

HHS tracksters beaten by depth, not talent

Despite poor weather conditions, the Heppner High School tracksters turned in several personal records in the Grant Union Invitational track meet held in John Day last Saturday.

Not only did the locals face cold, blustery conditions, but also met the depth of AA track powers Madras and Vale.

"We didn't get beat by their talent, although it was tough competition, we were beaten by their depth as they (Madras and Vale) were able to place three competitors in every event (except the relays). It was all of their fourth, fifth and sixth place finishes that killed our chances," said head coach Dale Conklin.

A pair of underclassmen turned in the top performances for the locals as freshman distance runner Cathy Martin took nearly four seconds off her season's best in the 1500-meter run with a clocking of 5:26.7 good for third place. The winning time was 5:11.2, outstanding for the conditions.

Sophomore jumper Wayne Wilger soared to a personal best in the high jump with a leap of 6-2 and a second place effort. The winning height was 6-4½. "The impressive

thing about Wilger's jumping was that he didn't have a miss until 6' 3", Conklin said.

The final team scores for the boys were Vale 136, Madras 115, Burns 86, LaPine 58, Mt. Vernon 33, Ione 32, Cove 27, Heppner 18, Crane 10, Monument 6, Grant Union 3, Long Creek 2, Prairie City 0.

Girls scores were Madras 121, Vale 101, Heppner 64, LaPine 28, Cove 25, Grant Union 23, Dayville 20, Mt. Vernon 20, Burns 16, Ione 13, Spray 9, Prairie City 8, Crane 4, and Long Creek 2.

High point performer was Stephanie Payne who captured second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:03.5, also a personal record second in the 200 with a :26.9 time, third in the 100 dash with :13.2 and anchored the second place 400-meter relay team to a :53.9. The other members of the relay were Jodi Padberg, Kim Sager and Janelle McElhany.

Other place finishers were McElhany, third in the 100-meter high hurdles at :17.8; Padberg, second at 800 meters with 2:39.9, and Lana Reid, fifth in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 13:01.

Boys placing were Scott Buschke, third in the high jump with 5-10 and Chris McLaughlin, fourth in the high hurdles with a :18.1.

Jason Palmer threw a life-time best in the discus with a throw of 119-11 but failed to place as did Stacey Kennedy who lowered her best in the 400 by two seconds to run 1:11.

This week Heppner competed in a triangular meet with AAA Hermiston and Riverside on Tuesday and this Friday travels to The Dalles to compete in the Cherry Festival Invitational at Wahtonka High School. The Friday meet begins at 4 p.m. with field events and running events begin at 5:30 p.m. Most of the running events will be run under the lights.

There were several outstanding marks turned in at John Day. Sherry Ott of Cove leaped 5-6 in the high jump, the second best mark among Class A schools in the state; Mike Donaghu of Madras ran 4:01.8 in the 1500 meters; Bates of Burns leaped 21-6½ in the long jump, and the girls 400-meter relay team from Madras turned in a :51.3 clocking.

Jr. Olympics slated at HHS

The Heppner Elementary School will be sponsoring an AAU Junior Olympics Track and Field Meet Sunday, May 5, at the Heppner High School track.

Registration for all events will take place from 1:30 p.m. Late registration will not be permitted. The meet will begin at 1:45.

The age divisions sanctioned for this meet are the following: 10 and under, 11-12, and 13-14. Events for these age groups include shot put, long jump, high jump, discus, 100 meter hurdles, 100 m dash, 200 m dash, 400 m dash, 400 m relay, 800 m run, and 1500 m run.

A special attraction will be competition among the 2-7 year olds. Age divisions are 2-3, 4-5, and 6-7. Events for these youngsters are softball throw, 50 m dash and standing long jump.

This track meet may be used to qualify athletes for the State Junior Olympic Track Meet to be held in Portland June 12. Participants must meet or better the qualifying standards for their respective age groups to qualify for the state competition.

Volunteers are needed to help run events. To volunteer, call Heppner Elementary School (676-9128) or Phyllis Payne (676-5173).

HHS golfers win all

By Travis Hyatt

The Heppner golf team hosted the Milton-Freewater JV squad last Tuesday and handily beat them 159 to 202.

Mac-Hi's varsity squad was at a meet in Kah-nee-ta, and the JV's could only play nine holes.

"They have some good golfers with a fair amount of experience," said coach Duane Neiffer about

Mac-Hi's varsity team, "but we will give them a run for their money."

Dave Green and Keith Kenison were high men with a score of 37 for nine. Dan Struthers shot a 42, followed closely by Sean Lawsons, Jacque Johnston (57), and Dawn Palmers (58), rounded out the girls team.

The next match is here at Heppner against Riverside April 25.

Mustangs drop double header

By TRAVIS HYATT

It may have seemed that the Heppner Mustangs forgot there bats last Saturday against the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots, as they could only manage two hits combined in both games and lost 10-0 and 12-0 in double header action.

A lot can be attributed to the Tiger-Scots pitchers Tom Meier and Rick Scheibner.

The first game didn't start well for Heppner. Weston scored four runs in the first inning, and scored in every inning but the second. Heppner committed five errors and the Scotties bats were on fire, collecting nine hits in six innings. Lance Jones, Schiebner, and Meier had two hits apiece off Jim McConnell (4-2). Loran Hayes collected the only hit for Heppner.

The Mustangs hit the ball better in the second game, but they were hitting right to the Scotties fielders.

Meier was three for three in the second game and Schiebner hit a three run home-run in the first inning.

Heppner had something going in the second inning loading the bases with one out, but Schiebner got out of the inning with two strikeouts.

Travis Hyatt had the lone hit for Heppner.

First game												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E			
Heppner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5			
W-M	3	0	2	1	3	1	10	9	1			
Meier and Hanson, McConnell and Riehl, Pedro (4).												
second game												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E			
Heppner	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4				
W-M	4	5	2	1	1	12	10	2				
Schiebner and Hansen, Hyatt, Riehl (4), and Pedro. 2B-Meier, HR-Schiebner.												

Ione thinclads compete at John Day

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

The Ione boys and girls track teams competed in the Grant Union Invitational at John Day, Saturday, April 20. The meet was hampered by cold weather and snow. The Ione boys placed sixth with 32 points, while the girls finished ninth with 13 points. Schools from "AA", "A" and "B" ranks competed in the meet.

Deena Hams broke her own school record in the discus, throwing 93' 3", earning second place. She finished fourth, putting the shot 30' 11½", and sixth, throwing the javelin 89' 6½".

Randy McCabe picked up a first, second, and a third. He cleared 11' to win the pole vault, triple jumped 29' 9½" for second, and was third tossing the discus 126' 10".

In the shot put, Donnie Doherty was second, putting 48' 5¼". He also threw the discus 84 feet.

Distance runner Jerry Anderson competed in both the 1500 and 3000 meter runs. He clocked times of 4:46.5 and 10:46.8, respectively. Anderson also long jumped 14' 10".

Eric Cook dashed the 400 meters in :58.2. He also heaved the javelin 111' 5". In the 100 meter dash, Chris Rea sprinted to a time of :12.8.

Ashley Conklin long jumped 17' 4½" and triple jumped 34' 10". In the 100, he ran :13.7 and :27.9 for 200 meters.

Thrower Gary Rea put the shot 29' 7", plus throwing 84' 9" for the discus.

Distance runners Tim Beeson and Kierin Doherty ran the 1500 and 3000 meter respectively. Beeson's time was 5:13.6 and Doherty's time was unavailable.

On Friday, April 26, Ione will travel to The Dalles for the twilight Cherry Festival Invitational which

begins at 4 p.m. Then, on Saturday, April 27, Ione will compete in the second annual State "B" Invitational track meet. The meet begins at 11 a.m. and will be held at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham.

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Mustangs trot to victory over Viks



Viking slides against Mustangs.

By TRAVIS HYATT

The Heppner Mustangs came from behind last Tuesday evening, and won their fourth game of the year in an exciting game against the Umatilla Vikings.

The Mustangs started off well in the first inning. Ron Doherty and Troy Hyatt hit consecutive singles, and after Jim McConnell walked, Rick Riehl doubled to right field and knocked in three runs.

Things were relatively quiet in the next three innings as Hyatt was pitching well for Heppner, and getting some timely defensive help. Hyatt helped himself in the fourth inning knocking in Doherty who walked and stole two bases, and Heppner held a 4-0 lead after five innings.

The Vikings scored their first run in the sixth inning on Jerry Vandever's RBI single. Heppner scored an insurance run in the bottom half of the sixth and they led 5-1 heading

into the final inning.

But the game was far from over as far as Umatilla was concerned. The Vikings put on their hitting shoes and scored four runs on four hits in the top half of the seventh to tie up the game.

Umatilla's vision of extra innings was not to be done, with one out in the inning Travis Hyatt led off with a single. After a strikeout, Bob Riehl singled to left, and thanks to wild pitch by Vandever that Ty Arbogast struck out on, but reached base never-the-less. Doherty, then walked to score Hyatt and ice the victory for the Mustangs. Vandever took the loss, and McConnell was the winning pitcher for Heppner.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 R H E												
Umatilla	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	6			
Heppner	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	6	11			
Hyatt, McConnell (7) and McConnell, Riehl (7). Carlson, Vandever (2) and Clucas. 2B-Clucas, Riehl.												

Bowling News

WED MORNING DUFFERS

April 17, the Wednesday Morning Duffers played with the following results:

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