

# Mustangs split double header with Rockets

By TRAVIS HYATT  
The Heppner Mustangs split a double header last Tuesday against the Pilot Rock Rockets winning the first game 9-4, and falling to defeat in the second game, 6-3.  
Pilot Rock struck first in the opening inning on three walks and a single to lead 1-0.  
The Mustangs struck back in the bottom half of the inning on consecutive singles by Ron Doherty and Travis Hyatt. Doherty eventually scored on a wild pitch and things were knotted at one apiece.  
The bottom half of the second proved disastrous for the Rockets, as the Mustang bats came alive.  
Joe Taylor began with a double and the hitting continued from there. Dave Pedro, Loran Hayes, and Jim McConnell each knocked in two runs. When the inning was over, the score read Heppner 8, Pilot Rock 1.  
The Rockets had a little bit of a rally in the fourth inning, scoring three runs on four straight walks by pitcher Troy Hyatt. But Hyatt kept his composure and pitched well to

get out of the inning.  
Travis Hyatt, McConnell, and Pedro had two hits for Heppner.  
Troy Hyatt struck out a career high 11 hitters and walked eight.  
Visions of a double header sweep for Heppner were ended by Dave Post. The Rocket pitcher threw a six hitter.  
After a rough first inning, McConnell settled down and pitched a fine game for Heppner, striking out 14 and walking only two.  
Rick Rasmussen collected three RBI's for the Rockets.  
Statistics  
First game  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 R H E  
PR 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 4 3 2  
Hep 1 7 1 0 0 0 0 9 10 9  
Longhorn and Post. Hyatt and Pedro. 2B-Taylor.  
Second game  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 R H E  
P.R. 3 1 0 0 1 0 1 6 6 2  
Hep 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 3 6 2  
Post and Longhorn, McConnell and Pedro, Riehl (4). 2B-Rasmussen, Riehl.

# H.H.S. girls win 3rd team championship

The Heppner girls track team put together a host of season's bests as they earned their third team championship of the season last Friday at The Dalles by winning the Cherry Festival Invitational at Wahtonka High School.  
Final team scores were Heppner 68, Goldendale 66, Weston-McEwen 56, Sherman Count 51, LaPine 36, Echo 34, Wasco County 29½, Klickitat 29, Wahtonka 20½, Bickleton 17, Lyle 12½, Culver 12, Dufur 8, Glenwood 8, Ione 8, Stanfield 5, and Riverside 3½.  
Leading the locals to the win was Stephanie Payne, a triple winner. She gathered first place finishes in the 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes. Her top performance was in the 400 running 1:02.5, the fastest time in that event in the district. Payne also anchored the second place 400-meter relay team that included Janelle McElhany, Jodi Padberg, and Kim Sager.  
Padberg also turned in district's best in the 800 meters with a clocking of 2:32.1, her fastest on the season, and good for second place in the meet. She also placed fifth at 1500-meters.  
Freshman Cathy Martin turned in a pair of outstanding performances in the distance races as she set a new

school record at 3,000 meters by running 11:52.9 and collected a red ribbon. Earlier in the meet she lowered her time at 1500 meters by running 5:19.4 to finish fourth in a very strong field. The winning time was 5:06.6.  
McElhany continued her consistency in the 100-meter high hurdles with a second place finish and a 17.8 time.  
The boys also provided some good efforts as Jason Palmer showed he is a threat in the discus by throwing 129' to earn a second place showing in that event. His mark was eight feet farther than he had ever thrown before.  
Trent Harrison turned in a pair of good efforts in the distance races as he lowered his time to 4:41.3 at 1500 meters and in his first attempt this season at 3,000 meters he ran 10:22.3 for a sixth place finish.  
Last Tuesday the locals hosted a five-team meet at Heppner and this weekend travel to Umatilla for the Columbia Basin Conference championships slated to begin at 11 a.m. with field events and the running events slated to begin at noon.  
Heppner tracksters appear heading for peak performances as the all-important district track meet is rapidly approaching and head coach Dale Conklin is optimistic about what the local tracksters can accomplish.  
"If we can continue to improve as we have to this point, we stand a very good chance of taking several people to the state track which is May 17-18 at Mt. Hood Community College in Portland," Conklin said.

# Mustangs halted by Cougar win



Jim McConnell at bat for Mustangs

By TRAVIS HYATT  
The Heppner Mustangs were swept in a double-header by the Echo Cougars last Saturday. Losing the first game 13-2 and losing a close second game 7-4.  
Heppner scored first on a double by Loran Hayes, that scored Troy Hyatt and the Mustangs held a 1-0 advantage. That was the only lead they would hold during the game.  
The Cougars collected four straight hits in the third inning and took a 4-1 lead. Lending 6-1 going into the sixth inning, Echo put the game out of reach scoring seven runs on four hits and four walks.  
Fred Widman threw a three hitter for Echo. Troy Hyatt took the loss for Heppner.  
Ed Neely went 3-3 for Echo and drove in two runs.  
The second game was a bit closer. Echo took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a double by Devin Correa and a couple of errors. They struck again in the third inning on an RBI single by Widman.

Heppner took the lead in the bottom of the third inning scoring four runs. The big blow, a two run double by Jim McConnell, left the Mustangs looking pretty good.  
The fifth inning proved fatal for Heppner, as Echo strung together three hits and two walks to re-take the lead, 6-4. Echo added an insurance run in the sixth. Correa pitched the final inning and earned a save.  
Statistics  
First game  
1 2 3 4 5 6 R H E  
Echo 0 0 4 0 2 7 13 9 0  
Heppner 1 0 0 0 0 1 2 3 3  
Widman and Correa, Hyatt and Pedro.  
2B-Hayes.  
Second game  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 R H E  
Echo 1 0 1 0 4 10 7 8 1  
Heppner 0 4 0 0 0 0 4 4 3  
Widman, Correa (7), and Correa, Neely (7), McConnell and Riehl.  
2B-Kenney, McConnell.

## Over the Tee Cup

Results for Willow Creek Country Club Ladies Day, April 23 follow:  
Low Gross - Lorena Jones, Low Net - Barbara Cutsforth, Least putts - Lucille Peck.

## Ionians set records, at State "B" invitational track meet

By ASHLEY CONKLIN  
At the Cherry Festival Invitational track meet on Friday, April 26, the lone boys team placed fourth with 46 points, and the girls tied Dufur and Glenwood at 12th with eight points.  
Donnie Doherty set a new meet record of 47'3" in the shot put.  
In the discus competition, Randy McCabe increased his meet record by eight inches with a winning throw of 130'10". He triple jumped 40'7½" and pole vaulted 11'3", both winning marks.  
Deena Hams tossed the javelin 101'5", gaining third. In the shot put, she was fifth at 30'1¼". She also

competed in the discus.  
In the 3,000 meter run, Jerry Anderson clocked 10:13.5 for fourth. The time is the second fastest recorded time in District 7-A this season. He was on the 400 meter relay team of Chris Rea, Eric Cook, and Brian Douglas that ran 48.9, just short of placing.  
Cook sprinted to a personal best of :56.9 in the 400 meter dash.  
Douglas was fifth running the 300 meter intermediate hurdles in :45.6. He also ran the 110 meter high hurdles and just missed placing.  
Jim Beeson ran to personal bests in the 800 and 1500 meter runs. He covered those distances in 2:24.0 and 5:11.0.  
Another distance runner, Kierin Doherty, ran the 3,000 in 11:24.0, taking over 30 seconds off his previous best.  
Gary Rea put the shot and flung the discus. Ashley Conklin competed in the long jump, triple jump, 100 and 200 meter dashes.  
Ione will compete in the Big Sky Invitational at Condon, beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4.  
Final team scores for the boys were: Goldendale 123½, Wahtonka 64, Riverside 48, Ione 46, La Pine 42, Wasco County 38, Sunnyside Christian 28, Sherman County 22, Klickitat 21, Weston-McEwen 18, Bickleton 14, Lyle 12, Culver and Heppner 9, Stanfield 8, Dufur 1, and Glenwood 0.  
Girls team scores were: Heppner 68, Goldendale 66, Weston-McEwen 56, Sherman County 51, La Pine 36, Echo 34, Wasco County 29½, Klickitat 29, Wahtonka 20½, Bickleton 17, Lyle 12½, Culver 12, Dufur, Glenwood, and Ione 8, Stanfield 5, Riverside 3½, and Sunnyside Christian 0.

## Special Olympics

The ERC (Education Resource Center) at Heppner Elementary School has been gearing up for the Special Olympics May 3 in Hermiston.  
The last few weeks have been very busy for the ERC students, said a spokesperson for the Resource Center. They have had two bake sales, with many of the goodies baked by the students themselves. Other goodies were donated by parents and volunteers.  
The students are also selling tickets on a soft sculptured doll donated by Marti Mitchell and a handmade wooden doll from Poland donated by Andrej Doboszynski. Drawings for these dolls will be May 1.  
Proceeds from the students activities will pay for the t-shirts and Nike shoes that are offered to Special Olympians at reduced prices.  
This year there are two from Ione going to the Special Olympics. Several volunteer coaches will be cheering them on and offering support.  
Last year's Special Olympians brought home several blue ribbons. The students have been practicing every week in anticipation of bringing ribbons home again this year.

## Jr. Olympics competition set

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.  
Competition is open to all 2-14 year olds.

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).

## Cantata brings attendance

By Justine Weatherford  
The Community Cantata Choir, directed by David Sinkevitch and accompanied by Margo Sinkevitch, pleased the several hundred who filled the Heppner United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, April 14. The South Morrow Ministerial Association was thanked by the director for its sponsorship of this outstanding musical event.  
The cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" was preceded by an organ and piano duet by Liz Curtis and Margo Sinkevitch and by three hymns by the choir "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", "The Procession to Jerusalem" and "God

So Loved the World".  
The cantata, by Dubois, was introduced by Director Sinkevitch.  
Members of the choir included: Sopranos Cathy Barker, Sarah Carlson and Katherine Hoskins; Altos Mary Kay Bellamy, Liz Curtis, Betty Marquardt, Bonna Rae Miller, Wanda Riley, Peggy Rowley, Delores Shelton and Sharon Wilks. The tenors were Sam Bellamy, Clint Carlson, Molly Day, Jesse Rowley, Harley Sager, Don Shelton and Pat Wright. Bass singers were Rick Curtis, Doug Drake, Dave Hampton and Mike Warren.

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Sports with Mike Oths

Welcome back to the world of sports. . . Want something in the "It was bound to happen sooner or later" category. . . Goodbye Yogi Berra, Hello Billy Martin. Old Yog apparently didn't have enough funny lines to keep George (The Axe) Steinbrenner happy, so back comes Billy for his fourth tour of duty. This makes 12 managers in 12 years for the modern-day Charlie Finley. The only difference is that Charlie O. knew a little (a lot) about baseball. George knows very little, and still hasn't learned that you can't just throw some guys out on the field and expect instant success. Baseball is a game of ups and downs, and the successful teams are the ones that keep an even keel. With the Yankees, it's a zoo. Like Graig Nettles once said: "When I was a boy, I wanted either to be a ball player or to be in the circus. Now that I'm with the Yankees I can do both."  
It will be interesting to see how Billy Ball fares this time around. There is no disputing that Martin is a good manager, but it's only a matter of time before he, Steinbrenner, or both, blow their stacks. Take this to the bank: if an even-tempered person like Yogi Berra can't handle Steinbrenner, then nobody can.  
One thought: what does Yankee third-baseman Dale Berra do now that his dad has been fired.  
The Trailblazers sure went out-of-the-frying-pan-into-the-fire. The Lakers are not messing around, and the Blazers were soundly thrashed in game 1. This was written before game 2, but even a loss would not kill the Blazers completely. Portland is 19-1 in its last 20 games at home, so they should be tough there. The key is that Ramsay's guys don't play like they're in awe of Kareem and Co. As somebody pointed out in Sunday's paper-the Blazers always start against the Lakers like they're in a daze. Often, by the time they wake up, it's too late. The amazing part of the win over Dallas was the heroics of Audie Norris in Game 4. Whatever they pay him, he earned his whole salary with his two big hoops against the Mavs.  
The M'riners are sure on a roller-coaster. Even being home hasn't seemed to halt the slide. Oh well.  
The NFL draft was earlier this week, and probably held very few surprises. The draft isn't as much fun as it used to be. Now, the USFL and holdout players have made it more of a financial show than a talent show. Used to be that fans debated whether a player would help a team out. Now they bet on whether they'll be able to pay them enough. And so it goes.

**Anne, Nancy, Brenda, Dave & Everyone**  
Thank you so much for all the help and time you gave during the past 2 weeks.  
**Lisa**