

Merchants win 4 straight games

The Heppner Merchants softball team rallied from last week's defeat to win four straight games on the Lexington diamond despite the loss of Mike Smith, Mark Lovgren and Gary Kemp. Smith is out for the entire season due to knee surgery. Lovgren broke his finger earlier in the season and is out indefinitely, while Kemp is out with a sprained foot for three weeks.

In the first game the Merchants outscored Dairy Queen by a margin of 3-1. Dairy Queen was the first to score as they collected a run in the second on a Heppner error.

Heppner collected seven hits in the third as Ron Bowman started the inning with a base hit. Dan Mathews followed with a fielders choice putting Bowman out at second. Mark Pointer singled and George Waterland followed with a single. All three scored as John McCabe collected an RBI with a single to clinch the victory.

In the last game of the doubleheader, the Heppner Merchants outscored Dairy Queen 16-9 as four Merchants bagged triples.

In the first inning John McCabe and Jamie Query slugged triples and scored, and George Waterland also added another run.

The Merchants continued to hit and take advantage of Dairy Queen's mistakes as 11 batters stepped to the plate in the next inning.

Mark Pointer, Dave Eckman, John Smith, LaVerne Van Marter, Jamie Query and Dallas Harsin crossed the plate giving the Merchants a 9-0 lead.

The third inning saw Dairy Queen get on board with one run, followed by four runs in the fourth and four in the fifth.

The Merchants rallied in the third as they collected another run on Smith and McCabe. The final runs came in the fifth as Smith, Waterland and

Jeff Orr scored. Stanfield Drug lost two straight games the following night as the Merchants took 11-10 and 11-1 victories.

In the first game a diving catch in the last inning by fielder Dave Eckman saved the game for the Merchants.

Stanfield Drug jumped out to an early four-run lead. The Merchants tied the opposing team with four runs as John Smith, John McCabe, Jamie Query and George Waterland scored with Delbert Binschus collecting two R.B.I.'s.

Stanfield scored again in the third as they got a home run and another run in the fourth.

LaVerne Van Marter's three-scoring run home run highlighted the fifth inning for the Merchants as Van Marter, Mark Pointer and John McCabe crossed home base.

Stanfield's final four runs came in the sixth.

The Merchants scored again in the sixth as Dave Eckman and Ron Bowman added two in the seventh; Jeff Orr belted a double and Jamie Query

scored on an error. A three-run home run by John McCabe and triples by Dave Eckman and John Smith iced the 11-1 victory for the Merchants over Stanfield Drug in five innings.

The Merchants jumped out to an early lead with four runs in the first as Mark Pointer, Jeff Orr and LaVerne Van Marter crossed the plate, aided by McCabe's home run.

The Merchants kept the ball rolling as they collected four more in the second on Dave Eckman's triple.

Stanfield Drug struggled to get one run in the third as the Merchants added one in the fourth on John Smith's triple.

Heppner scored their last two runs in the fifth as George Waterland and Jamie Query scoring with Dallas Harsin picking up an R.B.I.

A double play ended the game as the Merchants third baseman George Waterland threw to Mike Rowell on second and Rowell threw to La Verne Van Marter on first.

Rice wins all-around cowboy title at Condon rodeo

Heppner cowboy Lee Rice, 1981 National bareback champion, won the All-Around Cowboy title at Condon's Fourth of July Rodeo. He also took first place in the bareback riding both days with scores of 74 and 69.

Other local cowboys and cowgirls who placed in events at the Sunday rodeo were:

Jeff Bailey, second in bareback riding, Cindy Stroeber, second in junior barrel racing, Tara Mahoney, second in

breakaway roping and first in pole bending; Cliff Dougherty, second in calf roping, third in bull dogging, second in team roping with Monte Evans and sixth in team roping with Scott English.

Monday's performance saw these local cowboys earn top places:

Don Kindsfather, first in calf roping, Mike Currin, first in bull dogging, Cliff Dougherty, third in bull dogging, and Jeff Bailey, second in team roping with Gordy Herman.

Akers yard chosen as Lone Yard of the Month



Mrs. Elbee Akers

The Lone Garden Club has chosen the yard of Mrs. Elbee Akers as the Yard of the Month for July. The yard, located on Third St. between C and D streets, is small but colorful with a hanging basket and containers of flowers on her front porch, describes a club member. Mrs. Akers also has flowers on both sides of her yard.

"The street parking (area) is well kept, neat and colorful," the spokesperson said.

In the back yard, one finds a big surprise: flowers at the sides of the yard, colorful containers on her back steps, a water fall, a vegetable garden and a raspberry patch.

"There were more than half a dozen yards in Lone that deserve recognition," the club member said. She also reported that people who have received the award during the last two years are still keeping attractive yards that are a credit to the community.

Women from 5 golf clubs meet for play at W.C.C.C.

A ladies' visitation was held at Willow Creek Country Club on June 28 with ladies attending from Echo, Condon, Pasco, Wash., Kinzua and Boardman golf clubs. Pat Edmundson, Heppner, was low gross winner for the field with a 73 for 18 holes, and Muriel Palmer, also of Heppner, was low net winner for the field with a 52.

Following are the individual clubs' winners:

Echo: first low gross - Sandy Seibel, second low gross - Sue Carter, first low net - Earlene Miller and second low net - Dixie Ross.

Condon: low gross - Dee Hollen and low net - Bethyl Burns.

Pasco Municipal: low gross - Joan eterson and low net - Mabel Logston.

Kinzua: low gross - Melanie Harris and low net - Ione Marler.

Willow Run, Boardman: first low gross - Margaret Towers and second low gross - Sally Green. First low net - Phoebe Hayes and second low net - Jean Miller.

Willow Creek, Heppner: Nine Holes: first low gross - Eileen Padberg, second low gross - tie between Lorene Jones and Norma French. First low net - also a tie, Suzanne Jepsen and Lucile Peck; 18 Holes: first low gross - Bev Gunderson and second low gross - Wanda Willis, low net was a tie between Sharon Harrison and Lois Hunt.

Long drive for nine holes was won by Suzanne Jepsen while Eileen Padberg had K.P.

18 Hole: Long Drive, No. 1, Dixie Ross and Long Drive

Local golfers compete at Pendleton Country Club

Last Sunday, 25 golfers from Heppner played in men's interclub competition at Pendleton Country Club.

Ron Bowman was Heppner's top golfer, scoring a 77 to take low gross honors. Bowman also took long drive and closest to the pin awards. Net score place winners were: first - John McCabe, second - Travis Hiatt, third - Bob Jepsen and fourth - Duane Disque.

The next interclub events on the Willow Creek calendar are July 24 when the Condon and Kinzua clubs come to Heppner, and on July 31 when Heppner goes to Kinzua. Both competitions are for men and women. The Kinzua date should be given special note since it is changed from the original visitation date listed on the annual calendar bulletin.

Golfers planning to go to Kinzua on July 31 should sign up in the club house, reports John Edmundson, a club spokesperson.

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On Sunday, the parade will begin at 11 a.m., with the rodeo following at 2 p.m.

The rodeo is well known for its suicide race, which will be held during the Sunday performance.

Crystal, 16, owns her own quarterhorse, which she helped break and train. She also enjoys riding mules.

Tickets, \$5 for reserve seats, \$4 for general admission and \$2.50 for children, may be purchased from Crystal Washburn, Box 113, Elgin, Oregon 97827, phone 437-8891.

34 participate in Flag Tournament at W.C.C.C.

Thirty-four golfers enjoyed a Fourth of July Flag Tournament and barbecue at Willow Creek Country Club on Monday, July 4.

Special awards for planting their flags first went to Inez Erwin, Heppner, and Ray Kirkpatrick, of Maupin.

Bev Wilson carried her flag the farthest for the women; second was Bev Gunderson; third, Harriet Pierson; and fourth, Kristi Edmundson. Bob Jepsen was first for the

men; Doug Gunderson, second; third was Dale Holland, Jr.; and fourth was Eddie Gunderson, Jr.

Play was highlighted by a hole-in-one by Bob Jepsen, his first, on the par three, 170-yard third hole, with a borrowed nine-wood. It was further enhanced by the fact that the tee was set back across the creek next to the number nine green, and because it was the first time he had used the nine wood, borrowed from Gerald Pierson.

Adult swim classes to be held at Lone pool

Adult swim classes will be offered at the Lone Swimming Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. beginning July 19, announced Carolyn Plocharsky, pool manager. The classes will run through August 11. Also during this time, an adult lap swim will be held at the pool for those interested, she said.

Cost will be \$5 for lessons and one dollar per visit for the lap swim.

For more information, contact Plocharsky at the pool.

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