



Maureen Healy placed first in the polebending event at the High School Rodeo Finals in Redmond and as a result will be competing in the national high school rodeo championship at Fargo, North Dakota, starting July 30 along with three other county entries, Jana Steagall, winner of the State All-Around title, Mary Daly, who will compete in the goat tying event and Tony Currin, a competitor in the cowcutting and calf-roping events.

(Bill Phelps Photography, Madras)

Headed for Fargo

Four head for National High School Rodeo finals in N.D.

Four Morrow County rodeo athletes have left for the National High School Rodeo Championship at Fargo, North Dakota.

Jana Steagall and Maureen Healy will each compete in four events beginning Monday, July 30 with the finals set for August 5. Jana Steagall, winner of the State Girls All-around, will compete in the barrel racing, polebend-

ing, breakaway and goat tying while Maureen, the holder of the state runner-up in the girls all-around title will compete in cowcutting, barrels, breakaway and goat tying.

Mary Daly will compete in goat tying and Tony Currin will compete in calf roping and cowcutting.

On the way to the national championships, Ms. Healy will compete in the Western

States Junior Rodeo at Emmett, Idaho.

Champion racewalker to go 20 kilometers Sunday

Ione's Shawn LaRue will be racewalking for pledges Sunday between Lexington and Ione to raise pledges for trip expenses to the National Junior Olympics championship at Lincoln, Nebraska August 12.

LaRue, the second place qualifier in the Regional championship at Yakima and Oregon State champion, will be racewalking 20 kilometers, slightly more than 12 miles from Jim Bloodworth Lane to the Ione City Park. Pledges may be submitted to Ron Bowman at Samples' Mobil

Service Station in Heppner or phoned to the LaRue family.

The 15 year old racewalker begins his walk at 7 a.m. Sunday morning.

In training for his entry into the national championships, Shawn is expected to work out with the first place winners in the Regionals, 17 year old Chris Howe, Kennewick. The pair of walkers who bested a field of 10 entries will work in the Umatilla area. Last year, Howe placed fifth in the event.

Shawn and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delton LaRue, will leave for Nebraska from

Portland, August 7 to attend the culmination of Shawn's six years training in racewalking. Pledges will be taken by the kilometer instead of miles.

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Monday Morning Quarterback

By Jim Hackett

Can we expect another Marvin Webster-tradeoff routine if Dennis Johnson, Seattle Sonic guard, is unsuccessful in obtaining a \$1.8 million, five year contract with owner Sam Schulman.

Johnson and several others are bargaining for new contracts this summer. Throughout the playoffs, Johnson's \$800,000 salary was called one of the lowest in the National Basketball Association and you had to wonder whether the Pepperdine superstar would end up like Marvin Webster, who rejected an offer with the Sonics to go to work for a healthy chunk of cash from the New York Knicks.

The only problem with D.J.'s chances of acquiring a higher pay status is that Schulman is apparently a tough bargainer. Since the Sonics first began playing in the NBA in the middle Sixties, the team has lost many players and coaches and it's amazing that Downtown Fred Brown had stuck it out until the team's win of the NBA World Championship this year.

If you remember, Schulman could have lost Coach Lenny Wilkens to the bargaining table following last season's near miss against Washington on the finals.

\$800,000 isn't a pittance to the average person in the U.S. but it may be second rate when compared to the high earnings of professional athletes. Are professional athletes overpaid? It depends on how the sports public values their performance and the duration of their sport. A man in the middle thirties is considered old and about ready to retire from the basketball and football sport compared to the normal 65 retirement age of the average American worker.

But unlike most of us, the professional athlete uses his name recognition value to propel him into sports personality jobs such as sports commentators. Most of them seem well adapted to covering sports but I sometimes wonder whether the sports broadcasters who have worked their way up the ladder are a little annoyed when they see a flash-in-the-pan athlete holding the microphone.

Still, some depth of knowledge which the average broadcaster might not have because of their long background in sports. There are some exceptional sports broadcasters like Bruce Jenner and Don Drysdale.

Three major conservation and sports organizations have jointly announced that an initiative petition is being filed that will give recreational fishing the highest priority on spring and summer chinook salmon in all of Oregon's bays and rivers including the Columbia.

The Oregon Wildlife Federation, the Oregon Division of the Izaak Walton League and Save Oregon's Resources Today Inc., joined forces in this effort as a final attempt to save the remnants of these upriver runs.

The conservation groups are appealing to the people of Oregon to support these initiatives so that all citizens can share in preserving the endangered spring and summer chinook salmon.

Swimmers strong at John Day

The Heppner Swim Team turned in outstanding performances at Sunday's John Day Swim Meet and third overall.

Next Friday and Saturday, the team travels to The Dalles ABC Invitational with small and large teams competing. The following week, they will be in Prineville and the concluding week is the District Swim Meet at Pendleton.

Team members were first in the 12 and under 200 yd. freestyle relay. The team of Heidi Samples, Sarah Forrar, Ellen Arbogast and Kelli Bergstrom swam the distance in 2:24.36.

The boys were third in the 12 and under 200 yd. relay. The team of Ken Fifield, Cam George, Ron Greene, and Duane Ball completed the distance in 4:48.28.

Tami Fifield placed first in the 8 and under girls, 50 yd. backstroke in 39.52 and fourth in the freestyle in 37.40. Ken Fifield was fifth in the 8 and under boys, 50 yd. backstroke in 2:09.48 while Teresa Fifield collected a fourth in the 9-10 girls, 50 yd. backstroke in 56.20.

Beth Forrar placed first in the 50 yd. breaststroke among 9-10 girls in 51:61, a second in the 50 yd. butterfly, 1:03.80 and a third in the 50 yd. backstroke in 55.62, and her sister Sarah Forrar was second in the girls 11-12, 50 yd. freestyle in 35:56 and fifth in the 50 yd. breaststroke, 49.40. Kelli Bergstrom scored 4 firsts in the 11-12 girls' division, 100 I.M., 1:20.77, 50

yd. breaststroke, 39.64, 50 yd. freestyle, 32.20, and 50 yd. butterfly, 36.41 and her sister, Cindi, placed first in two events, 200 yd. I.M., 3:13.74 and 100 yd. breaststroke, 1:25.82 and third in the 100 yd. freestyle, 1:16.11 and in the 60 yard backstroke, 1:41.41.

Duane Ball was second in the boy's 9-10, 50 yd. butterfly, 1:00.60, third in the 50 yd.

freestyle, 40.73, fourth in the 50 yd. backstroke, 52:81 and fifth in the 50 yd. breaststroke, 1:04.33; Andrea Ball was third in the girls 11-12, 50 yard backstroke in 45:40 and fourth in the 50 yd. butterfly, 45:18.

Ellen Arbogast was third in the 11-12 girls, 50 yd. freestyle,

36:65, fourth in the 50 yd. backstroke, 45:64, fifth in the 100 yd. I.M., 1:38.67 and fifth in the 50 yd. butterfly, 50:18.

Lottie Laughlin was first in the 15-18 girls, 100 yd. freestyle, 1:10.95, second in the 100 yd. butterfly, 1:47.41, third in the 100 yd. breaststroke, 1:32.45 and fourth in the 200 yard I.M., 3:26.17; Heidi Samples was first in the 11-12 girls, 50 yard backstroke, 41:06, fourth in the 50 yd. breaststroke, 49:35 and fourth in the 100 yard I.M., 1:35.13.

Cam George placed first in the 11-12 boys, 50 yard breaststroke, 43.62, fourth in the 50 yard butterfly, 45 seconds and fourth in the 200 yard I.M., 1:37.99.

All-Stars face Deschutes

Heppner Little League All Stars were scheduled to play their first game in the District Tourney at Redmond Wednesday night against Deschutes to determine whether they would continue playing in the tournament.

Ted Toll, Little League spokesman, said there are 9 teams entered in this year's tournament and the Wednesday night game determines the makeup of the tourney bracket.

The team must win Wednesday night to have a chance to win the overall championship.

If Heppner loses, it will play a consolation game at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Should they win, they will face Hermiston at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Bob Ployhar and Bob Green have been named as coaches for the team.

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4-H Horse Show set for Sunday

The annual Morrow County 4-H Horse Show will be held July 29, according to John P. Nordheim, Morrow County Extension Agent.

This event will be held at the Heppner Fairgrounds and will start at 8:30 a.m. with registration; the show will start about 9 a.m. Vic Suratt, Madras, will be the official judge. Kyrinn Robinson, Heppner, will be the ring steward. This event is open to all Morrow County 4-H Horse Members. The annual show is an opportunity for members to show off themselves and their horses, showing their improvement since last year. There will be four age

divisions: Beginner, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. There will be an All-Around in each age division this year, with points counting in showmanship, Western Equitation and either English Equitation or Trail.

First class of the day will be Showmanship, Western Equitation will be second, then Colt Western Equitation, Colt Ground Training, English Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences, and the last class will be the Trail Horse Class. For more information, consult the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Premium Book or call the Morrow County Extension Office.

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