

Mustangs fall to Prospectors 2-1

By Jim Kindle

The Heppner Mustangs fell to the defending state champion Grant Union Prospectors for the second consecutive year, 2-1 in dramatic fashion Friday, May 24 in John Day.

Heppner traveled to John Day to get revenge for last season's spectacular two-out, bottom of the seventh, game-winning home run which propelled the Prospectors forward for the eventual 1990 championship. On the mound for Heppner was junior standout Jim Kindle (9-2). The Prospectors put their ace on the mound, senior Jeff Graham 9-1.

The Mustangs grabbed the early psychological advantage with Kindle fanning the first six batters he faced, and retired the first 11 John Day hitters. The Mustangs mounted a rally in the top of the second when, with two out, sophomore second baseman, Scott Coe, rifled a double to right center, and moved to third on junior catcher, Jason Britt's infield single to short. Heppner failed to score as the next hitter was retired.

The only Heppner run came with two out in the top of the third when senior Doug Devin launched a 1-0 fast ball far over the left field wall for an exhilarating 1-0 Mustang lead. Kindle continued to baffle the No. 1 ranked Prospectors with a mixture of smoking fast balls and twisting curves through the fifth; however, Kindle was knocked on the elbow at the plate in the top of the fifth, but remained in the game. Though not visibly hurt, Kindle lost a little of his effectiveness in the bottom of the sixth when John Day senior catcher, Rob Gubser drove in the tying run with Grant Union's hardest hit ball of the day, a line drive double to left center. Deadlocked 1-1, both teams settled in for an exciting seventh inning.

Freshman Rick Koffler pinch-hit to lead off the top of the seventh. With a 1-1 count Koffler offered at a Graham fastball and delivered a swinging-bunt single. The speedy freshman, Kevin Payne, was placed at first as a pinch-runner by Heppner coach Mark Dowdy. Senior center fielder Cory Grabeel squared around with a perfect sacrifice bunt, moving Payne to second. With the go-ahead run at second, and one out, it brought the top of the order in senior shortstop, Bobby Krein. Krein lifted a ball to centerfield that the centerfielder settled under and caught. In a gambling move, Payne tagged at second and advanced to third as a result of a wide throw by

center fielder Jason Kehrberg. Now with the go-ahead run on third, Doug Devin stepped to the plate. Devin drove a ball to deep right as right fielder J.D. Wood, who made a diving catch earlier to save some Mustang runs, fell at the wall to make a spectacular grab of Devin's ball, ending the Heppner rally.

Kindle began the bottom of the deciding inning by fanning the first batter in three pitches. The next hitter, however, walked in four pitches. A single down the third base line and another walk loaded the bases. Kindle responded to the pressure by

Mustangs place four on All State, six on All Star

By Jim Kindle

The Heppner Mustangs capped a highly successful season earning individual honors by having four players received All State recognition, and placing six people on the first team CBC All Star team.

Senior Doug Devin made first team All State as an outfielder, and was selected to play in the state All Star series June 8 and 9 at John Day. Junior Jim Kindle was selected as second team All State as a pitcher. In addition, seniors Brandon Pedro and Bob Krein were selected honorable mention All State as an outfielder and infielder, respectively.

In CBC first team selections, Devin made it in the outfield, Pedro in the outfield, Kindle at pitcher, and Krein as a designated hitter. Other

striking out pitcher, Jeff Graham, for the second out of the inning. With everything on the line, Jason Kehrberg lined a 0-1 single to right center, bringing home the winning run and a crushing Heppner loss.

The Mustangs outthrew the Prospectors, 6-4, and both teams played errorless ball. Kindle struck out 11 hitters and walked six. Seniors Doug Devin, Bob Krein, Brandon Pedro, Jacob Maben, Rick Osmin, Cory Grabeel and Scott Reece wrapped up their successful baseball careers for the Mustangs. Heppner finished the season 14-9.

Mustangs receiving first team accolades were freshman Sam Sumner, a unanimous choice as an infielder, and junior catcher Jason Britt. Of note is that of 12 first team positions, six of them were filled by Heppner players.

Since the state All Star Baseball series is self supporting, part of the responsibility of each player selected to play in the state All Star series is to come up with \$125 in sponsorship/advertising for the state series program. If you would like to contribute to Doug Devin, and have your name or business appear in the state program please call Heppner High School at 676-9138 or Mark Dowdy at 676-9430. Deadline for donations is Monday, June 3.

Community Choir to present spring concert

The South Morrow County Community Choir will present their spring concert on Sunday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

"A wide variety of music will be

presented by people you know," said director Bob Isted. Selections will range from the 16th to 20th centuries, said Isted.

The performance is open to the public and is free of charge.

Heppner elementary, junior high academic awards June 5

The annual Academic Awards Assembly and Dessert for Heppner Elementary and Junior High students will be held Wednesday, June 5. The program will begin in the gym at 7 p.m. and will conclude in the cafeteria with cookies and a chance to visit.

Family and friends of students to be recognized for their academic achievement are encouraged to at-

tend. Certificates will be awarded for special classes, high achievement, and participation in contests. To conclude the program, the Presidential Academic Fitness Awards will be given to students in grades six and eight who have met specific standards for grades and achievement test scores.

Twenty seven attend golf barbecue

The Memorial Day barbecue and golf play was held at Willow Creek Country Club on Monday, May 27. Twenty seven people attended.

Hosts for the day were: Earl and Carol Norris, Dave and Coral Mitchell and Frank and Neoma Bailey.

Prizes were awarded for best ball team scramble: first-Dave and Coral Mitchell, Slater Mitchell and Maury Groves; second-a tie between Frank and Neoma Bailey, Earl and Carol Norris, and Jay and Lori Straley and Frank and Kay Anderson; third-Ed and Marylee Hiemstra, Floyd and Lorena Jones; a tie for fourth between John and Pat Edmundson, Howard and Beth Bryant and Ed and Bev Gunderson and Eric Skroch.

Cardinal Club sponsors reading

By Anne Morter

A program sponsored by the Ione Cardinal Club gave students in grades K-6 a new incentive to read. The program started just before spring vacation and final prizes were awarded two weeks ago.

"Under the Sea" was the theme used by grades K-4. Students moved paper fish across an ocean bulletin board from station to station as the students read books. Rewards at each station included tootsie pops, pencils, bookmarks, seashells and fun fruits. Twenty-one students completed the entire trip across the ocean and were rewarded with a button and a movie and popcorn party.

Students in the fifth and sixth grade were required to read 200 pages in order to move paper baseballs around a baseball diamond bulletin board. Prizes at each base on the diamond included pencils, tootsie pops, pop and McDonald certificates. Fifteen students made it to home base and were rewarded with a Skipper's meal certificate and entry into a drawing.

Students were also rewarded for visiting the Ione public library.

Jannie Allen collected approximately 50 prizes, including sports posters, soda pop and food coupons.

Participants were excited about the program and say they hope it will continue next year.



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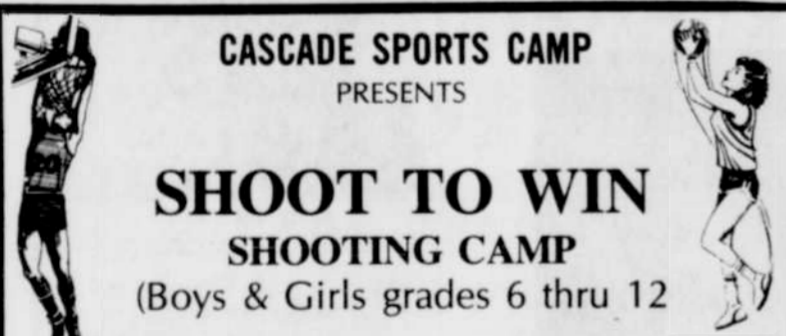
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