

## Monday Morning Quarterback

By Jim Hackett

Sometimes, it's advantageous for sportswriters to read the news accounts of other weekly newspapers. You find out the other side of the story.

Take for instance, a story which appeared in the Milton-Freewater Valley Herald on the Heppner-Milton-Freewater Swim Meet.

"The team lost another close meet to the Heppner B squad Monday in Heppner," but according to M-F swim team Coach Randy Grant, "The Heppner team was using different rules than Milton-Freewater."

"They had some of their best people swimming in all five events," he said, "The rules call for a maximum of three."

Grant said his team was entering individuals in a maximum of three events and by the time he noticed it, it was too late. Final score at Heppner was 215 to 214.

I haven't heard Heppner's side of the story but I hope when the Milton-Freewater team returns, that the rules are explained before the meet. I wouldn't take a position on this one with a ten foot pole.

Well, turning to something less controversial, I had the opportunity of attending the Oregon Open Money Horseshoe Tournament held Saturday and Sunday in Hermiston. I arrived at the less exciting moments of the tourney during the running of the Class F portion of the event (the top horseshoe players in the Northwest start in the A category), but did enjoy the ringer action.

The high winds were lowering the percentages of the tourney leaders and "Deadeye" Walter Williams, Jr., the world's horseshoe pitching champion at 19 won the Open Money tourney with a 10-1 record and only a 60.55 percentage of ringers compared to his usual 86 percent average.

Herb Criss, Bremerton, was second in the tourney and Walter Williams Jr.'s brother, Jeff Williams, was fifth. Both brothers are from Chino, California.

For the win, Williams shot 396 ringers out of 654 shots and had his best games right before the wind and rain struck with two games at 84 percent ringers and after that 67 and 57 percent. He won a total of \$510 and according to Bill Bighaus, sports editor of the Hermiston Herald, has totaled about \$1,200 in winnings in the last four years of the tournament.

Horseshoe playing, as you can tell, is not on an equal par with the money earned with the Professional Golfers Association or tennis tournaments.

In talking with some of the horseshoe players, I learned a great deal of their winnings go for travel expenses to tournaments throughout the Northwest.

## Heppner swimmers place third in three way meet

Heppner swimmers placed third in a three-way meet this week against Hermiston and Pendleton teams, scoring a total of 81 points.

The swim team competed last weekend in the Hood River Invitational "B" meet, sponsored by the Oregon A.A.U. Association.

Heppner's A team jumped to an early lead in the first event, collecting 8 points in a time of 3:19.7 compared to Hermiston's fastest of 3:15.02. The team ran into choppy waters until the 12th event when Duane Ball placed third with a time of 45.4. Kelli Bergstrom won the 13th event in a time of 35.9 seconds.

Judy Ward, Heppner, was second in the 15th event in a time of 1:26 compared to the winning time of 1:16.2.

Besides the 13th event, Bergstrom collected a win in the 23rd event by swimming the distance in 44.3 seconds and Cam George followed in Event 24 in a time of 50.07.

In the 27th event, Lottie Laughlin was third in a time of 1:44.5; Lana Reid collected fourth place in the 31st event in a time of 1:04 minutes and Curt Brown was second in the 32nd event with a time of 52.2. Heidi Samples was first in the 33rd event in a time of 47.7; Terry Gray was third in the 36th event in a time of 52.4. Kelli Bergstrom won her third event of the meet in a time of 40.54 and Shelly Biddle was third with a time of 52.5 seconds.

Cam George came in second in the 44th event with a time of

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## Trio to enter rodeo nationals July 30

Three Heppner athletes will enter the national high school rodeo championship July 30 to August 5 at Fargo, North Dakota as a result of their wins at the State High School Rodeo last weekend.

Jana Steagall, a Heppner High School senior, was named all-around cowgirl for the competition with first

places in barrel racing and pole-bending, and thirds for goat tying and breakaway roping.

Maureen Healy won first place for goat tying and fourth place in barrel racing, breakaway roping and second in cowcutting. Boy's cowcutting was won by Tony Currin of Heppner.

## Area golfers compete in scramble tourney

Golfing couples from Heppner, Fossil, Condon, Pendleton and The Dalles competed recently in a scramble tournament on the Condon golf course.

Low gross winners included: first, James and Bethyl Burns, Condon, second, John and Pat Edmundson, Heppner and third, Clair and Florence Robertson, Condon.

Low net winners were: first, Charles and Lillian Boroles,

Pendleton, second, John and Linda Shaw, Heppner, third, Bob and Helen Boyles, Fossil and fourth, Buzz and Roberta Dyer, Condon.

The long drive for the men was turned in by Clair Robertson and June Hammerer won the long drive for the women.

Closest to the pin was Buzz Dyer and Carroll Dollen. Margaret Ann Smith turned in the shortest drive.

## Ladies attend state Eastern Star meet in Portland

Mrs. Dick Wilkinson, past grand matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Dick Wilkinson, Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen, worthy matron of Ruth Locust Chapter No. 32 of Heppner, and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom recently attended the 90th annual session of Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star in Oregon at the Memorial Coliseum. Over a thousand members were in attendance at the three day meeting.

Dr. William Fletcher, Division of Surgical Oncology, University of Oregon Health Science Center, was presented a check for about \$40,000 to be used at the Cancer Research Center. This project was adopted by the order a few years ago and members and friends have given in excess of \$250,000 for research to help stamp out this dread disease.

Thirty-four ESTARL scholarships of \$500 each were given to Oregon students, who are now or will be enrolling in seminaries of all faiths for

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training in religious leadership.

The Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Forest Grove

was given \$26,000 for the care of the guests there.

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ships for daughters of members and presented thirteen Leslie Parker scholarships of \$500 to young women.

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