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Senior Jim Parker of Heppner High School placed second in the shot put at the State A High School Track Meet in Portland last week.

His toss of 51-1/2 won him a second-place medal. The winner won at 54-2/3. Parker's best this year was 53-6, a Heppner school record.

Parker just missed a medal in the discus as his toss of 140-9 in the preliminaries placed him sixth but he came in seventh place after the final throws.

He also competed at state in the triple jump "but he was favoring an injured knee" according to his coach and his best jump was around 38 feet.

Dan Nix competed for Heppner in the 1,500 meters and he ran the distance in 4:23. Nix set a District 7-A record last week with a time of 4:17.2. The winning time at state was 4:01.2.

"It was hot and there was tough competition," Coach Dale Conklin said. "He did not have that bad of a time for him. He was burned out at the end of the race because we started him at too fast a pace."

The only other Heppnerite at the state meet was Mary Kincaid, who competed in the high jump.

The opening height was 4-10 and she failed to clear it. Only six of 17 girls did clear that opening height and that had some of the coaches upset because they thought the opening height should be lower. The winning jump was 5-9, a state record.

The competition was tough as 10 state records were set or tied in the 17 boys events and 10 records were set or tied in the 15 girls events "which is unheard of at one track meet," Coach Conklin said.

Parker is MVP in 3 sports

Four senior athletes at Heppner High School were honored Monday night at the school's All Sports Banquet for turning out for three sports every high school year and still maintaining a 3.7 grade point average.

Honored as outstanding athlete-scholars were Todd Sherer, Larry Palmer, Jim Parker and Dale Holland.

There were many other awards presented at the gathering in front of about 500 persons.

The Most Valuable Player Award in baseball went to Dale Holland with Doug Holland the best hitter award and John Murray the most improved.

League All Stars are Rick Cole, Dale and Doug Holland, Murray and John Bier.

Joining the 300 club for having season batting averages better than .300 are Cole at .309, Dale Holland at .310, Murray at .356 and Doug Holland at .568.

Golden Glove Awards went to outfielder Tim Hedman, first baseman Ron Young, shortstop Doug Holland, catcher Dale Holland and pitcher John Bier. Golden Gloves are presented for a fielding average of .925 or better.

None of the pitchers had earned run averages low enough to be named to the 1.75 E.R.A. Club.

First year varsity baseball letters were presented to Jay Hayes, Harry Groshens, Jay Patterson and senior Chris Zita, who turned out for baseball for the first time. John Murray and Doug Holland received their second varsity letters and Rick Cole and John Bier their third. Tim Hedman and Ron Young received their second letters and Dale Holland his fourth.

JV Coach Brent Eggars said his team, with a record of 2-4, had freshman Greg Connor as its top pitcher and Greg Groshens (.555), Bruce Way (.467), and Jeff Orr (.333) as the top hitters.

Track awards had Jim Parker as the boys most valuable and Kellie Hammond as the girls most valuable performers. Earl Hammond won the most improved award.

Wes Marlatt won his first letter in track as did Duane Garret, Earl Hammond and Yari Alasuvanto. Buck Estes and Todd Sherer won their second awards and Dan Nix, Parker, Larry Palmer and Mike Jones won their fourth track letters.

For the girls team, Lisa Wilson won her first letter. Other first year letter winners were Kim Miller, Sherry Clement, Vicki Smith, Bonnie Arrington and Paula Palmer. Winning second letters were Margaret and Mary Kincaid. Kellie Hammond won her third track letter.

Margaret Kincaid was named the most improved girls track performer and Mary Kincaid was mentioned as a state competitor in the high jump.

Two track record boards were presented that were prepared by students of Ronald Forrar and Marian Abrams. Setting school records for this year's teams were Kellie Hammond in the shot put and javelin, Mary Kincaid in the 800 meters and Margaret Kincaid in the 100 and 300 hurdles. For the boys, Jim Parker is the school record holder in the shot put and the discus.

In golf, Mike Lott was presented the school's medalist award and Dorian Forrar was the most improved. Although no certificate or award was given, Jeff Edmundson was mentioned as the most inspirational. The team tied with Madras for second place at the district tournament but came in third after a playoff.

The girls golf team finished fourth at district competing with AA, and AAA schools. They had an undefeated league season.

Liz Zita was given the most improved girls golfing award and Lottie Laughlin was the medalist. Laughlin placed fifth at district.

Senior girls presented Coach Sheri Brock with a present for her work with the teams. Brock is planning on leaving this year. She received a standing ovation from the fans in attendance.

Winter sports also presented awards.

In basketball, Jim Parker was named the Most Valuable Player and Dale Holland the most inspirational and John Bier the most improved. The team ended its year winning seven of its last nine games. Coach Dale Holland said, to finish third. It was the first time in 15 years Holland has coached varsity basketball.

A.C.E. (Assistant Coach Eggars) announced that in his first year of coaching JV basketball, his team was 8-5 with Ken Stookey as the leading scorer and rebounder.

Coach Duane Neiffer said his freshman basketball team was led by Jeff Orr's rebounding, Mike Currin's scoring and Tom Huston as the playmaking guard.

The girls varsity basketball team named Alice Abrams the most improved, Cindy Bowman the most inspirational, and Lynn Dee Devin and Mary Kincaid tied for the Most Valuable Player Award. The team went 12-9 this year finishing second in the league and fourth in the district tournament.

The JV basketball team went 9-3 with Judy Ward the most improved player, George Estes the most inspirational and Cindy Bergstrom

the most valuable player.

For a special award, Dr. Joseph Gifford was presented by Ron Young a Heppner football jersey to go along with the one he already has from Lone.

Gifford, in turn, presented Ron Young with the Red Cross Award for being the only person that was able to be injured in three sports each year for the past two years.

Since it was an All Sports Awards Banquet and potluck dinner, the Fall Sports reviewed their seasons.

Football co-captains for next year, John Bier and Ray Miller, were introduced.

Coach Sheri Brock said her volleyball team was second in the league and went to the district playoffs. Mary Kincaid was the Most Inspirational Player, Geri Grieb the Most Valuable Player and



The four honored scholar-athletes from Heppner High School are (left to right) Larry Palmer, Todd Sherer, Dale Holland and Jim Parker.

the Heppner Boosters club made \$393 for the school.

Officers for the Heppner Booster Club were announced

by Athletic Director John Sporseen. Dallas Harsin is the president, Jerry Samples the vice president and Tom Wilson the secretary-treasurer.



Cheerleaders for next year at Heppner be (left to right) Elizabeth Zita, Cindy Bowman, Patti Devine, Jenny Estes and Polly Fortenberry.

Heppner bats quiet as team loses final two games; finishes third

Heppner High School's baseball team lost its last two games of the year 1-0 to Sherman and 11-1 to Wahtonka and finished in third place in the league's final standings.

Wahtonka won the league title and played Weston-McEwen in a playoff to go to the state tournament Tuesday night.

Against Sherman, Heppner got its best pitching performance of the year as sophomore Doug Holland tossed a three hitter, struck out seven and walked two in six innings.

But the Mustang hitters were shut out for the first time of the season as Sherman's Dan Degrange struck out eight and gave up just five hits. Heppner made three errors and Sherman none.

"Degrange is a hard thrower and it was one of the few times this year a hard thrower did well against us," Coach Dale Holland said.

Heppner's bats were also quiet in the Wahtonka game as Kent Bond tossed a one hitter for the Eagles.

The only bright spot of the game is Doug Holland continued his 14-game hitting streak.

Wahtonka had 11 runs on eight hits and two errors while Heppner had one run on one hit and three errors. Bond struck out 11 Mustangs.

"Bond is a junker who throws a knuckler and slider," Holland said. "We have had trouble with those types of pitchers all year."

John Bier was the losing pitcher going 3 and two-thirds innings and Rick Cole finished that five inning game that was called because of the 10-run rule.

The final team statistics show Doug Holland as the leading hitter with an average of .568.

"This is the first time in my 22 years of coaching that I have ever had a player hit over .500," Holland said.

Another sophomore, John Murray, was second on the team in batting with a .355

average. Dale Holland was next at .310 and Rick Cole fourth at .309. The team batting average was .287.

Doug Holland had 25 of the team's 117 hits. He also led the squad in stolen bases with 10 of the team's 39. Probably his most amazing stat is that with a team leading 55 times at bat, he did not strike out once.

Murray led the team in runs batted in with 18 but Holland was right behind with 17. Holland led the team in assists with 58 from his shortstop position.

John Bier led the pitching staff with a 4-3 record (the team went 6-10). Bier pitched 47 innings giving up 40 runs, 19 earned, for an E.R.A. of 2.83.

He gave up 41 hits, 34 walks, and 32 strike outs as he was the workhorse of the staff.

Doug Holland pitched 31 and one-third innings giving up 28 runs, 14 earned for an earned run average of 3.12. He gave up 34 hits, 25 walks and 23 strike outs but was 1-4 in his sophomore year. The team E.R.A. was 3.18.

Murray led the team in homers with four, Murray and Holland had two triples each and Holland led the team in doubles with five.

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Carolyn Plocharsky the Most Improved Player.

The varsity football team was led by three players that have been nominated for the Shriner's All Star team. They are Dale Holland, Jim Parker and Joedy Marlatt.

Parker was the Most Valuable Player, Joedy Marlatt the Most Inspirational, John Murray the outstanding back, Marlatt the outstanding lineman and Tim Jones and Ron Schwarz tied for the most improved.

All League honors went to Dale Holland, Joedy Marlatt, Jim Parker, Larry Palmer, Ray Miller, Earl Hammond and John Murray.

Western Heritage Savings and Loan announced that the "Go Mustangs" baseball caps that were donated by that bank and sold by members of

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