

Mustang thinclads win Columbia Basin Championship Wranglers tell playday results

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's boys track team feasted on first and second place finishes to win the Columbia Basin Conference championships last Saturday afternoon.

The boys won the meet with 152 points by winning nine of 17 events and picking up four second places to outdistance second place Wahonka which had 130 points.

Meanwhile Heppner's girls were seventh out of the nine-team field with 40 points but were without Kim Sager who was ill and could not compete in the meet.

Leading the boys were Ashley Conklin, Gene Lancaster, Jason Palmer, and Wayne Wilgers in the field events and Jason Dougherty and Bryan Padberg in the running events.

Wilgers won the high jump, and remained undefeated for the season in that event, with a leap of 6-4. He also collected third in the triple jump at 37-10 1/2.

Lancaster and Palmer led a 1-2 Heppner sweep in the shot put with throws of 47-4 1/2 and 42-0 1/2 respectively.

Discus competition put Palmer in first and Lancaster in second with tosses of 128-2 and 118-6 respectively. Lancaster's throw was a personal best and landed him in the all-time top 10 in the discus at HHS.

Adding wins in the long jump and triple jump was Ashley Conklin who leapt 19-5 and 39-8 respectively.

Meanwhile, in the running events, Dougherty captured both hurdle races with a time of :16.8 in the highs and :42.1 in the intermediates, a personal best.

Padberg put on a gutsy performance against the heat to win the 1,500 meter run in 4:10.6 and then came back to kick in a time of 2:04.6, a season's best, to place second in the 800-meter run.

The Mustangs added another 1-2 sweep in the 100-meter dash with Barney Lindsay winning in :12.2

and Conklin placing second with a time of :12.3.

Lindsay gathered a third in the 200-meter dash with a reading of :24.5 and joined Dougherty, Conklin, and Wilgers to place third in the 400-meter relay (:48.2).

Also, in the high jump, Duane Ball cleared 5-8 for third place and a personal best and Padberg made 5-0 for fifth. He also long jumped 16-10 for fifth. He came up just short of placing in the 100.

Jim Brosnan added points in the 400-meter dash with a fifth place time of :57.7.

In the shot and 400, Dean Munkers and Ed Hamlin both performed well and just missed placing.

On the girls side, Dorothy Hays and Kim Stookey paced Heppner to its seventh place showing.

Hays came on midway in the race of the girls high hurdles to win in a personal best showing of :18.3.

Stookey, a freshman, placed second in the 1,500 but later came back to win the 3,000 in 12:56.

In the high jump, Sandi Turner (4-6) and Jill Conklin (4-2) were third and fourth respectively.

Shannon McLaughlin picked up sixth in the shot with a put of 26-1 1/2 and fell just shy of placing in the discus.

The remaining girls points were picked up by Michelle Beck who was sixth in the 1,500 in 6:16.

Wasco County won the girls team title with 84 points to nip Pilot Rock which had 83 points.

Last weekend's CBC was the final meet for the Heppner thinclads before this weekend's District 7-A meet which will be at Wahonka High School. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. However, anyone who pays admission Friday will be admitted free on Saturday.

Competition will begin on Friday at 3:30 p.m. with finals in the boys discus, high jump, and long jump and girls shot put and javelin. Preliminaries in running events will

also be held in all races of 800 meters and less.

Saturday's competition will get underway at noon with finals slated for all remaining field events and all running events.

The Heppner boys are the favorites to win the district trophy but head Coach Dale Conklin says that isn't his team's first priority.

"Our first priority is to have everybody compete as well as they can," he said. "Our second priority is to qualify as many people as we

can for the state track meet and then for the boys our third priority would be to win the meet."

Those who place first or second at the district meet, plus those who meet outstanding state qualifying standards at district, will participate in the Class "A" state meet the following weekend in Springfield.

Boys team scores were: Heppner, 152; Wahonka 130; Riverside 118; Wasco-McEwen 81; Sherman County 28; Wasco County 25; Umatilla 17; Stanfield 9; and Pilot Rock 7.

Girls team scores were: Wasco County 84; Pilot Rock 81; Sherman County 68; Wasco-McEwen 59; Umatilla 46; Stanfield 45; Heppner 40; Wahonka 34; and Riverside 14.

Casting and Stalking

With Dale Rohde



Morels are starting to pop up in the local mountains, and interest the tasty morels is mushrooming. I've always experienced good luck in the Cutsforth park area. There's a good variety of edible mushrooms in that area. First-time mushroom hunters should have someone with them who can correctly identify morels because there's also a large variety of poisonous mushrooms in that area. I know from experience. I once let a friend convince me that some mushrooms we stumbled across while deer hunting were edible. I had serious doubts about trusting this guy's word, because I had never seen this type of mushroom before. But by the time dinner rolled around and I had watched him down a couple bites, my doubt was overcome by trust. We both ended up in bed for three days with tremendously upset stomachs. What's worse, those mushrooms tasted terrible.

Steven Sather and I teamed up last week for a fishing trip to Cutsforth pond. It's in fine shape for fishing. Steve caught a couple pan-size trout on a minnow spinnerbait.

I had my doubts when he started casting. You see, Steve just moved up here last Fall from Louisiana, and he's used to fishing for large mouth Bass. This minnow spinnerbait was about the size of your index finger, so it really looked funny being pulled across that little pond. Steve got the last laugh, because after he pulled in his second trout, I found myself poking around in his tackle box trying to find one for me.

I haven't had a chance to check out Willow Creek lake for awhile, but from what I hear from local sportsmen it's still pretty slow.

I've found good fishing on Willow Creek itself. Rhea Creek has been producing some nice-looking trout. A little warning to creek fishermen: always be on the lookout for rattle snakes. I've never seen any on Willow Creek, but I have heard of them being killed there in the past. I believe they're a little thicker on Rhea Creek. I've seen them dead on the road, and a couple of years ago my wife Kelly and I almost stepped on one up Thorn Creek, a tributary of Rhea Creek. Please be careful.

Each week I would like to reserve a spot in my column to recognize a local landowner who allows sportsmen to hunt and fish on their land. Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Harris on Upper Rhea Creek have been kind and generous in allowing me and others the privilege of hunting and fishing on their land.

Doubleheader improves Mustang standings

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's baseball team improved to 10-6 in Columbia Basin Conference play and 10-7 overall after its 11-8, 8-7 sweep over the Umatilla Vikings last Saturday afternoon.

In the first game the Mustangs used a 3 for 3 performance from David Pedro to withstand the Vikings' five-run first inning.

In the nightcap, Heppner starter Troy Hyatt struck out seven in seven innings to chalk up the win on the mound.

Umatilla rocked Mustang starter Russell Britt in the opener for four hits and two walks in the first inning to give the Vikings an early 5-0 lead.

However, Craig Angell came in during the second inning and Heppner worked its way back into the contest.

The Mustangs scored twice in the bottom of the second and then grabbed a 7-5 lead in the third inning.

Bob Riehl pounded a triple to drive in two runs and Heppner also used three base on balls to take the lead.

The Mustangs then went on to win in spite of allowing three Umatilla runs in the seventh inning.

Riehl was 2-2 at the plate in the opener with 3 RBI. Joe Taylor was 2-3 and also drove in three runs. Pedro and John Kenny added three runs scored as well.

Angell earned the win and allowed just three hits.

In the second game Heppner used

a five-run second inning to pull out the victory.

After walks to Hyatt and Mark Fishburn, Britt singled.

Angell then smacked a bases-loaded double to clear the bases and came home on Kenny's RBI-single.

After tying the score later on at 7-7 in the fourth, the Mustangs pulled the game out in the sixth.

Britt singled to start things off and later came home on a single by Pedro.

Britt was 2-3 with two runs scored and Pedro had two RBI. Angell also clubbed three runs batted in.

Corey Wells led the Vikings at the plate with a double in the opener and two doubles in the nightcap.

Mike Nelson and Rod Tarter also had two hits in the opener for Umatilla.

Heppner hosted Weston-McEwen on Tuesday and will close out the season on Friday at Pilot Rock in a game beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Statistics

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	T	E
Umatilla	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	7	4
Heppner	0	2	5	2	0	2	X	11	13	9

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	T	E
Umatilla	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	7	4	1
Heppner	0	5	0	2	0	1	X	8	9	2

Team	W	L	W	L
Pilot Rock	15	1	18	4
Riverside	12	5	15	8
Heppner	10	6	10	7
Wasco-McEwen	10	4	12	10
Stanfield	8	8	10	11
Echo	1	15	2	13
Umatilla	0	15	2	19

Golfers take Riverside

By Ashley Conklin

In its final tune-up before the district tournament, Heppner's girls golf team defeated Riverside in nine holes last Tuesday afternoon.

Heppner squeaked by in six strokes, 201-207, to defeat the Pirates. Heppner was at the Crooked River Ranch near Redmond on Monday and Tuesday but results were unavailable at press time.

Riverside's Theresa Meade took medalist honors with a 41 but the all-around team play of the Fillies enabled them to take the season series 3-2.

Sheila Piper led Heppner by firing a 44. Sofi Struthers had 49 total strokes as Benji Pearson and Kelly

McLaughlin chipped in with a 51 and 57 respectively.

"It was nice to win the match," coach John Edmondson said, "and to also win the season series."

With only four members of the girls golf team left on the team out of an original seven, Edmondson, will only have the services of McLaughlin, Pearson, Piper and Struthers at district.

The girls state tournament will be next Monday and Tuesday at the Portland-Glendoveer golf course.

Statistics
Medalist Theresa Meade, Riverside, 41.
Heppner (201): Sheila Piper, 46; Sofi Struthers, 49; Benji Pearson, 51; and Kelly McLaughlin, 57.
Riverside (207): Meade 41, Otha St. Dawson 55, and Jensen 61.

Heppner pulls ahead of Stanfield

By Ashley Conklin

Sparked by the bats of Craig Angell, John Kenny, and David Pedro and some fine defensive plays from Kenny and Troy Hyatt in the outfield lifted Heppner's baseball team to a dramatic 8-6 victory over the Stanfield Tigers last Tuesday.

Angell hit a two-run single in the

top of the seventh inning to break a 6-6 tie and give the Mustangs the victory.

Angell, who came on in relief of Hyatt in the sixth inning, held off the Tigers in the seventh to earn the win.

Stanfield had tied the game in the bottom of the sixth when Brent Morris walked and Dale Cox doubled.

Ed Hanecok then singled and the

game was tied 6-6.

Kenny rapped a single, and a two-run double in the fourth inning to help give the Mustangs a 6-3 advantage.

Pedro's RBI-triple two batters later helped build the Heppner lead. The Mustangs held on because Kenny in left field and Hyatt in right field helped with some key defensive

catches.

Shawn Martuscelli drilled a home run and was 2-4 at the plate as was Troy Clark to lead the Tigers.

Statistics

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	T	E
Heppner	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	1
Stanfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	4

Heppner thinclads hold their own in AAA competition

By Ashley Conklin

Against some of its toughest competition of the season at the Hermiton Kiwanis Invitational on Saturday, April 25, Heppner's thinclads finished third in the seven-team boys field and fifth in the girls field.

Competing against primarily Class "AAA" schools Hermiston, Pendleton, and La Grande, the Heppner boys outlasted Pendleton with 87 points to capture third place while the girls were fifth with 22 points.

Hermiston dominated the meet, winning the boys competition with 165 points while the girls were first with 150 points.

Heppner head track coach Dale Conklin was pleased with how his teams performed. "We proved we can compete with the 'AAA' athletes," he said, "but we don't have the depth to compete with them as a team."

Two meet records and several season and personal bests were set by the Heppner teams.

Wayne Wilgers won the high jump with a new meet record leap of 6-6 and just missed clearing 6-8.

Gene Lancaster set the other meet record for the Heppner boys in winning the shot put with a throw of 47-8 1/2.

Wilgers also was sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 37-9 1/2 and was on the fourth place 400-meter relay team of Jason Dougherty, Ashley Conklin, and Barney Lindsay which clocked :47.8.

Lancaster also was fifth in the discus with a personal best of 112-0.

Distance runner Bryan Padberg also had a good day with season's best times of 4:07.2 in the 1,500-meter run and 9:08.5 in the 3,000.

Padberg was second in the 1,500 to Hermiston's Bruce Gray and won the 3,000. Padberg also set a new all-time Class "A" sophomore

record in the 1,500.

Dougherty captured the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in :43.1 and was second in the 110-meter high hurdles with a personal best of :16.5.

Dougherty also teamed with Conklin, Lindsay, and Jason Palmer to capture fourth in the 1,600-meter relay in 4:08.3.

Conklin was third in both the long jump (19-3 1/4) and triple jump (39-3 1/2).

Palmer was fourth in both throws with a heave of 41-6 1/4 in the shot put and 125-0 in the discus.

Despite not placing, Dean Munkers had a personal best of 91-8 in the javelin.

Leading the girls were distance runners Michelle Beck and Kim Stookey.

Beck was third in the 3,000 with a season's best time of 13:00.3 while Stookey was fifth in the 1,500 in a personal best time of 5:34.1, the top time in the district so far this season.

Stookey was also in the 1,600 relay team of Jill Conklin, Dorothy Hays, and Kim Sager which clocked a season's best of 4:51.7 to garner fourth place.

The girls sprint relay team, comprised of Sandi Turner, Conklin, Hays, and Sager, also had a season's best with a time of :56.7 for fifth.

Hays tied her personal best of :18.4 to finish fifth in the high hurdles and Sager was sixth in the 400-meter dash in a season's best time of 1:07.1.

In the jumping events, Turner was sixth in the high jump at 4-6 and Conklin sixth in the long jump with a distance of 13-11.

Shannon McLaughlin rounded out the girls scoring with a sixth place effort in the discus.

McLaughlin's discus throw of 75-0 was a season's best and she also advanced to the finals of the girls shot put.

Boys team scores were Hermiston, 165; La Grande, 152; Heppner, 87; Pendleton, 74; Toppish, Washington, 32; Stanfield, 8; and Umatilla, 0.

Final girls team scores were Hermiston, 150; La Grande, 133; Pendleton, 102; Stanfield, 43; Heppner, 23; Toppish, Washington, 19 and Umatilla, 2.

The Wranglers Riding Club has submitted the following results for a May 3 Playday:

Stick Horse Race-first-Shad Hisler; second-Josh Sharp, a tie for third between Joe Papineau and Amy Papineau.

Five and under

Barrels: first-Blake Knowles, second-Angela Munkers; third-Jill Barber, and fourth-Kathleen Greenup.

Poles: first-Angela Munkers; second-Kathleen Greenup; third-Jill Barber; fourth-Blake Knowles.

Figure 8 race: first-Kathleen Greenup; second-Blake Knowles; third-Angela Munkers; fourth-Jill Barber.

6 & 7 year olds

Barrels: first-Tiffany Munkers; second-Brian Knowles; third-Annie Hisler; fourth-Dawn Boor.

Poles: first-Tiffany Munkers; second-Stormy Howard; third-Brian Knowles; fourth-Casey Evans.

Figure 8: first-Brian Knowles; second-Tiffany Munkers; third-Stormy Howard; fourth-Casey Evans.

8 - 10 yrs. old

Barrels: first-Kelsie Evans; second-Rodney Ehrmantraut; third-Joy Hoffman; fourth-Josie Evans.

Poles: first-Rondi Robinson; second-Kelsie Evans; third-Josie Evans; fourth-Sara Greenup.

Figure 8: first-Josie Evans; second-Rondi Robinson; third-Joy

Hoffman; fourth-Corey Ehrmantraut.

11-13 yrs. old

Barrels: first-Jacob Maben; second-Steve Hoffman; third-Danny Sharp; fourth-Donita Sharp.

Poles: first-Steve Hoffman; second-Donita Sharp; third-Danny Sharp; fourth-Jacob Maben.

Figure 8: first-Jacob Maben; second-Donita Sharp; third-Shelly Ashbeck; fourth-Steve Hoffman.

14 - 18 yrs. old

Barrels: first-Jason Maben; second-Christy Stroeber; third-Stacey Kennedy.

Poles: first-Christy Stroeber; second-Jason Maben; third-Stacey Kennedy.

Figure 8: first-Christy Stroeber; second-Jason Maben; third-Stacey Kennedy.

19 yrs. & over

Barrels: first-Penny Hoffman; second-Mary Ann Munkers; third-Dick Temple; fourth-Mary Knowles.

Poles: first-Mary Ann Munkers; second-Karen Temple; third-Mary Knowles; fourth-Dick Temple.

Figure 8: first-Mary Ann Munkers; second-Mary Knowles; third-Karen Temple; fourth-Dick Temple.

The Wrangler Summer Series Playdays will be June 5, June 12, June 19 and June 26. They will begin at 6 p.m. at the Wranglers grounds. For more information call Tim Coe or Jim Boor.

Mustangs sweep doubleheader

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's baseball team pounded out 22 base hits and stole 12 bases to sweep a doubleheader from the Echo Cougars on Saturday, April 25.

The Mustangs won the opener of the twinbill 14-4 and then took the nightcap 7-3 to take the two games.

John Kenny went 5-7 in the two games including going 3-3 in the nightcap and had two doubles and four runs batted in during the two games.

Scott Davis also was 5-9 for Heppner while Bob Riehl knocked in six errors five coming in the opener.

In the first game, Craig Angell got the win by going five innings and giving up just four hits before getting relief. The game went only six innings due to the 10-run rule.

On the mound, Troy Hyatt had seven strikeouts in the nightcap for the Mustangs and allowed only five hits, none in the first three innings.

In the first game, Heppner led 8-4 in the bottom of the fourth inning when Riehl cracked a bases-loaded triple to increase the Mustang advantage to 11-4.

Kenny then clubbed a double in the bottom of the sixth to put Heppner on top 14-4 and end the first game.

Davis also had a pair of singles and a double in the first game while Mark Fishburn and Troy Hyatt each scored three times, and Joe Taylor stole two bases.

The Mustangs came alive early in the second game to build a 5-0 lead after the first inning.

Hyatt, Kenny, and Riehl all smacked doubles in the opening frame to aid the Heppner cause.

Kenny had three hits in three trips

24 golfers compete at WCCC

Sunday at Willow Creek Country Club was busy with 24 attending the morning men's play and a good turnout for the family barbecue in the afternoon.

Roy Martin captured 1st low net honors with a 52 and in addition won least putts with a score of 27. Second low net was a three way tie between Jerry Daggett, Rick Johnston,