

## Heppner thinclads place first/second at Condon

by Ashley Conklin

Heppner's boys track team asserted themselves as a leading contender for a District 7-A title while the girls team earned their highest place finish at a major meet in two years in last Saturday's Condon Invitational.

The boys team won the meet with 138 points, for outdistancing runner-up Riverside which tallied 71 points and third place Wahtonka (56 points). It was the first major meet victory for the Heppner boys since 1979.

Meanwhile, Heppner's girls finished in second place in the overall team race with 60 points. Culver won the girls meet with 99 points.

Head track coach Dale Conklin was pleased with the performances of his two teams.

"We asked some people for a lot for us and they gave it," Conklin said. "For this early in the season we performed as well as can be expected."

Heppner's Ashley Conklin was the boys highest performer in the meet

with 30½ points. Conklin won the long and triple jumps at 19-11½ and 39-3 respectively. He also placed second in the 100-meter dash with a personal best time of :11.9. He was on the first place 440-yard relay team of Jason Dougherty, Wayne Wilgers, and Barney Lindsay which clocked :47.6.

Freshman sensation Kim Stookey paced the girls team with 19 points. She placed first in the 1500-meter run in a time of 5:49.9 and was second in the 100-meter high hurdles in a time of :18.8, both personal bests. Stookey was also on the fourth place mile relay team of Dorothy Hays, Jill Conklin, and Nancy Bailey which clocked 4:54.5.

Bryan Padberg won both the 1500 (4:17.3) and 3000-meter runs (9:31.1). Padberg broke the 3000-meter meet record held by Ron Monroe of Culver (9:34.1) after setting the 1500-meter meet record a year ago.

Dougherty finished second in both hurdle events, winning the 110-meter highs in :16.7 and the

300-meter intermediates in :44.2, lowering his junior class record in the latter. Dougherty was also on the second place mile relay team of Lindsay, Jim Brosnan, and Ed Hamlin which clocked 4:01.6.

Wilgers won the high jump at 6-0. He also was third in the triple jump (38-1) and sixth in the long jump (18-7½).

Lindsay tied for fourth in the 100 at :12.1 but turned around to place second in the 200 in a personal best of :24.6.

Gene Lancaster and Jason Palmer led a 1-2 Heppner sweep in the shot put with tosses of 44-7½ and 42-8 effort was also a personal best.

Palmer also won the discus with a throw of 130-7 and Lancaster was fourth with a heave of 101-7, a personal best.

Brosnan also had a personal best of :57.4 in the 400 meter dash where he placed third.

Michelle Beck earned the only other blue ribbon for the Heppner girls by winning the 3000 in a time of 13:27.7.

Hays placed fourth in the high hurdles in a personal best time of :18.9. She, Conklin, Kim Sager, and

Sandi Turner also placed second in the 440-meter relay with a :57.3 showing.

Turner closed out the scoring by leaping 4-6 in the high jump, good for fourth place.

The Heppner thinclads competed in a four-way meet at Umatilla on Tuesday and along with lone and Riverside, will host the 22-team 19th annual Morrow County Invitational at Umatilla on Saturday.

District 7-A and 8-A schools will take part in the premiere Class "A" Eastern Oregon meet in which field events will kick off at 11 a.m. and running events starting at 12:30 p.m.

Favorites in the boys field include Heppner, Riverside and Union while Imbler and Pilot Rock should battle for the girls top spot.

Heppner's thinclads will then compete in a five-way meet at The Dalles next Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Boys team scores were: Heppner, 138; Riverside, 71; Wahtonka 56; Spray 42; Monument 39; Lone M. Dufur 25; Sherman County 22; Culver 17; Stanfield 14; Waco County 14; Condon 12; Echo 12; Arlington 8; Long Creek 8; Monument 8 and Wheeler County 8.

Girls team scores were: Culver 99; Heppner 60; Sherman County 53; Waco County 49; Stanfield 48; Lone 41; Wahtonka 29; Arlington 19; Monument 16; Echo 12; Riverside 12; Condon 9; Dufur 9; Spray 4; Long Creek 4; Mitchell 4; and Wheeler County 4.

## High school golfers open season

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's golf teams opened their seasons last Monday in matches with Hermiston.

Heppner's Dan Struthers and Hermiston's Mike Garner won medalist honors in the varsity match that featured the top six players from each school, boy and girl.

The varsity match, shortened by darkness, was won by Hermiston, 4-6-3-5-4. The junior varsity match, which went nine holes, was also won by Hermiston, 195-230.

"It was a good way to start the season considering we played a

Class "AAA" on their home course which is a lot longer and tougher than our course," head coach John Edmundson said. "I was really pleased with our overall effort."

Heppner's golfers played nine holes against the Pendleton junior varsity on Tuesday. Heppner will host Mac-Hi on Friday.

Varsity  
Hermiston (4-6): Mike Garner 90, Troy Betz 85, Aaron Porter 88, (17 holes), Chris Halsey 94 (17 holes), Erik Rudman 96 (17 holes).

Junior Varsity  
Heppner (5-4): Dan Struthers 90, Bert Cannon 100 (17 holes), Shelia Piper 101 (17 holes), Jeff Davis 106 (17 holes), J.J. Shaw 107 (17 holes).

Hermiston (195-230): Dale Struder 43, Chris Weber 47, Shawn Wald 49, Danielle Coffman 56, Heppner (230-195): Carl Martin 52, Brent Akeman 59, Brian Pearson 59, Scott Struthers 60.

## Mustangs begin with baseball loss

By Ashley Conklin

Troy Hyatt pitched a no-hitter in the first game and a sacrifice bunt by Scott Davis in the eighth inning helped give Heppner's baseball team a doubleheader sweep over the Stanfield Tigers last Saturday.

The two wins (6-0, 11-10) moved the Mustangs, to a 3-0 league record in the Columbia Basin Conference and a first place tie with Pilot Rock. It was also the first time in over five years the Mustangs had swept a doubleheader.

Hyatt, appearing in his first game of the season, walked none and struck out 11 Tiger batters.

The Mustangs had six errors in the first game which denied Hyatt a perfect game.

John Kenny supported Hyatt with an RBI-triple in the third inning to bring home Joe Taylor who had walked. Kenny came home on an error on his triple.

David Pedro clubbed a double and later came home on a passed ball, also in the third inning.

Russell Britt also went 2 for 4 for

Heppner in the first game. In the nightcap the game went back and forth before Davis' game-winning bunt.

Trailing 9-7 entering the bottom of the seventh, Heppner was in business when Dick Devin singled.

Hyatt then tripled to score Devin and Hyatt scored on a sacrifice fly by Craig Angell to tie the game at 9-9.

Britt then doubled but Talor flied out to send the game into extra innings.

Troy Clark walked to lead off the Tiger eighth and later scored to give Stanfield a 10-9 advantage.

But back came the Mustangs. Pedro was hit by a Brent Morris pitch and advanced to second after Bob Riehl walked.

Pedro and Riehl, who had four RBIs in the second game, then executed a double steal and advanced another 90-feet on balls to score Pedro, setting up Davis' heroics.

Heppner coach Steve Wicks was pleased with the victories.

"We're starting to hit the ball real

well," he said. "Troy and John had triples and David, Craig, and Russell all had doubles."

"I hope our pitching continues to be this good," Wicks added, "but we do need to work on our defense and cut down our errors."

Britt improved his record to 2-0 with the win in the second game and struck out 11 Tigers.

Heppner hosted Riverside in a CBC Eastern Division game Tues-

## Britt pitches no-hitter for Heppner Frosh

By Ashley Conklin

Freshman sensation Russell Britt, making his first appearance on the mound for Heppner's baseball team, threw a no-hitter at the Echo Cougars home field last Tuesday afternoon.

Britt and the Mustangs beat Echo 13-0 in a game limited to five innings due to the 10-run rule.

Britt walked five Cougars but mixed his pitches effectively to strike out 10 batters and keep Echo off balance throughout the game.

Dick Devin and John Kenny led the hit parade for Heppner with two hits in four appearances each. Both had two singles and two runs scored.

The Mustangs broke the game open in the third inning.

After singles by Kenny and Scott Davis, Bob Riehl pounded a two-run double and later came home on a passed ball.

Devin and Craig Angell both reached base on an error and Devin scored on an error.

Britt then helped himself with a two-run single to score Angell and Mark Fishburn.

Heppner put the game out of reach with singles from Devin and Angell and runs from the two in the top of

day and will host Umatilla next Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Statistics  
First Game

Stanfield	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Heppner	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4
Martinez and Clark	0 2 3 1 0 0 0 0 7 4
L. Martinez	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
H. Martinez	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Britt	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Angell	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Statistics  
Second Game

Stanfield	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Heppner	2 1 1 0 1 0 2 1 10 8 7
Brown, Monks, Morris and Clark	1 1 2 1 0 2 2 2 11 7 7
W. Britt	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
L. Morris	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
H. Morris	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Britt	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Carthers	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Riehl	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## Casting and Stalking

With Dale Rohde

(Editor's note: The Gazette-Times will feature an outdoor column from time to time by local sportsman Dale Rohde.)

Turkey season begins April 18 and runs through May 10 for anyone who received a tag from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

With the Wild turkey being the most difficult game in North America to hunt, it's difficult to know what the success rate will be.

I recommend plenty of scouting before the season begins. Veteran turkey hunters claim it's a good idea to try and locate an ole Tom's roost. After you have done this, try being within 200 yards of the roost an hour before daylight carefully listening for the tom to start gobbling. When shooting hours begin, it's time to start your stalk. If you can get within 40 yards and positively identify the bird as being a tom turkey, try for a head or neck shot, for a sure kill.

There are pros and cons on stalk hunting turkeys. After reading several books on turkey hunting, I would prefer the stalk method. The Heppner public library has a couple different books on turkey hunting that would be worth checking out before the season begins.

Here's a couple safety tips to follow while stalk hunting turkeys. Always keep in mind that the turkey you heard and are now stalking could be another hunter and until you actually see the turkey, you should keep that possibility in your mind. A careless hunter could easily mistake a man crawling through the timber for a turkey. It's happened before so please be careful and good luck.

Trout fishing at Willow Creek Reservoir has been fairly slow the last couple weeks. Probably due to the amount of mud in the lake resulting from the winter run off. I would imagine after the lake clears up Trout fishing should pick up.

I haven't heard of any Smallmouth bass being caught yet, but as soon as the lake warms up they should move into shallow water and start hitting.

I've always had luck bass fishing with a nightcrawler on the bottom. Although some sportsmen prefer fishing with the spinner baits. Both tactics have proved successful on Willow Creek Reservoir.

Hopefully this summer the lake will give up some bigger bass. Last summer about one in every ten was worth keeping.

The Smallmouth bass is just about the best fighter fish I have caught. What's embarrassing is when you hook a little one and it feels like you've got a lunker on the end of your pole. And you turn to your buddy and tell him how nice your fish feels. And then reel in an eight inch bass. So I learned a long time ago, not to say a word until I see the fish.



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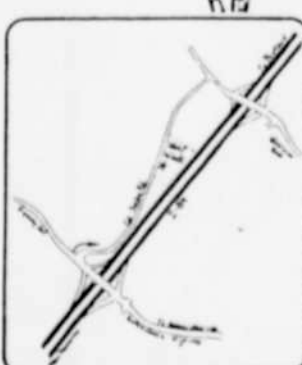
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