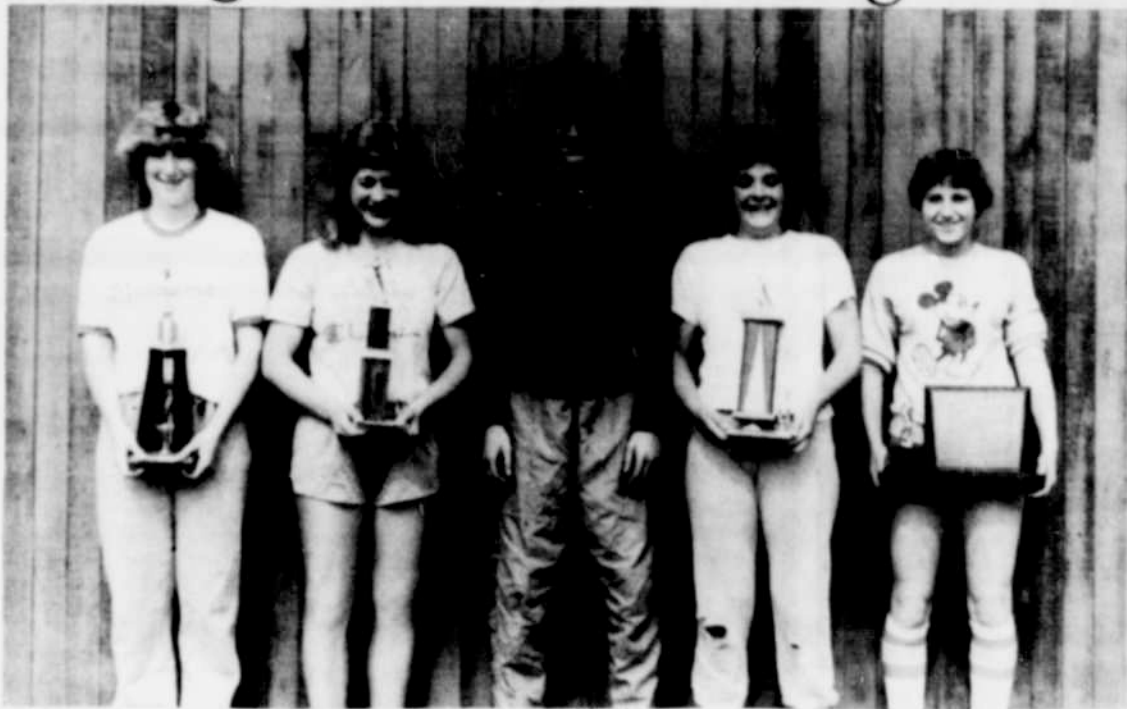


HHS girl tracksters bring home district championship



State A Track Meet qualifiers from Heppner High School. From left to right are Jodi Padberg, Stephanie Payne, Trent Harrison, Janelle McElhany, and Cathy Martin. The girls holding trophies won during 1985 season including District 7-A championship trophy won last weekend.

The Heppner High School girls tracksters are the 1985 District 7-A track and field champions. "The girls literally ran their way to second district championship in three years," said head coach Dale Conklin as the locals scored all of their team points in the running events. "We figured we had a shot going into the meet," Conklin said. "But I gave up on our chances as the meet went along and the results of the field events were slow to come in. It wasn't until the final team scores were announced, that we knew we were the team winners."

The final team scores were Heppner 76, Sherman County 75, Weston-McEwen 61, Wasco County 37, Pilot Rock 35, Echo 34, Wahtonka 33, Umatilla 32, Dufur 28, Stanfield 19, Riverside 13, Ione 10, Arlington 9, Helix 1 and Condon 0.

"We asked a lot out of our girls, and they responded," said Conklin. The girls qualified four to the state track meet this weekend at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham in seven different events.

Stephanie Payne and Jodi Padberg led the way as both were multiple qualifiers. Payne won the 100 in :12.6 and the 200 in :26.0 and was second in the 400 meters with

1:03.5. She will concentrate in the 100 and 200 in the state meet where she is tied for state's best; however, she will forgo running the 400. Padberg earned second place in the 1300 meter run with a season's best time of 5:22.3 and was the meet winner at 800 meters clocking 2:34.7. The other two state qualifiers were Janelle McElhany in the 100 meter high hurdles where she turned in a season's best :17.3 time and freshman Cathy Martin who was second at 3,000 meters running 12:05.07.

The lone boy qualifier was Trent Harrison who turned in a season's best time of 10:02.04 in the 3,000 meters to place second.

Lack of experience and maturity of the young boys' probably contributed to their 13th place finish in the district meet.

"You certainly cannot fault the boys," Conklin said. "They gave it their best shot. But, we only had one junior, three sophomores and a freshman on this year's team going up against stiff competition from hungry seniors from the other schools."

Jason Palmer threw 126' 1" in the discus to place fifth in that event. It was his second best effort of the

season and would have taken a lifetime best to earn a trip to state. The other place finisher for the Mustangs was Scott Buschke who tied for sixth in the high jump with a leap of 5' 6 1/2".

Chris McLaughlin earned a personal record in the high hurdles with a :17.6 clocking but failed to make the finals of that event. He also completed in the 300 hurdles. Jason Dougherty also turned in personal records in both the 100 and 200

meter dashes but didn't make it into the finals of those events. Wayne Wilgers ran into difficulty in the jumping events and although he, too, jumped 5' 6 1/2" missed out of a place due to more misses.

Other place finishers for the girls included both relay teams. McElhany, Padberg, Kim Sager, and Payne ran a season's best of :53.1 in the 400 meter relay to place third. A

1600-meter relay team of Sager, Stacey Kennedy, McElhany and Padberg placed fifth with 4:41.5.

Martin earned the other place finish as she was third at 1500 meters with a 5:23.4 time.

Also competing at district were Shannon McLaughlin, Cherrie Hager and Kerri Thompson.

"Boy, are we going to miss these senior girls when they graduate this

spring," concluded Conklin. "With their talent and leadership, we have been able to win two district championships and earn runner-up position the other two years they have been in high school. That is a feat that no other school in this district can come close to matching."

This weekend's state meet begins Friday with preliminaries on Friday concluding with finals on Saturday



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3 IHS tracksters qualify for state competition

By ASHLEY CONKLIN
Ione's track teams qualified three people for the state track meet, at the District 7-A track meet, on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11. The state meet will be held at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham on Friday, May 17 and Saturday May 18.

Umatilla won the boys competition for the second straight year with 73 1/2 points. The Heppner girls captured their second title in the last three years with 76 points. The lone boys placed fifth with 54 points, while the lone lone girl placed 11th as a team, scoring ten points.

Randy McCabe earned the right to compete in four events at the state meet. He won the pole vault at 10' 6". He leaped 41' 10 3/4" in the triple jump for second and a new school record. The previous school record of 41' 3 1/4" was set by Craig Hams a year ago. McCabe also placed second in the long jump with a leap of 20' 10" and in the discus with a throw of 131' 6".

Shot putter Donnie Doherty put the shot 47' 6 1/2", placing second and earning a trip to state.

Deena Hams won the javelin with a throw of 121' 9", also earning a trip to state. She also made the finals of the discus, but did not place.

In the 110 meter high hurdles, Brian Douglas placed fourth with a time of :16.8. He was on the fifth place 1600 meter relay team of Eric Pointer, Chris Rea, and Jerry Anderson that ran 3:54.8. Douglas also competed in the preliminaries of the 300 meter intermediate hurdles, but did not make the finals.

Anderson placed third in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:04.7, taking almost nine seconds off his previous best. He missed qualifying for state by just over two seconds.

In the javelin, Cook increased his personal best by nearly 14 feet, with a throw of 127' 4", just missing the finals. In the 400 meter dash, he qualified for the finals, but fell short of placing.

Rea ran a personal best :45.2 in the preliminaries of the intermediate hurdles, but did not make the finals. He also ran in the preliminaries of the high hurdles and com-

peted in the pole vault. In the triple jump, Ashley Conklin leaped 37' 0" for a personal best. He also long jumped 17' 3 1/2".

Gary Rea competed in the preliminaries of both the shot put and discus. He put the shot 30' 7".

Tim Beeson ran in the 800 meter preliminaries where he ran 2:31.3 and the 1,500 meter finals. Kierin Doherty ran in the finals of the 3,000 meter.

At the state track meet, competition begins at 12:30 p.m. on Friday and 12 noon on Saturday. Hams will throw the javelin on Friday, as McCabe will the discus. McCabe also triple jumps and pole vaults on Friday. On Saturday, McCabe will long jump and Doherty will compete in the shot put.

Final team scores for the boys were: Umatilla 73 1/2, Wahtonka 72, Helix 58, Sherman County 55, Ione 54, Riverside 50, Pilot Rock 33, Wasco County and Weston McEwen 31, Stanfield 20, Arlington and Wheeler County 15, Heppner 10 1/2, Condon 8, and Dufur 2.

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Golf

Over the Tee Cup

Results of May 7 Ladies Day were as follows:

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Low Net: Martha Peterson.

Least Putts: Lorena Jones.

Long Drive: Harriet Pierson.

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