

Mustangs meet defeat at first game against Riverside Pirates, 12 - 6

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The Heppner Mustangs met defeat in their first game of the season against the Riverside Pirates with the final score of Boardman, 12, Heppner, 6.

As the baseball game began, the starting positions were: John Bier, first baseman; Harry Groshens, second baseman; Rick Cole, shortstop; and Mark Way, third base-

man. Doug Holland pitched, with Bruce Way catching. Jeff Orr played the left field position; John Murray, center field; and Jay Hayes right field.

In the first inning, Heppner was up to bat first and the top of the order took off. First on the list was John Bier, who got a piece of the ball which went to second base. Bier made the throw to first,

causing the first out of the game.

The wind was blowing very hard and it was quite cold. Cole stepped up to the plate and connected, but the ball went straight up and Riversides' second Baseman caught the ball.

Holland, a switch-hitter, was up and when he hit the ball the wind blew it from right field over to left field, to

gain a single. Murray batin up, took a hit and got a single which advance Holland to second. Ken Stookey, a DH (designated hitter) for Orr, took a piece of the ball and, because of an error on the shortstop for Riverside, he made it to first and also advanced all of the runners an extra base.

Jay Hayes was sixth in the order and hit the ball to the second baseman. Hayes was thrown out at first for the last out.

As the Pirates went all the way through the batting order, Heppner made two errors and gave Riverside four runs for the first inning. The score was Riverside, 4, Heppner, 0.

Heppner was up to bat again. Groshens, up first, took a walk from the pitcher. Bruce Way struck out for the first out of the inning for Heppner. Mark Way got a bite of the ball but, the bite wasn't big enough as a hot grounder rolled to the shortstop who threw out at first.

Bier took a single along with a RBI (runs batted in). Cole followed and also took a

single with a RBI. Holland, third on the list, took a single and Murray took a double which advanced Holland to third. Stookey went out on a fly ball to center field. Holland tried to make a steal to home but was put out.

Riverside scored five runs in this inning and Heppner changed pitchers. Bier, who was playing first, went to pitcher. Holland went to short stop; and Cole went to third base, which sent Mark Way to the bench.

After warming up Bier did a good job for his first game of the season and pitched most of the game. Heppner scored six runs. Greg Connor did a tremendous job at batting with a double when he was a DH for M. Way.

The game lasted only six innings because it got too cold and dark to go on. Heppner made a few mistakes and Head coach Holland is sure to work on them in the next practice.

The next game is Tuesday, March 31, against Pilot Rock at Heppner. Game time is 4 p.m.

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