

Ione tracksters compete in Big Sky Conference

By Anne Morter
The Ione tracksters competed in the Big Sky Conference meet last Saturday in Condon. The girls tallied 69 points to place third behind Sherman County and Culver while the boys chalked up 82 points to take fourth behind Sherman County, Condon and Wheeler.

Mike Garrett and Danielle Stefani were the day's double winners. Garrett won the javelin in a personal record throw of 148'4" and took first in the 800 meters in 2:21.9. He was also second in the 1500, 4:53.9; and third in the 300 hurdles 51.06. Stefani pulled a grueling distance double in the heat, winning the 1500 in 5:42.8 and the 3000 in 13:09.1. She was also sixth in the triple jump, leaping 25'3 1/2".

On the girl's side, Jo Cupps won the javelin with a throw of 110'7" and was third in the discus, throwing 95'5". Janie Cupps had a big day, placing second in the high jump, 4'8", and the 800, 2:58.9, as well as taking third in the 400 69.64 and fourth in the 300 hurdles 60.88. She set a personal record in the high jump and 400 meters. Rounding out the girls scoring, Wendy Anderson

took fourth in the shot put with a throw of 29'6 1/2" and fifth in the discus with a toss of 73'2 1/2".

In boy's action, Gabe Garcia took second in the triple jump, 38'1" in his first attempt at that event. He was also second in the 400, 53.81, tied for fourth in the 200 23.79, and fifth in the high jump, 5'4". His 200 meters time and triple jump mark were personal records. Mark Anderson was second in the 100 high hurdles in 19.99, fifth in the javelin, throwing 119'5 1/2", fifth in the discus with a toss of 89'8 1/2", and sixth in the shot put, throwing 34' 1/2". Mack Lovett was third in the 3000 in 13:37.5 and fifth in the long jump, jumping 16'5 1/4". Mike Lovgren was fourth in the 3000, 16:41.9, sixth in the discus, 68'4" and sixth in the 1500, 7:00.7.

The Cards competed very well, according to Coach Del LaRue, despite the hot temperatures. He said the distance runners were particularly affected by the weather.

The Cardinals next stop is the district meet to be held Friday and Saturday at Hermiston High School. The top two finishers from each event advance to the state meet to be held May 18 and 19 in Springfield.

HHS track team attends CBC meet at The Dalles

By David McCurry
On May 5, the Heppner High School boys Track and Field team traveled to The Dalles to compete in the Columbia Basin Conference meet.

The Heppner High School track and field team's attendance at the meet, which includes all the teams from the CBC was mainly for

preparation for the district track meet at Hermiston on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12.

The boys' team placed fifth. Dean Munkers placed sixth in the shot put, third in the javelin and second in the discus. Jay Michaels placed fourth in the 400, sixth in the 300 hurdles and first in javelin with 145' 11 1/2", his best throw of the season.

Cards suffer loss at hands of Umatilla JVs

By Anne Morter

The Ione Cardinals suffered a disappointing 16-6 baseball setback at the hands of the Umatilla JV team last Monday. One bad inning cost the Cards their chance for their first win of the season.

The second inning proved to be the Cardinals' downfall as Umatilla used the period to score 10 of the 16 runs. Out of a team total of five errors, Ione committed four in that same inning.

A high point of the game was Jim Davison's home run in the first inning, the first for him and the team. He was awarded the game ball by the umpire for his achievement.

The Cards scored two runs in the first inning. Justin Miller was on

base when Davison hit the homer so both scored.

In the second inning, Jim Holtz was walked to first base and then scored after Quincy Penne and Justin Miller both hit singles. Penne scored on a wild pitch and then David Wagenblast singled to score Miller.

The Cardinals suffered a drought in the third and fourth innings, striking out in six of 10 times at bat. The final score in the game for Ione came from Jim Davison. After he was walked to first base, he stole into scoring position and made it home on a wild pitch.

Coach Craig Gutierrez says the Cards continue to improve "but we need to play every inning and play consistently. We're coming up and getting much better."

Ione tennis teams have busy week

By Anne Morter

The Ione tennis teams had a busy week playing matches against Stanfield on Tuesday, Umatilla on Thursday and Condon on Saturday.

The Cards had a full slate of games at Stanfield on Tuesday afternoon. Renee Van Leersum led off with a convincing 6-2, 6-2 win over Yuko Ogino. Linda Morter used good hard serves to defeat Connie Keltz, 8-3. Amy Pointer lost to Jennifer Davison, 8-5. Kristine Bedortha, in her first taste of singles' play, defeated Tomoko Harada and Fumika Matsui chalked up another win, defeating Nina Hernandez, 8-2. Brandi Ball, also playing her first singles match, won over Nawko Iitirato, 8-4.

In doubles play, Amy Wagenblast and Nancy Morter lost to Yuko Ogino and Connie Keltz, 6-8, but Brandi Ball and Kari Morgan played a tough match to defeat Jennifer Davison and Tomoko Harada, 9-8.

On the boy's side, wins were harder to come by as they lost all their singles' matches. Brent Sheirbon lost to David Martinez, 4-6, 5-7. Eric Orem lost to Terry McCann, 4-6, 5-7, and Jason Schneider fell to Brad Butcher, 0-8. In doubles action, Eric Orem and Jason Schneider overpowered Stanfield's doubles' team of Eric Lemmon and Ben Bergstrom, 8-1.

On Thursday, Ione had a good day against visiting Umatilla. Renee Van Leersum started off by beating Mel Tarter, 6-3, 6-1. Linda Morter won a see-saw battle with Dani Hayden, 9-7. Fumika Matsui played a strong match, showing an improved backhand but lost to Sara Nelson, 4-8.

In double's play, Amy Wagenblast and Nancy Morter blasted Nicci McIver and Shannon Gibson, 8-3. Nancy was strong at the net and Amy nailed several key serves. Amy

Pointer and Kristine Bedortha fell to the same team of McIver and Gibson, 8-9, but Brandi Ball and Kari Morgan came back to defeat Sue Ann Rodriguez and Missy Stuck, 8-5.

Once again, the boys experienced frustration in singles play as they lost all three matches. Brent Sheirbon fell to Javier Ingles 6-4, 0-6, 1-6. Eric Orem lost to Jayme Cordova, 1-8, and Jason Schneider was defeated by Gary Neustel, 2-8. However, the doubles team of Brent Sheirbon and Eric Orem made some amends by defeating John Thomas and Doug Surber, 8-5.

The Cards finished their marathon week by traveling to Condon on Saturday. Renee Van Leersum continued on her winning ways by knocking off Shandie Johnson, 6-2, 6-3. Coach Cathy McCabe liked what she saw in that match and states that the harder Renee's competition plays, the better Renee plays. Linda Morter got way down but fought back into contention in her match with Jennifer Byrd only to lose, 6-8. Fumika Matsui also ended up on the short end of the score, falling to Junko Yamanaka, 1-8.

In doubles' play, Amy Wagenblast and Nancy Morter produced a 6-2, 6-2 win over Maridy Smith and Cindy Erickson. Kristine Bedortha and Amy Pointer lost a close one to Christy Nation and Nichole Wilson, 8-9. This close match saw Kristine playing very well at the net and Amy coming through with some great back court hits.

In boy's action, Brent Sheirbon fell behind and couldn't quite make up the difference, losing to Marcela Fontoni, 6-4, 1-6, 3-6. Eric Orem lost to Joe Cloughton, 5-8. The Cardinals now head to the district tennis meet to be held this Friday and Saturday in the Tri-Cities.

HHS girls compete at CBC meet at The Dalles

By Mike Phillips

On May 5, the Heppner High School girls track and field team

traveled to The Dalles to compete in Columbia Basin Conference meet. The meet provided experience for the Heppner High School track and field team to prepare them for the district track meet at Hermiston on Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12.

Heppner girls as a team placed seventh. Jennifer Currin placed third in 400, fourth in the shot put and fourth in the triple jump. Donita Sharp placed third in the long jump, fifth in the 100 and sixth in the triple jump. Amy Brownfield placed sixth in the 800.

Court takes first at rodeo parade

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court placed first at the Pioneer Rodeo Days at Milton-Freewater April 21.

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