mark

Action continued in the Little League baseball program this week with the Braves still in the lead, posting a 4-1 record.

Angels 5 Giants 2

The Giants were defeated by the Angels of Condon, 5-2, Monday. Pitching told the story as Greta LaRue and Kirk Rothwell combined for 15 strikeouts for the Angels. The Giants collected two hits and Brian Kroll and Ken Snider

the only runs. Rothwell was two for three for the Angels.

**Dodgers 3 Braves 2**  
The Dodgers handed the Braves their first loss of the season 3-2 and held on to second place in the season's standings.

The Braves started off in the second inning when Kenny Graves singled, driving in Keith Kennison and Jason Mullinaux. The Dodgers

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# Clark places tenth overall at Saturday's Marathon

Andy Clark, a teacher at Heppner Elementary School, placed tenth overall in Saturday's Spray Marathon out of 190 runners, running the 13.1 mile course in an hour and 21 minutes.

The winning time was one hour and 14 minutes and turned in by a Bend runner. Two other local competitors,

Dan Nix, a Heppner High School student, and Al Beck, a teacher at Heppner Jr. High, placed in the thirties and forties. Nix suffered from knee problems during the running of the river-grade course.

Clark said the three runners average 70 miles a week in their long distance running,

and three minutes last February. On June 24, Clark plans to compete in the 9.1 mile, 15 kilometer Cascade Runoff in Portland, will take in the February Seaside run and run in several more races to attempt qualification for the marathon.

Asked if the crowded conditions of large city races bothered his running, Clark said the "runners in the metropolitan races are really friendly."

"I like the crowds and the people cheering and clapping along the route," he added. Three years ago, Clark became involved in marathon racing when he competed in Spokane's Bloomsday Run with over 12,000 runners.

"It was a little hot at the Spray Marathon," Clark said, "but the overcast helped."

Runners from as far away as New York City showed up for the event which drew less runners than last year. Clark said the lower turnout was blamed on the gas shortage.

He had hoped to collect a trophy in his age division (19-29) but he placed sixth, though running tenth overall. There were four age divisions, 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39 and 40 and up.

The oldest runner was a 54 year old and the slowest time turned in was three hours.

One of the runners came across the finish line carrying a beer can and according to Clark, many of the competitors enjoyed a drink of beer after completing the marathon. The beer is used as a replacement for lost electrolytes but said Clark, "It's taboo for runners to consume before the race."

The scarcity of accommodations in Spray didn't deter runners from outside the area from participating.



## Super joggers

Three area runners, Andy Clark (top), Al Beck (middle) and Dan Nix (bottom) competed Saturday in the Spray Marathon. Clark placed tenth overall in the marathon out of 190 runners, sixth in his class division.



## Jana Steagall captures All-Around Cowgirl title

For the last two consecutive weekends, Jana Steagall has taken All-Around Cowgirl honors at John Day and Chiloquin.

At the John Day High School Rodeo on May 12 and 13,

## 1979 barbecue season

By Cindy Kerr

Willow Creek golfers started the 1979 Barbecue season, Monday, May 28.

Two teams tied for low gross and the team of John Shaw, Harriet Evans, Wayland Hyatt and Annetta Klinger won in a chip off. The second team was composed of Lowell Gribble, Roxie Lovgren, Rick Johnston and Dee Gribble.

Wayland Hyatt won the long drive contest for the men while Linda Shaw won in the women's division. Harold Kerr won the close to the pin contest for the men and Fran Cook was the winner for the women.

John Edmondson won first low gross in the weekend men's play and Lowell Gribble was second. C.C. Carmichael won first low net and Jerry Daggett was second. Ray Massey and Gene Pierce tied for least putts. Mike Lott won the long drive contest and Ed Gunderson won the K.P. contest.

John Edmondson will start the BMCC golf lessons for advanced beginners, June 9, 16, 23 and 30, 8:30-11 a.m.

This instruction is for people with some prior golfing experience and a lot of frustration. The class will emphasize the basics of golf. Please call John Edmondson, 676-5177 if you plan to attend.

Steagall placed first in pole bending, fifth in barrel racing, third in goat-tying, eighth in breakaway, and seventh in girl's cowcutting.

Placing at Chiloquin, she was second in goat-tying, third in team roping, third in pole bending, fifth in breakaway, seventh in barrel racing, eighth in girl's cowcutting. She is currently the state's leading all-around cowgirl.

Results from John Day are: Maureen Healy, first in goat-tying, sixth in barrels, fourth in girl's cowcutting; Mary Daly, seventh in girl's breakaway; Kathleen Van Schoiack, ninth in barrels, Tony Currin, fourth in calf-roping, fifth in boy's cowcutting; Ken Bailey, ninth in cowcutting, Jeff Bailey, third in bareback riding.

Team members placing in the top 10 at Chiloquin this last weekend were: Mary Daly, sixth in barrels; Maureen Healy, fifth in goat-tying, third in cowcutting, ninth in breakaway; Ken Bailey, ninth in cowcutting; Tony Currin,

fourth in calf-roping, tenth in bulldogging, third in cowcutting; Brett Sherer, seventh in both team roping and bulldogging.

The next high school rodeo will be June 2 and 3 at Pendleton, then June 8 and 9 at Madras.

## Four bike rodeos slated

The Morrow County Juvenile Advisory Committee and the local VFW Post 4184 and their auxiliary are sponsoring four bicycle rodeos throughout Morrow County for grades 1-6. Dates, places and times are listed below.

At the beginning of each rodeo, police officers will check over each bicycle to see that they are safe. After the checking has been completed, there will be four skill tests. These tests have been developed to increase awareness and proficiency in safe, skillful and courteous bicycle driving. Prizes donated by local businesses will be given to the winners in each group for each event.

If any parent would like to volunteer to help judge the events, please contact me at 676-9725 or 676-5031 (home number). Any help would be greatly appreciated.

The Juvenile Advisory Committee and the VFW Post 4184 and their auxiliary will not be held liable for any injuries that might be incurred by the participants.

The rodeos will be held on June 5, Irrigon Marina, 9:30 a.m.; June 5, Boardman Marina, 2:30 p.m.; June 6, Lone High School, 2:30 p.m.; June 7, Heppner Fairgrounds, 2:30 p.m.

The times listed are check-in times.

## To compete in tourney

Charles Rawlins, the youngest of the four children of Bill and Jane Rawlins, will be participating in the National Junior College Golf Tourney at Odessa, Texas, from June 5 to June 8, 1979.

Charlie was an outstanding member of the Heppner High golf team and is very well known by county golfers. He now attends Central Oregon College on a golf scholarship, and is the top man of the golf team there. He has participated in many school and several state or Oregon tournaments.

## Riders accumulate points

Points have been gathered by over 60 riders in the Wrangler Playdays.

Winners are: 6 & under; Marc Angell first, 48 points, Jodie Ashbeck, second, 33 points, Jason Britt, third, 28 points, Travis Greenup, fourth, 20 points.

(7,8 & 9) Mike Van Schoiack, first, 31 points, Duane Ball, second, 31 points, Angie Ashbeck, third, 29 points. Craig

Angell, fourth, 28 points. (10-13) Bridgett Greenup, first, 45 points, Andrea Ball, second, 33 points, and Scott Dougherty, third, 32 points.

Trisha Mahoney, fourth, 26 points; (14-17) Tara Mahoney, first, 32 points, Nancy Miller, second, 31 points, Jim Angell, third, 28 points, Ann Van Schoiack, fourth, 25 points;

(18 & over) Sherry Kemp, first, 43 points, Bob Van

Schoiack, second, 41 points, Art Galbraith, third, 35 points, and Pat Dougherty, fourth, 25 points.

The presentation of awards will be held Sunday, June 10 at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner in the dorm building at the fairgrounds.

Anyone interested in having summer playdays this year should contact Bobbie Angell at 676-9235.

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