

Mustangs lose two to Pirates

By Bob Krein

On Saturday, April 14, the Heppner Mustangs played the Riverside Pirates in a double header. The Riverside Pirates were ranked number one by the last coaches' poll. The Pirates jumped out to a quick two to zero lead in the top half of the first inning. Heppner made the score two to one in the bottom of the first with a double by Russell Britt and an RBI single by Slater Mitchell.

That was all the scoring either team did for the rest of the game. The Mustangs defense didn't commit an error and pitcher Russell Britt did the rest, striking out 11 batters. The final score was Heppner 1 and Riverside 2.

In the second game the Mustangs held the Pirates in check until the third inning when the Pirates scored four runs. They got one more in the fourth and exploded for six runs in the fifth. The Mustangs lone run

came in the fourth inning when Slater Mitchell hit a triple, and Brandon Pedro hit an RBI triple to score Mitchell. The Mustang defense had some trouble, committing three errors, accounting for seven unearned runs. The final score was Heppner, 1 and Riverside, 11. The Mustangs are now 3 and 3 overall and 2 and 2 in league play.

Game 1					
	AB	R	H	RBI	SB
Riverside	2	0	0	0	0
Heppner	1	0	0	0	0
Bob Krein	4	0	1	0	0
Doug Devin	4	0	0	0	0
Russell Britt	2	1	1	0	0
Slater Mitchell	3	0	1	1	0
Brandon Pedro	2	0	0	0	1
Eric Connor	3	0	1	0	0
Jason Britt	3	0	0	0	0
Cory Graebel	1	0	1	0	0
Tom Kenny	1	0	0	0	0
Jim Kindie	1	0	0	0	0
Casey Pedro	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	1	5	1	1

Game 2					
	AB	R	H	RBI	SB
Riverside	0	0	4	1	6
Heppner	0	0	0	1	0
Bob Krein	3	0	1	0	0
Doug Devin	2	0	1	0	0
Russell Britt	2	0	1	0	1
Slater Mitchell	2	1	1	0	0
Brandon Pedro	2	0	2	1	0
Eric Connor	2	0	0	0	0
Jason Britt	2	0	0	0	0
Casey Pedro	2	0	0	0	0
Tom Kenny	2	0	0	0	0
Jim Kindie	1	0	0	0	0
Cory Graebel	1	0	0	0	0

Scout troop to form

A reorganizational meeting of Boy Scout Troop no. 661 will be held Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Heppner Elementary School.

Any interested boys 11 to 18 and their parents are invited to attend.

Ione tracksters compete at Wahtonka, Condon

By Anne Morter

The Ione tracksters had two meets last week, traveling to Wahtonka for a five-way meet on Tuesday and visiting Condon on Saturday for the Condon Invitational. The Cardinals continued to improve, producing several personal and season bests as well as one district best.

The Ione girls ran to a second-place finish and the boys tied for second in a five-way meet held in The Dalles on April 5. Competing against Wahtonka, Sherman County, Wasco County and Dufur, the girls scored 53 points behind Wahtonka's 104 and the boys scored 40 to tie with Sherman County. Wahtonka also won the boys portion of the meet with 139 points.

The girls had two double winners, with Danielle Stefani winning the 1500 meters in 5:37 and the 3000 meters in 12:32.5 and Jo Cupps taking the discus and javelin with throws of 96'2 1/2" and 110'4" respectively. Cupps also placed second in the shot put with a toss of 30' 1 1/2" to complete a 1-2 Cardinal sweep. Ione's Wendy Anderson won the event, throwing 30' 7/2". Rounding out the scoring, Crystal Minster took fourth in the 200 (29.65) and fifth in both the long jump (12'6") and 100 (14.51). Janie Cupps took third in the high jump with a jump of 4'4" and fourth in the 100 meter high hurdles with a time of 21.88. She also took fourth in the 300 intermediate hurdles in a time of 60.53. The Cardinal relay team, consisting of Jo Cupps, Janie Cupps, Crystal Minster and Danielle Stefani, took fourth place, running the distance in 59.42.

Gabe Garcia ran a district-best 53.48 in the 400 meters to spark the boys effort and win that event. He also finished second in the 200 (24.85), third in the high jump (5'2") and fourth in the long jump (16'1"). Mike Garrett, the only other first-

place finisher, won the triple jump with a leap of 36'3". He also took third place in both the 1500 (4:50.8) and javelin (117'5") as well as placing fourth in the 3000 (10:59.2). Mark Anderson wrapped up second place in the discus (88'7"), third in the shot put (33'4") and fifth in the 200 (28.15). Mike Lovgren rounded out the scoring, finishing fifth in the shot put with a throw of 29'2".

Coach Del LaRue said he felt good about the Cardinals' efforts against the larger schools. "We had some good efforts. Wendy Anderson had a PR (personal record) in the shot put and Gabe Garcia established a district best in the 400." He also praised Danielle Stefani for her unchallenged victory in the 3000, her first try at that distance.

The competition at the Condon Invitational was considerably stiffer with 24 schools in attendance. "We didn't fare as well on Saturday," says LaRue. Besides the competition, several of the Ione athletes were bothered by the high pollen count brought on by the warm weather.

On the girls side, Jo Cupps won the javelin with a throw of 116'11". She also took third in the discus with a toss of 95'0", her best effort so far this season. Danielle Stefani, battling asthma, managed a fifth-place finish in the 1500 with a time of 5:39.6.

For the boys, Gabe Garcia placed fourth in the 400 with a time of 54.29 and Mike Garrett ran to a fifth place finish in the 1500 with a time of 4:42.4.

Several Cardinals set personal records but didn't manage to place in the top six. Mike Garrett threw 130'5" in the javelin, Mark Anderson tossed the javelin 129'7" and Gabe Garcia sprinted to a time of 24.06 in the 200. LaRue says the team competed well but were unable to score many points.

High school plans events

On April 25, the high school level Knowledge Master computer contest will be held at 2 p.m. at the Heppner High School library.

On May 2, the district-wide spell-

ing contest will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The Heppner High School Talented and Gifted banquet will be held on May 10 at 6:30 p.m. also in the cafeteria.

Ione tennis teams show strong performances

By Anne Morter

The Ione tennis teams had strong performances last week, playing against Umatilla on Tuesday and competing in the Helix Tournament in Pendleton on Saturday.

Against Umatilla, Renee Van Leersum had no problem with their number-one singles player, Kristy Hoch, defeating her 6-0, 6-4. Linda Morter started playing more aggressively at the net and defeated Umatilla's number-two seed, Keli Carraher, 9-7. In other singles action, Fumika Matsui lost to Sue Anne Rodriguez, 2-8.

In doubles play, Amy Wagenblast and Nancy Morter lost to Shanna Fry and Dani Hayden 3-6, 2-6. Kristine Bedortha and Amy Pointer played an outstanding match to defeat Umatilla's number-two doubles team, Nicci McIver and Shannon Gibson, 8-6. Coach Cathy McCabe credited great net defense and teamwork for the win. In the final doubles match, Kari Morgan and Brandi Ball defeated Missy Stuck and Sara Nelson, 8-5.

In boy's singles, Brent Sheirbon played Umatilla's top player, Jayme Cordova, right down to the wire but

but was unable to pull out the win, losing 7-6, 3-6, 3-6. Ione's Eric Orem lost to Javier Ingles 0-8 and Jason Schneider lost to Kevin Leonard, 1-8.

On Saturday, Renee Van Leersum won the singles division of the Helix tournament by defeating Tara Hinkley of Sherman County in the title game. The hard-fought contest that lasted nearly 2 1/2 hours ended with a final score of 7-5, 6-7, 7-5. To reach the title match, Van Leersum defeated Carrie Webb of Arlington in the opening round, 8-4. In the next round, she defeated Kami Albert of Weston-McEwen 8-3. Coach McCabe said she was impressed with her player's endurance and persistence in the marathon title game.

In other single's action, Kari Morgan, playing in her first singles match, lost to Tara Hinkley of Sherman County in the opening round, 1-8, and barely lost to Garrie Rickman of Weston-McEwen in the second round, 6-8. Morgan made a good run at her opponent, coming from far behind, but wasn't quite able to catch her.

Ione's number-one double's team, Amy Wagenblast and Nancy Morter took fourth place in the tournament. They lost in the first round to Cyn-dy Albert and Tara Pyle of Weston-McEwen, 8-9, but came roaring back in the second round to defeat Tara Sheets and Maria Theis of Helix, 8-3. Ione's number-two doubles team, Kristine Bedortha and Amy Pointer, did not fare as well losing to Stacy Carlock and Angie Kirk of Weston-McEwen in the first round, 2-8, and losing to Tara Sheets and Maria Theis in the second round, 3-8.

In boy's play, Brent Sheirbon had an off day, losing to Chris Johnson of Hood River, 0-8, in his opening match and falling to Rob Nerdin of Helix, 2-8, in the second round.

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Mustang JVs defeat Ione

By Bob Krein

On Thursday, April 12, the Heppner Mustang Junior Varsity played their first game of the season against the Ione Cardinals.

The Mustangs jumped out to a quick 5 to 0 lead on a two-run home run by Jason Britt, an RBI single by Brandon Pedro and an RBI double by Jacob Maben. The Mustangs scored two more runs in the fourth inning and four in the sixth to give the Mustangs an 11 to 1 victory.

Jason Britt and Brandon Pedro each had two hits for the Mustangs.

Jim Kindie picked up the win. He went four innings and struck out 10 batters. Doug Devin also saw action on the mound for the Mustangs.

Heppner JV					
	AB	R	H	RBI	SB
Ione	5	0	0	2	4
	0	0	0	1	0
Rick Osmin	2	2	2	0	12
Jason Britt	4	2	2	2	1
Doug Devin	3	2	1	1	1
Brandon Pedro	4	2	2	3	0
Jim Kindie	2	0	0	1	0
Cory Graebel	3	1	1	2	3
Jacob Maben	4	0	1	1	0
Scott Coe	4	1	1	0	2
Ryan Currin	2	1	0	0	1
Totals	28	11	9	10	9

Mustangs defeat Tigers

By Bob Krein

On Tuesday, April 10, the Heppner Mustangs faced the Stanfield Tigers.

The Mustangs took advantage of two walks, two-hit batters and singles by Jason and Russell Britt to score the first four runs of the game.


The Mustangs picked up two more runs in the second inning. Then in the fourth inning Doug Devin hit a solo home run to make the score Heppner, 7 and Stanfield 2. The Mustangs added one run in the fifth inning and four in the sixth to give the Mustangs a 12 to 3 victory.

The Mustangs got two hits from Doug Devin, Russell Britt and Jason Britt. Jason also added three RBI's for the Mustangs. Russell Britt got

the win for the Mustangs. Britt pitched four innings and picked up nine strikeouts. Eric Connor came in and pitched three solid innings of relief. The Mustangs are now three and one overall and two and 0 in league play.

Stanfield Heppner					
	AB	R	H	RBI	SB
Bob Krein	3	2	1	0	1
Doug Devin	3	3	2	1	0
Russell Britt	3	2	2	1	1
Slater Mitchell	4	0	1	0	0
Brandon Pedro	2	2	1	1	2
Jacob Maben	1	1	1	1	1
Eric Connor	1	1	0	1	2
Jason Britt	4	1	2	3	1
Cory Graebel	1	0	0	0	0
Casey Pedro	0	0	0	1	0
Tom Kenny	2	0	0	0	0
Jim Kindie	2	0	1	0	0
Totals	26	12	11	9	8

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