

# HHS girls dominate track and field events

Heppner girls continued to dominate in track and field winning 12 of 15 events in a four-way meet at Umatilla last Tuesday. No team scores were kept.

First place were earned by Sherry Clement, shot put; Melinda Eubanks, discus; Pam Orr, javelin and high jump;

Stephanie Payne, 100, 200 and long jump; Janelle McElhany, 100- and 300-meter hurdles; Jodi Padberg, 400 and 800; and the 1,600 relay team of Nancy Martin, Payne, Orr and Padberg.

Seconds were collected by Martin, high jump; Orr, 400; and Lana Reid, 3,000 meters.

Third place finishers were 400 relay team of Tiffany Lawson, Kim Wright, Joanna Bown and Martin; and Lisa Wilson, 1,500 meters. Getting a fourth was Eubanks in the shot put, while fifth place finishes included Clement in both the shot and javelin.

McElhany turned in one of the top performances with a personal best in the high hurdles of 18.1 and Reid's initial

effort at 3,000 meters was a good 12:44.8.

Although the boys failed to win any events, there were several place finishes with Jerry Anderson and John Martin getting the highest; second places in the 3,000 meters, 800 respectively. Third place efforts went to Chris McLaughlin, 300 hurdles; Wes Marlatt, shot put; Fourth were garnered by

McLaughlin, 100-meter high hurdles; Margin, high jump and 400; mile relay team of McLaughlin, Alex Lindsay, Craig Miles and Martin. Wes Marlatt was fifth in the discus.

Heppner competed against Umatilla, Ione, Riverside and Stanfield.

The Mustangs were at home last Tuesday and this Saturday travel to Moro for the Sherman County Invitational.

# Mustangs give all but lose both in doubleheader

The Heppner Mustangs gave the Riverside Pirates all they could handle, but ended up on the short end in both games of a doubleheader in Columbia Basin Conference baseball action at Boardman Saturday.

The Pirates prevailed over Heppner 3-1 and 14-13 as the Mustangs slumped to a 2-5 season's record. Only the first game of the twinbill was a league counter.

Combined with Heppner's league-opening 9-6 loss to Echo at Echo Tuesday, April 5, the Mustangs stood at 0-2 in league games.

In the opener against Riverside, the Pirates' Harold Leighton bested Heppner's Jim McConnell in a pitcher's duel.

Riverside used four hits in the first inning to push across a pair of runs and added a single run in the sixth to hold a 3-0 lead going into the seventh inning. But the Mustangs came to life when McConnell broke up Leighton's no-hitter with a leadoff single in the seventh.

Stan Sporseen and Mark Way then walked to load the bases with no outs. Cleanup hitter Jay Hayes sent a Leighton pitch to the rightfield wall, only to be picked off at the fence by Riverside's Rich Gilbertson. Had Gilbertson not made the catch, Hayes would likely have had a grand slam home run and the Mustangs 4-3 lead. Instead, it went in the books as a sacrifice fly and two groundouts later, the Pirates had the win.

McConnell scattered eight hits, walked no batters, and was backed up with an errorless defense in the game.

In the second game, Heppner erupted for 10 runs in the third inning for a 13-4 lead, "but poor defense and numerous walks allowed the host Pirates to come back and steal the win," said Coach Brent Eggers.

Heppner had taken a 3-0

lead in the first inning when Hayes singled in Sporseen, and Chuck Coffman's two-run double scored Mark Way and Hayes.

Riverside came back with four runs in the second inning on four walks and four errors to take a brief lead. But Heppner roared back with its 10-run inning in the third to take a commanding lead of its own.

Mark Way doubled to lead off the inning and after two flyouts, the Mustangs began a tremendous rally. Travis Hyatt, McConnell and Hayes all had singles in the rally and Bruce Way put a grand slam homer over the left field wall to cap the scoring. Three errors, one walk and one hit-by-pitch contributed to the big inning.

However, Riverside utilized numerous hits and walks to score five runs in the third and fourth innings to take a 14-13 advantage.

Heppner stranded two base-runners in the sixth and final inning when its last two batters struck out to end a final scoring threat.

Hyatt took the loss in relief of starter Mark Way, while Jeff Orr came on to pitch the final inning in impressive fashion, striking out the side after an opening walk.

Hayes had two hits and two RBI's in the game. "McConnell pitched a great game and we played excellent defense in that first game," said Eggers. "Unfortunately, when we pitch and play defense well, we hit poorly, and vice versa. We need to gain some consistency and find a second pitcher."

After seven games, Hayes is leading the team with a .333 batting average and two homeruns, followed by Mark Way (.313), McConnell (.280), Hyatt (.273) and Coffman (.263). McConnell leads the pitching corps with a 3.18 earned run average.



# Ione tennis team suffers 1st loss

By CRAIG GUTIERREZ

The Ione tennis team suffered its first loss of the season to the Echo Cougars, 4-2.

The Ione team traveled to Echo last Tuesday to match talents and wits and to gain the needed experience to prepare for the upcoming district tournament.

In boys' action, Troy Lindstrom and Jeff Ball were defeated by Bruce Bechtel and Andy Sailor (1-6, 5-7). Eric Pointer defeated Teresa Correa in a pro-set (8-3) which was the freshman's second win in a row. Craig Gutierrez defeated David Lilly (6-4, 3-6,

6-7) in a three hour singles match which ended in a tie breaker.

Playing first girls' singles, Sharon Crowell was defeated by Missy Davis (3-6, 4-6) in straight sets. Paula Anderson was defeated by Patsy Seifer in girls' second singles (3-6, 3-6).

The "Smashing" racquet-tees will be returning the serves of the Arlington Honkers on Saturday, April 16, and those of the Echo Cougars on the following Monday, April 18. Saturday's match will be at 1:30 p.m. at Arlington and Monday's match will be at 3:00 p.m. on Ione's home court.

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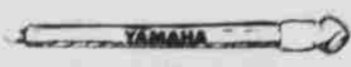
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