Mustangs halted by RHS diamond-men

By Ashley Conklin

Six Heppner errors and a three-run home run by Riverside's Mike Griffin proved to be the difference last Tuesday as the Mustangs fell to the Pirates by a 6-5 score.

Heppner pitchers Russell Britt and Troy Hyatt gave up only one hit on the afternoon, that on Griffin's home but but the Mustang defense didn't hold up in the loss.

"We hit the ball pretty well and we got good pitching," Heppner coach Steve Wicks said, "but we need to improve our defense."

Griffin scored the first run of the game in the top of the first inning after reaching base on an error before Heppner came alive off Griffin on the mound.

Britt singled, Joe Taylor walked, and David Pedro walked to load the bases.

Bob Riehl then singled to score Britt and Scott Davis smacked a single to score Taylor and Pedro and give the Mustangs a 3-1 lead.

Heppner, which sent nine batters to the plate in the first frame, brought seven more to the plate in the second inning but scored only one run, that by Britt, to increase its lead to 4-1.

The Pirates though pulled to within 4-2 after three innings when Boyd Davis scored a run.

Both teams went quietly in the fourth but then Hank Johnson opened the Riverside fifth on an error.

Mark Tellman then walked and Griffin greeted Hyatt with a three-run blast to put the Pirates ahead 5-4.

Riverside added a run in the sixth when Jeff Wenholz reached on an error and Bingo Ganvoa sacrificed.

The Mustangs came within 6-5 on a run by John Kenny but the Pirates held on for the victory.

Britt and Hyatt combined to fan 9 Pirate batters but Griffin was just as effective with 11 strike outs, 9 in the last 4 innings.

Kenny and Taylor both went 2 for 3 for Heppner with a run each and Riehl was 2-4 with a pair of singles.

Statistics

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Riverside	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	6	1	1
Heppner	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	9	6

Griffin and Nuttbrock. Britt, Hyatt (3) Britt (7) and D. Pedro. W-Griffin. L-Hyatt. HR: Riverside-Griffin.

East beat West on the track

By Ashley Conklin

It was a battle of East versus West or District 8-A versus District 7-A at last Saturday's 19th annual Morrow County Invitational.

However it was the team from the East and District 8-A, Union, that won the boys meet with 102 points over Heppner, the team from the West and District 7-A, which scored 94 points.

"We lost to a good team," Heppner head coach Dale Conklin said. "They're one of the top four teams in the state but we're right behind. They've improved a lot and so have we."

Union won the meet a year ago with 67 points while Heppner was fourth with 45 points. At the Class "A" state meet last year, Union was fifth while Heppner tied for sixth.

Heppner's girls tied Arlington for 12th place with 11 points, after failing to score a year ago.

Pine-Eagle captured the girls team title with 57 points. Following closely behind was Union (50 points), Pilot Rock (49 points), and Enterprise (43 points).

A sharp bitter wind blew all day at the Umatilla track but it didn't deny Heppner's Bryan Padberg who won both the 1,500-meter run and 3,000-meter run in times of 4:17.3 and 9:25.8 respectively.

Padberg was also on the sixth place 1,600-meter relay team of Jim Brosnan, Jason Dougherty, and Trent Harrison which clocked 3:51.6.

Gene Lancaster picked up a first place finish in the shot put with a heave of 45-6 and had a personal best of 105-8 in the discus.

Jason Palmer was first in the discus in a season's best toss of 131-10 and was fifth in the shot put with a throw of 42-0.

Wayne Wilgers captured the high jump at 6-2 and placed fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 37-10.

Wilgers also teamed with Dougherty, Harrison, and Ashley Conklin to tie for fourth place in the 400-meter relay in a time of :48.2.

Dougherty had a fine day in the hurdles by running to second place in the 110-meter high hurdles (:18.3) and third in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles (:44.0).

Harrison, running the 800 meters for the first time ever, finished third in 2:07.9, just one-tenth of a second off the winning time.

Ashley Conklin picked up the remaining points for the boys team with a third place finish in the long jump and a second place showing in the triple jump. He leaped 19-6½ and 40-2½ respectively.

Sandi Turner paced the girls team by capturing the high jump at a height of 4-8.

Kim Stookey picked up the other points for the girls team by running the 1500 in 5:54.8. She also ran the 300-meter low hurdles in a personal best time of :56.9.

Although not placing, other Heppner girls had good days as well.

Shannon McLaughlin put the shot a personal best 27-7½ and tossed the discus 73-10, her furthest throw in that event this season.

Michelle Beck, who placed fourth in the district 3,000 a year ago, ran her fastest time of the season, 13:16, on Saturday.

This Saturday Heppner will travel to John Day for the Grant Union Invitational which begins at 11 a.m.

The Heppner boys will get another shot at Union on Saturday but will have sprinter Barney Lindsay back who is also a key member of Heppner's relay teams to help combat the Union attack.

Boys team scores were Union, 102; Heppner, 94; Riverside, 49; Joseph 48; Pine-Eagle, 46; Helix 40; Elgin 25; Imbler 25; Stanfield 17; Grant Union 13½; Wahtonka 11; Sherman County 10; Enterprise 9½; Ione 9; Wasco County 8; Arlington 6; Umatilla 6; Echo 4; Weston-McEwen 3; Wheeler County 1; Condon 0; and Pilot Rock 0.

Girls team scores were Pine-Eagle 57; Union 50; Pilot Rock 49; Enterprise 43; Imbler 38; Sherman County 35; Grant Union 29; and Stanfield 29; Joseph 28; Helix 25; Ione 18; Wasco County 13; Arlington 11; and Heppner 11; Echo 8; Elgin 8; Weston-McEwen 6; Riverside 4; Condon 2; Wahtonka 1; Umatilla 0; and Wheeler County 0.

HHS golfers finish behind Pendleton

By Ashley Conklin

On a clear sunny day at Willow Creek Country Club, Heppner's boys golf team lost to the Pendleton junior varsity in nine holes of action.

The Heppner girls also lost to the Pendleton varsity last Tuesday afternoon.

Heppner's Dan Struthers was the boys medalist, firing a 35 for nine holes, but Pendleton, led by Jedd Nelson's 37, won 160-165.

Kristen Applegate shot a 41 to lead Pendleton's girls to a 199-211 victory over Heppner, led by Sofi Struthers with a 42.

Heppner's blue junior varsity team, led by medalist Bert Cason, defeated the Pendleton JV green and Heppner JV gold 137-145-159.

The 42 fired by Cason was better than the 45 shot by Dennis Moffit of the Pendleton junior varsity green and the 50 of Heppner's junior varsity gold Will Martin.

Heppner will host Riverside on Thursday at 2 p.m.

Boys

Medalist-Dan Struthers, Heppner, 35

Pendleton JV (160): Jedd Nelson, 37; Kirk Morris, 39; Scott Anderson, 39; Shawn O'Rourke, 45.

Heppner (165): Dan Struthers, 35; Carl Martin, 39; J.J. Shaw, 42; Jeff Devin 49.

Girls

Medalist-Kristen Applegate, Pendleton, 41.

Pendleton (199): Kristen Applegate, 41; Nikki Nelson, 48; Tara Hagenwood 54; Amy Barnes, 56.

Junior Varsity

Medlaist-Bert Cason, Heppner JV Blue, 42.

Heppner JV Blue (137): Bert Cason, 42; Jim Clark, 47; Jon Kindle, 48.

Pendleton JV Green (145): Dennis Moffit, 45; Aaron Feves, 49, Paul Raab, 51.

Heppner JV Gold (159): Will Martin, 50; Bret Akeson, 54; Terry Chinen, 55.

Cards finish 2nd/4th at Wahtonka

The Ione Cardinals traveled to Wahtonka for a five way track meet on Tuesday, April 14. The girls team finished second behind Wahtonka with 49 points and the boys finished fourth with 36 points.

In girls competition Deena Hams finished first in the javelin with a throw of 130' 10", first in the discus with a throw of 91' 3" first in the shot put at 31' 6" and fifth in the high jump with a leap of 4' 4".

Mary Cupps placed first in the 300 meter hurdles with a school record of 57.45, second in the high jump at 4' 8½" and fourth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 20.76.

Jo Cupps was third in the javelin with a throw of 80' 6", third in the discuss at 76' 2" and third in the shot with a put of 27' 7".

Katie Doherty was second in the 1500 meters with a time of 6:04.74, second in the 3000 meters with a time of 14:06.1, and fifth in the long jump at 11' 10:.

In boys competition Robert Adams was second in the shot put at 42' 4½", second in the javelin at 146' 3" both personal bests. He also ran a leg of the 400 meter relay; the team finished fourth.

Chris Rea took a second in the high hurdles with a time of 17.56, third in the Pole Vault with a leap of 10' and also ran in the 400 meter relay team.

Dustin Padberg finished second in the triple jump with a leap of 38' 1¾", fourth in the high jump at 5' 4" and ran a leg of the 400 meter relay.

Sean Warren was the fourth member of the 400 meter relay team.

Kevin Ball placed third in the 3000 meter at 10:53.7, fourth in the 1500 meters in 5:06, fifth in the high jump at 5' 2" and fifth in the triple jump at 33' 11½".

Gary Rea placed third in the discus with a throw of 100' 4" and Dick McElligott placed fifth in the 400 meters with a time of 58.14. The 1600 meter relay team of Shawn Hams, Bryan Basford, Dick McElligott and Gary Rea placed fifth.

In all the Cardinals posted 24 season best marks at this meet.

Team scores for the girls were: Wahtonka 61; Ione 49; Heppner 47; Dufur 47; and Riverside 15.

Team scores for the boys were: Heppner 88; Wahtonka 76; Riverside 53; Ione 35 and Dufur 23.

Casting and Stalking

With Dale Rohde

According to department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Bob Krein of Heppner, big game herds are in fine shape. With winter loss very minimal, we should expect a better than average big game season this fall.

With this nice spring weather we're having, fawn survival should be above average. But we won't get the final figures on that until later on in the year.

Has anyone seen the Antelope in the Franklin Grade area? There's supposed to be one buck and five Does hanging around there, according to Glen Ward another local biologist.

Glen also said there's quite a large herd headed in this general direction whether or not they will stay here is another thing.

Glen's theory is that they could end up in the bombing range area which I believe is very likely. Because Antelope like that kind of country.

A couple years ago, friends Rick and Shanna Paullus, my wife Kelly and I went for a drive in the Shobe canyon area and we came across two doe Antelope running with 18 head of deer which really surprised us. We havent' seen them since but I have heard they're still around.

April 25 is opening day of trout season for a lot of local streams including Rhea and Willow Creek.

The streams are starting to clear up so we should see a productive opening day. You're only allowed five trout a day and ten on the lake. Please check your regulation booklet for more information.

Planting operations are now underway. 2,000 trout will be planted in Willow Creek. Cutsforth pond is due for 600 legal-sized trout. At Willow Creek dam 16,000 Fingerlings will be planted.

You would think that it would take a year for these Fingerlings to grow to legal size, not true according to biologist Bob Krein. These trout will grow on the average of one inch per month.

Last year 16,000 Fingerling's were also planted at the lake, so there should be a good supply of legal-sized rainbows waiting for your hook.

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