

City semi-final features

Lankford vs Barber, Powell vs VanMarter

Roger Britt's team upset Mike Smith's squad 46-42 in Heppner City Basketball League play last Sunday to keep Smith's team from participating in the city tournament that begins this Sunday.

Bill Morris scored 13 points and Britt 12 to lead the victors. Ron Green led the losing team with 10. It was only the second win of the year for Britt as the team finished tied for last place with Les Schwab with 2-12 records.

If Smith's team won, it was going to have a playoff with Don Barber's team as both squads would have tied for fourth place with 7-7 records. Smith finished at 6-8 and in fifth place.

Bill Meyers scored 31 points and Dana Heidemann 18 to lead Steve Powell's team to a 66-44 win over Rick Johnston. Gary Van Arsdale scored 12 and Dave Mitchell 13 for the losing team, which finished the season at 5-9 and in sixth

place.

Don Barber's team beat Les Schwab 56-48 with John McCabe scoring 20, Mike Rowell 16 and Barber 11 to lead the way. Kevin Rountree scored 14 and Gino Guglielmelli 10 for the losers.

Jim Lankford's team beat Laverne Van Marter 86-56. The league's second-leading scorer, Van Marter, was out with an ankle injury. Mike Stookey picked up the slack scoring 25 points and Mark Huddleston added 18 in the losing cause. For the winners, Dave McLachlan scored 20, Lee Padberg 19, Dave Allstott 16, Jim Lankford 16, and Darryl Bigelow 14.

This Sunday's playoff action will match Powell (10-4) against Van Marter (11-3) in the 6 p.m. game and Lankford (13-1) against Barber (7-7) in a 7:30 contest. Teams are asked to bring \$10 each to pay for officiating. The games will be played under high school rules.

Cardinals to have large team says coach

The Ione High School track team began practicing this week under Coach Gordon Meyers getting ready for tomorrow's opening meet against Wahtonka.

The Cardinals have a large team returning as Coach Meyers "did not lose anybody" from last year. He will have 10 girls and 15 boys on the team.

Golfers gather to work on club

A work party is scheduled for March 29 at the Willow Creek Country Club starting at 9 a.m.

All members are urged to participate and are asked by Harold Kerr to bring rakes, paint brushes and shovels.

Sandwiches will be provided.

A kick-off breakfast for the men golfers is planned for March 30 beginning at 8 a.m. Guests and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Bowling Sparetimer's League

Morrow County Grain Growers is in first place in the Sparetimer's Bowling League with a 27-17 record with Coast-to-Coast second at 26½-17½ and Petersons third at 26-18.

Sears and Jerry's Mobil are tied for fourth place with 23-21 marks. Gardners is sixth at 20-24, Central Market seventh at 16½-27½ and Bucknams last at 14-30.

Fran Crook rolled the high

Keglers League

The Weary Wives team has opened up a good-sized lead in the Koffee Kup Keglers Bowling League with a 30-10 record, compared to the second-place Dregs team at 24½-15½.

The Three L's team is third at 23-17 and the Gutter Dusters and the Pytts are tied for fourth place with 18-22 marks. The Three Holers team is at 17½-22½, the Hi Ho's team is 16-24 and the Newcomers team is 13-27.

Billie Doherty rolled the high game of the week with a 186 and the high series with

game of the week with a 185 and had the high series with 508. Coast-to-Coast had the high team game with 763 and Petersons the high team series with 2,184.

Petersons is first in total pins with 23,518, MCGG second with 23,061, Coast-to-Coast third with 22,947, Jerry's Mobil fourth with 21,497, Central Market fifth with 21,123, Sears sixth with 20,416, Bucknams seventh with 20,011 and Gardners last with 19,124.

467. The Gutter Dusters had the high team game of the week with 560 and the high team series with 1,621.

Kay Wilson was successful on the 1-5-7 split and Pat Lankford picked up the 5-8-10.

The Weary Wives team is first in total pins with 15,436, the Gutter Dusters team second at 15,427, the Three L's team third at 15,397, the Hi Ho's team fourth at 15,377, the Dregs team fifth at 15,364, the Three Holers sixth at 15,227, the Newcomers seventh at 15,026 and the Pytts last at 14,999.



Fearless donkey riders will hit the basketball floor in Heppner April 3.

Basketball rematch for Ione, Heppner

Lions astride donkeys

Donkey basketball is coming to Heppner High School's gymnasium April 3 at 7:30 p.m. with the Heppner Lions Club going against the Ione donkey riders from Ione.

The Cardinal city team beat Heppner earlier this year in a high scoring affair 2-1.

Ticket prices are \$2.50 for adults, \$2.25 for students and

\$1.50 for children. Pre-game tickets are available at a 50 cent discount from the First National Bank of Oregon, the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Western Heritage Savings, Les Schwab and the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Half of the proceeds will go to the Heppner Lions for use in the student exchange program and the Lions vocational scholarship fund. The other half will go the Heppner High School athletic fund.

Activities planned for golfers

By Linda Shaw
Despite the unpredictable weather these days, many golfers have found the time (and the occasional bit of sunshine) to get in a few rounds.

Sharon Harrison, club treasurer, reports that members are beginning to send in their dues for the coming season. This is appreciated because it saves the time and expense of billing later.

The board of directors of the Willow Creek Country Club has also been busy working out the schedule for the summer's golfing activities. Again this year, inter-club visitations, family barbecues, men's individual and team play, Ladies' Days, and tournaments will be on the agenda of special events. Members will soon receive a schedule of these activities.

If a student plays on a school golf team and does not pay a membership as part of a family unit, he can only play in connection with the golf team.

Dues may be sent to the Willow Creek Country Club at Box 64 in Heppner.

Coach says

Heppner baseball team to be good at hitting

Wahtonka graduated all but one player from its state championship baseball team so Heppner Coach Dale Holland thinks it will be a "toss up" on who wins the Columbia Basin League West Division crown.

"We are going to be contenders," he said. Ione is not going to have

baseball this year so there are only going to be five teams in the league including Condon, Sherman, Wasco "who is going to be tough" and Wahtonka "who is the perennial power," according to Holland.

Heppner has been practicing for two weeks and already Holland thinks he will have a

good hitting team that will score a lot of runs.

"Once the pitching matures, we will be tough," he said.

Holland has a "real young team" with only five lettermen returning. They include John Bier, Doug Holland, Rick Cole, John Murray and Dale Holland. All five of those players will be the varsity pitchers since Coach Holland has lost his entire pitching staff from last year. Bier and Doug Holland have some varsity experience and the other three have JV experience.

"Bier is probably our best pitcher right now," Coach Holland said.

The defense is led by Dale Holland as catcher, who has been all-league at that position for the past two years.

The rest of the infield will have Ron Young, Cole, Doug Holland, freshman Jay Hayes and Harry Groshens battling for the starting spots. The outfield will include John Murray, Tim Hedman, Chris Zita, Jay Patterson and Greg Groshens.

Hedman, Zita and Young are all seniors who did not turn out last year because of injuries or other reasons. There are 24 players turning out for baseball at Heppner with 12 on the varsity and 12 on the JV team.

Several turn out for

Filly track team

The girls track team at Heppner High School only has three returnees from last year according to Coach Dale Conklin.

There are no seniors on the team this year.

Juniors are Bonnie Arrington, Hammond, Kincaid and Paula Palmer.

Sophomores are Mary Kincaid and Vicki Smith.

Freshmen are Marti Baker, Sherry Clement, Suzie Jacobs, Kim Miller, Ann Murray and Lisa Wilson.

"I am pleased with the turnout because we had only five on the team last year," Conklin said.

Arrington is a sprinter. Hammond was fourth at district in the javelin and sixth at district as a shot putter last year. She may also do some

sprinting, her coach said.

"We are expecting a lot from her," Conklin said. "She has already broken the school record in the javelin this year in practice."

Margaret Kincaid will be a sprinter and run the hurdles. Palmer is a long-distance runner which is unusual for Heppner High School's girls team, Conklin said.

"Last year was the first year we had a girl run the distance races," Conklin said. Mary Kincaid is a high jumper who finished third at district last year.

Smith is a middle distance runner. Baker and Clement compete in the throwing events but they "both are young and need to work on their technique," Coach Conklin admitted.

Jacobs is a sprinter and will run relays. Miller runs the hurdles, Murray is a jumper and a sprinter and Wilson will run the distance races.

"It is nice to have a lot of girls turning out," Conklin said. "It makes the team more competitive because we can enter more events."

Donkey Basketball

Thursday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.
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Half the proceeds to benefit Athletic Department at Heppner High School.

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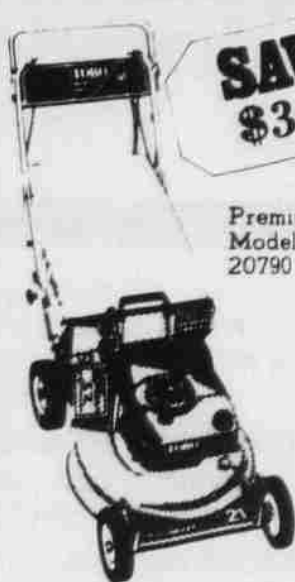
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