

The Fifth Quarter

Sports by Mike Oths

Back to the typewriter for look at the sports world. The first week of June had almost convinced me to spend my time in my own sports events rather than writing about other people's, but a couple of infield pop-ups and a few shanked tee shots brought me back to earth.

As of yesterday, the Lakers are ahead 2-1 in the NEA playoffs, and really do look to be unbeatable. A thirty point blowout in the finals isn't unheard of, but the manner in which the Celtics got flattened leads me to believe that it's time to start thinking about next year. Obviously, the Celtics need help (?), so I've got a deal for them. We'll give up the draft rights to Michael Jordan for Kevin McHale and further considerations. (I'm still holding out hope for the Jordan and Clyde Drexler for Ralph Sampson deal, although it's looking dim on that score.)

All those people you see walking around with their heads held high are Oregon Duck fans. Those long-suffering patriots can rightfully take pride in the fact that the Webfoots have claimed the 1984 Men's Track and Field title. Led by the Brazilian Bomber himself, Joaquim Cruz (who captured the 800m and 1500m) the Ducks snagged their fifth NCAA crown. John Chaplin will have to start recruiting a little more, than maybe he'll feel free to talk to people from Oregon. (Chaplin is the track coach at Washington State, which was favored to win, but finished second. He came up with a new policy for the NCAA meet - held in Eugene - in that he wouldn't talk to anybody in Oregon. Seems like every time he says something controversial or in the way of a prediction, the nasty reporters actually print it - what a dirty trick.)

Looks like the Detroit Tigers are in a slump—they've lost 6 out of 9. For some teams, that would be a hot streak. The latest stretch has dipped their winning percentage slightly under .300, which is just short of amazing. Perhaps more amazing is the fact that the Toronto Bluejays are only 4½ games back. In any other division, the Canadians would be far ahead. One of the other surprise teams had been the Cincinnati Reds, but a five-game sweep by the Atlanta Braves has temporarily grounded that group.

The U.S. Open Golf Championship is coming up soon, and it should be interesting. The Open will be held at Winged Foot, in Mamaroneck, New York. If you enjoy seeing the pros get in the predicaments that we have to face, you should like this one. The Open annually produces the toughest courses and highest scores, but this year could be better than ever. I remember the last time they played at Winged Foot & Hale Irwin won at 7 over. When was the last time you saw a pro tourney won in 7 over?

It looks like John McEnroe is up to his usual antics at the French Open Tennis Championship. I wonder if foreigners get the idea that all Americans act like the athletes we send over. I hope not. I'd like to be Martina Navratilova's agent for the next week or two. If she wins the French Open, she will win a \$1 million bonus for holding all 4 major championships (Australian, French, British, Wimbledon, and U.S.) at the same time. A piece of friendly advice—don't bet against her, or if you do, bet with me.

On the local scene, plans are being finalized for the Heppner Open. The tourney will be held June 30 and July 1 at the local course. There is still time to enter, and there are some good prizes available.

That's about all for this week. Here's a thought for the day - Do you think we could get some headlines if Morrow County boycotted the 1984 Olympics? Just say that we're not sending any athletes to the games. We can join South Yemen, Vietnam and all the other nations which independently decided that our security is too lax in Los Angeles. And here I had planned to enter the summer bobsled competition.

HHS rodeo team kept busy HHS golfers finish last

By TRAVIS HYATT

Heppner High School Rodeo team had a busy Memorial Day Weekend, with rodeos at Ontario and Burns. The team finished fourth at both rodeos. At Ontario, Pat Schwarz won the boys all around, was first in calf roping and second in steer wrestling.

Steve Currin was fifth in calf roping, Hank Vazza, ninth in team roping and fifth in boys cow cutting.

Trisha Mahoney was fifth in barrels, sixth in goat tying, seventh in team roping.

The results from Burns: Hank Vazza, first in boys cow cutting, sixth in team roping, Trisha Mahoney, third in team roping, seventh in girls cow cutting, sixth in goat tying, and eighth in barrels. Pat Schwarz, eighth in calf roping and Steve Currin fifth in steer wrestling, Susie Martin, tenth in polebending.

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June 2 and 3, the team went to the Timber Valley High School rodeo held at Mojalla.

Trisha Mahoney won the girls all-around and tied for seventh in girls cow cutting, second in polebending, second in goat tying; Steve Miller finished tied for tenth place in calf roping; Hank Vazza third in boys cow cutting; Steve Currin, sixth in steer wrestling; Pat Schwarz, first in steer wrestling, fifth in team roping.

The Heppner golf team's hopes of finishing anywhere but last place were banished at the district tournament at Kahneeta last week. Heppner finished with a total of 904 strokes, 427 of them the first day.

Dave Green led Heppner the first day with a 96. Four other teams had a 96 at their worst score.

Other members for Heppner the first day were: Pat Struthers (107), Keith Kenison (112), Ken Curtis (122), and John Kenny (136).

Butch Miller and Brad Whittle from Madras had a 79 to lead after the first day. Other scores after the first day were: Madras (327), Enterprise (351), Burns (354), Mac-Hi (345), Riverside (380), Joseph (427), and Heppner (437).

Day two wasn't much better for Heppner; they were thirty strokes over the first day's performance.

Dave Green led Heppner with a 206, followed by Pat Struthers 224, Keith Kenison 228, Ken Curtis 247, and John Kenny 264.

Five golfers accomplished the 171 score required to compete at the state level. Kurt Rothwell from Burns was medalist with a 163. Butch Miller and Brad Whittle from Madras had 168s. Jack McCallum from Mac-Hi also had a 168; Paul Karvoski from Enterprise chipped in with a 170.

The team scores are in order: Madras 678, Enterprise and Mac-Hi tied for second, 710, followed by Burns 722, Riverside 779, Joseph 851, and Heppner. This year's golf squad will lose two seniors.

Over the Tee Cup

The Tuesday Ladies Day golfers met May 29 at Willow Creek Country Club with ten women playing.

Winners were: gross-Muriel Palmer, 44; net-Lucile Peck and Muriel Palmer, 26.5; least putts-Bev Wilson and Lorena Jones, 16; long drive on No. 1-Muriel Palmer.

Starting on June 5 the group will meet at 8:30 and begin play at 9 a.m.

On Tuesday June 12 the women will have a Play Day. Coffee is at 9 a.m. and the tee-off time is 9:30. Each member is to bring a salad for the luncheon. Guests are being invited to participate in the fun.

Ladies golfers met Wednesday, May 30 at Willow Creek Country Club for a time of fun and play reports a spokesperson for the golfers.

Norma Bailey won low gross and long drive. Alma Green had the least putts, and Judy Stevens and Geri Martin tied for second low gross.

Hostesses for the day were Harriet Batty and Inez Erwin.

Wednesday, June 6 is the next scheduled play with tee-off time at 9 a.m.

Echo golfers visit Heppner

Forty seven men and women from Echo Hills Golf Club and Willow Creek Country Club enjoyed a full day of golfing under beautiful blue skies last Sunday said a spokesperson for W.C.C.C. The interclub play activities were organized by Rick and Susan Johnston, Vern and Wanda Willis and John Edmundson.

Low gross score for the day for the Heppner men was posted by Rick Johnston and Ed Gunderson who scored 67s.

Other winners for Heppner were John Edmundson, third low gross score at 68; Archie Munkers and Dan Matthews, first low net at 53; and Barry Munkers and George Waterland, third low net at 54. Special events winners were Morrie Groves, Archie Munkers and John McCabe for closest to pin on second shot, long drive, and closest to pin respectively.

The Echo men were led by Larry Carrick who posted a gross score of 72, followed by Jim Penney at 73 and Ron Carter at 74. Low net scores for the Echo men were John Nooy at 54, John Schertenleib at 55 and Lynn Rainsberry at 57. Special events were won by Ron Carter, John Shull and Don Sutton.

The visiting Echo Ladies were led by Joyce Wait with an 18 hole score of 85. Low net winners were Darlene Hart and Sue Carter who both posted 54s. The special event

awards were taken by Sue Carter, Joan Schertenleib and Joyce Wait.

The Heppner women were led by Wanda Willis and Bev Gunderson with nine hole scores of 44 and Sonia Smith who posted a net score of 26 for nine holes. Wanda Willis stroked the long drive of the day for the Heppner ladies.

In the next interclub activity, Heppner couples will travel to Condon on June 24.

Rodeo News

The Morrow County rodeo awards program could not be possible without the contributions of the following corporations:

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Educators tournament termed a success

Saturday, June 2 was a big day at Willow Creek Country Club with 58 area educators taking part in a golf tournament that has become a traditional activity for the end of the school year said a spokesperson for the educators.

The green jacket for first place win was earned by John Edmundson who posted a score of 64. Second low gross of 67 score was made by Ed Hiemstra and Jim Harper. Other gross score winners were: fourth-Don Lott and Dave Gunderson at 70 and

Connie Kligel and Rick Jaegers at 71. Low net scores using the callaway handicapping system were as follows; first-Kelly Williams; second-Gary Hunt, Dick Lowry and Harry Coffman; fifth-Gary Miller, Mike Kyles, and Jum Chaney.


For the women educators, Katie McLean was low at 76, followed by Jane Eggleston and Kristi Edmundson at 83.

Special events awards were taken by Ed Sherman and Harry Coffman who tied for men's long drive and by Katie McLean for women's long drive. Other special events

were won by Don Madsen, Gary Miller, Tim Birkby, Kyle Kennison, Pat Edmundson and Katie McLean. Also eagles were scored by Jim Harper and Dick Lowery.


The tournament was headed up by Ed Hiemstra. Eileen Padberg directed Willow Creek women who provided lunch.

The field included golfers from Boardman, Irrigon, Ione, Heppner, Stanfield, Hermiston, and Cove. A great time was enjoyed by everyone concluded the spokesperson.



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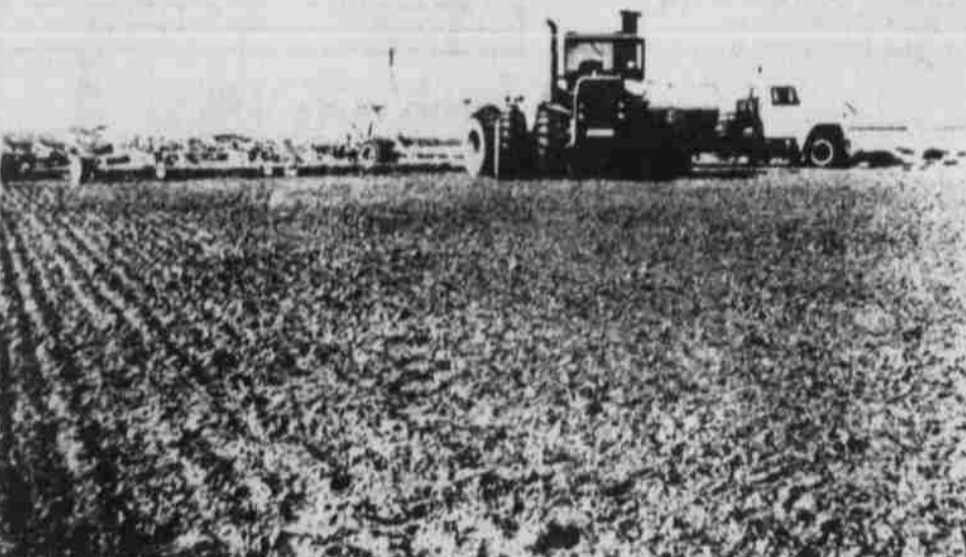
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