

Ione Cardinals track team improves

By Anne Morter

The Ione track teams improved on their season opening performances this past week with outings at a three-way meet in Umatilla on Tuesday, April 7 and the competitive Cherry Festival Invitational in The Dalles on Saturday, April 11.

At Umatilla, the Cardinal boys grabbed 11 firsts on their way to winning the meet with 96 points. Heppner was second with 53 and Umatilla had 26. Gabe Garcia paced the team with wins in the 100 m 11.68, and 200 24.19, plus legs on both winning relays. Deacon Heideman also recorded

a pair of firsts with a throw of 140'9" in the discus and a time of 17.6 in the 110 high hurdles. He also finished third in the shot with a throw of 36'5 1/4". Other first place finishers were Mike Garrett in the shot with a throw of 38'1 1/4", Ryan Halvorsen with an 18'6 1/2" long jump; Justin Miller, jumping 9'6" in the pole vault; David Wagenblast with a time of 2:18.53 in the 800 m and Mike Phillips running 11:31.93 in the 3000 m.

Second place finishes went to Ryan Halvorsen in both the long jump 16'11 1/2" and the triple jump 37'10 1/2"; Justin Miller in the high jump 5'2"; the "B" 400 relay team of David Wagenblast, Justin Miller, Jason Proudfoot and Mike Garrett; Proudfoot in the 800 and 1500 with times of 2:21.66 and 5:00.15 respectively; Mac Lovett in the 100, 11.74 and the 200, 24.59 and Garrett in the 300 hurdles, 550.22.

David Wagenblast received a third in the discus 105'2"; Halvorsen in the high jump 5'; Brian Holtz in the 100 m, 11.75 and the 200 m, 25.3; Jake Deputy in the 300 hurdles 51.25; and Heath Cotterell in the 3000 in 11:43.6.

Fourth place finishes went to Mike Phillips in the 1500 m 5:10.82; Greg Holtz in the 100 m 13.19 and 200 m 26.27; Cot-

terell in the 400 m 66.33 and Rodney Ehrmantraut in the 300 hurdles 52.02.

The girls tied with Heppner on their side of the meet. Both teams had 52 points. Umatilla finished third with 42.

Jamie Lovett was the day's only double winner, winning the shot with a throw of 28'4 1/2" and the discus in 74'11". She also finished second in the high hurdles 20.88 and fourth in the shot 64'1". Other first place finishers were Janie Cupps in the long jump 4'10" and Danielle Stefani in the 1500 m 5:43.63.

Seconds went to Crystal Minster in the long jump 12' 1/4", triple jump 26'9 1/2" and 200 m 30.12; Kim Bedortha in the 1500 meter 6:32.82; April Taylor in the javelin 76'5 1/2" and Danielle Stefani in the 800 m in 2:41.63. The 1600 relay was also second in 4:41.82.

Thirds went to Tanya Anderson in the shot 25'2 1/2" and discus 71'10 1/2", and April Taylor in the 800 in 2:47.94. Becky Picknell's fourth in the shot 22'5" rounded out the scoring.

At the Cherry Festival Invitational, the competition got tougher and the athletes responded with improved performances. Wins by the 400-meter relay team, Deacon Heideman in the discus and Gabe Garcia in the 200 paced Ione to a second place finish behind Gilchrist. The Cards scored 74 points to Gilchrist's 102.

Garcia's time of 23.42 led the 200 field on Saturday. He also added a second in the 400 with a time of 53.44 and ran a leg on both relays. The 400 meter team, consisting of Garcia Mac Lovett, Brian Holtz and Jake Deputy improved their time to 46.86. The 1600 relay team Garcia, Justin Miller, David Wagenblast and Garrett, also improved to 3:48.52.

Deacon Heideman's winning discus throw was 138'2". He also placed fourth in the high hurdles in 18.65. Third place finishes were recorded by Ryan Halvorsen in the triple jump 38'2 1/2", Mac Lovett in the 100, 11.87 and Wagenblast in the 800 2:12.4. Wagenblast also grabbed a fourth in the discus with a throw of 109'9". Rounding out the scoring were Brian Holtz finishing fifth in the 200 in 25.66 and Jason Proudfoot placing sixth in the 800 meters in 2:17.51.

The Ione girls totaled 19 points with a smattering of third through sixth place finishes.

Danielle Stefani dropped her 1500 time to 5:27.84 to finish third. She also placed fifth in the 3000 in 12:35.79. Janie Cupps was fourth in the 300 hurdles in 57.33 as well as sixth in the high jump at 4'8" and sixth in the high hurdles in 20.85. April Taylor ran 2:44.73 to finish fifth in the 800 meters. The 1600 relay team of Cupps, Stefani, Taylor and Kari Morgan finished fourth in 4:50.73.

Now is the time to cut firewood

If you heat your home with a wood stove, you already know that dry firewood provides more heat from less wood.

With that in mind, Carol Bennett, Morrow County Extension agent, reminds you that spring is the time to cut firewood so it will be dry enough to burn efficient-

Ione Boys track team wins two; girls compete in meets

By Anne Morter

The Ione boy's track team won two meets this last week, starting with a five-way meet at Umatilla on Tuesday, April 14 and ending with a win over 28 other schools at Saturday's Condon Invitational. The girls were second at Umatilla and finished ninth as a team at the competitive Condon meet.

Gabe Garcia was a double winner for the Cardinals at Umatilla. He won the 100 and 200 meters 11.56 and 24.33 respectively as well as supplying a leg on the winning 1600 m relay team and the second place 400 relay. Deacon Heideman won his specialty, the discus, with a throw of 138' 5 1/4". He was also second in the shot put in 38' 11 3/4" and third in the high jump 5'6" and the 110 hurdles 17.69. Ryan Halvorsen supplied the only other win of the day in the triple jump, leaping 38'11". He rounded out his day with fourth places in the high jump 5'4", long jump 17'8" and the 110 hurdles 18.61.

Other placers were: David Wagenblast second in the discus, 104'5"; Mike Garrett third in the shot, 38'8"; Jake Deputy, third 110'4"; 1500 m Mike Phillips second 4:42.58; Jason Proudfoot third 4:45.57; Pole vault, Justin Miller fourth 9'; 100 meter Brian Holtz second 11.95, Greg Holtz fourth 12.38; 400 m David Wagenblast third, 56.12; 800 m Jason Proudfoot second 2:19.05; 200 m Brian Holtz second 25.08, Greg Holtz fourth 26.43; 300 hurdles Garrett second 48.56; Jake Deputy tied for fourth 49.09; 3000 m Mike Phillips third 10:38.64; Heath Cotterell fourth 11:57.73, Jim Garrett fifth 12.19.1.

For the girls Janie Cupps and Danielle Stefani were double winners. Cupps won the high jump in 4'8" and the 300 hurdles in 63.75. She was also third in the 100 hurdles and ran a leg on the 1600 relay, which finished second in 4:41.87. Stefani won the 400 in 1:06.2 and the 800 in 2:40.99. She also ran a leg on the long relay.

Other Cardinals placing were: Crystal Minster fourth in the long jump 12'3"; fifth in the 100 m 14.14; second in the triple jump 26'7".

April Taylor third in the javelin 72'9" second in the 800 m 2:44.32.

Kari Morgan fourth in the javelin 62'11", second in the shot 27'4" second in the 100 hurdles 20.02.

Becky Picknell fifth in the shot 25'4"; Tanya Anderson third in the discus 75'5 1/4";

Kim Bedortha third in the 1500 m 6:32.79 and second in the 3000 14:16.52.

At the Condon Invitational the Cards scored 64 1/2 points to just 50 for second place Goldendale. Deacon Heideman and Gabe Gar-

cia each won an event to pace the team. Heideman took the 110 hurdles in 15.84 as well as a second in the discus with a throw of 122'8 1/2". Garcia won the 200 in 23.69 plus ran on the winning 400 relay team and the second place 1600 team. Mac Lovett placed third in the 200 in 23.9 and tied for sixth in the 100 in 11.7. Jason Proudfoot was fourth in the 1500 in 4:47.01 and David Wagenblast took fourth in the 800 in 2:13.26. Ryan Halvorsen was fifth in the triple jump in 39'2 1/2", Justin Miller was sixth

in the pole vault in 9'6" and Mike Phillips was sixth in the 3000 in 10:41.52.

For the girls, Danielle Stefani was third in the 1500 in 5:31.35 and fourth in the 800 in 2:42.47. April Taylor took a fifth in the 800 in 2:42.56. Janie Cupps had two sixth places, in the high jump at 4'8" and in the 300 hurdles in 57.75. Kari Morgan was sixth in the 100 hurdles in 19.47. The 1600 relay team finished fourth as the team totaled 19 points on the day.

Ione tennis teams compete

By Anne Morter

The Ione Tennis teams had separate events for boys and girls this week. The girls hosted Condon Tuesday afternoon April 14 and the boys traveled to the Helix Tournament on Saturday, April 18. Highlights of the week included a near sweep of Condon by the Lady Cards and a fourth place finish for the doubles team of Juho Ali-Raatikainen and Aaron Heideman at Helix.

Nancy Morter led the way for Ione with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Jennifer Greiner. Kristine Bedortha lost in a tie-breaker to Christie Nation 6-4, 7-6, 7-2 in one of the best matches of the year. Heidi Orem rounded out the single's action by defeating Jaime Peck, 8-0.

In doubles, Brandi Ball and Amy Pointer were forced into a tie-breaker to defeat Lushena Cook and Nichole Wilson, 6-0, 7-6, 7-1 and Michelle Kandle and Heidi Orem downed Kim Hamner and Anne Osterlund, 6-3, 6-0. Jessica Stefani and Bridget McElligott defeated Pok

Potter and Bessie Kirwan, 8-1.

At the Helix tournament, Aaron Heideman and Ali-Raatikainen lost just once, to the number-two seed on their way to the fourth place finish. They opened by defeating Theis and Fine of Helix, then lost to Treblehorn and Morehouse of Sherman County. They then came back to down Brannon and West of Mac Hi and ended the day by defeating Purcell and Brogotti of Helix.

In other action, Mike Green and Jerry Phillips lost to Swanson and Butcher of Stanfield, then fell to Foster and Escibido of Arlington.

In singles Brent Sheirbon started play with a win over Jim Logan from Arlington but then lost to Carston Schaal of Weston-McEwen and again to Alexandro Moreno of Helix.

Also, Tony Bjerke lost to Alberto Ortenblad of Mac Hi in his opener and then fell to Brian Stradley of Sherman County.

Heppner loses to Pendleton and Boardman in pre-season

By Andy Ashbeck

The Mustangs headed to Pendleton on April 2 to play the Pendleton JV baseball team. Heppner's Jim Kindle started on the mound, but had a tough time at the start of the game. After giving up three runs in the first inning, Kindle threw three shutout innings. Scott Coe and Chris Dickenson combined for the fifth inning and Jim Tellechea finished out the game on the mound. Heppner combined for three hits, two by Jim Kindle and one by Jeff Boteffuhr. The young Mustangs were out hit by the hard hitting Bucks losing 6-2.

The Mustangs traveled to Boardman on April 7 for a double header against the Riverside Pirates. Jim Kindle started on the

mound giving up just two runs in five innings. Chris Dickenson and Jim Tellechea finished out the game pitching. In the sixth inning the Mustangs were up 6-2 but Riverside went on a rally, tying the game and forcing an extra inning. Riverside won by one run, 11-10.

Heppner combined for 13 hits lead by Jason Britt with four. Riverside had 10 hits.

In the second game the Mustangs didn't play as well and lost 8-1. Scott Coe started the game pitching followed by Jim Tellechea halfway through the second inning. The Mustangs got a hit from Jim Kindle and Kevin Payne. Riverside combined for seven hits in their victory.

Mustangs take second place in Grant Union tournament

By Andy Ashbeck

The Mustangs traveled to John Day for a three day baseball tournament March 26, 27 and 28. The first day the Mustangs played Monroe, winning by a score of one to 0. Jered Wicklund went the distance on the mound giving up just two hits. The Mustangs combined for one hit by Scott Coe.

The second game of the tournament Heppner played Seaside and won the game in five innings 12-2. Jim Kindle went the distance on the mound, giving up four hits. Heppner combined for 10 hits led by Kindle, Coe, Jason

Britt and Hason Hanna each with two. Coe, Hanna and Kevin Payne each had a homerun.

In the championship game of the tournament the Mustangs faced a tough opponent, the Grant Union Prospectors and lost it in the last inning, 2-1. Scott Coe went the distance on the mound striking out five batters and giving up just four hits. Kevin Payne, Chris Dickenson and Rick Koffler each had a hit for the Mustangs. Grant Union won the tournament, Heppner placed second, Seaside, third and Monroe fourth.

Heppner diamondmen lose to Sherman and Umatilla

By Andy Ashbeck

The Heppner Mustangs started off another baseball season March 17 heading to Sherman County for some preseason action. The Mustangs played a tough game, losing by one run with a score of 3-2. Scott Coe started on the mound throwing two innings, followed by Jered Wicklund throwing three. Senior Jim Kindle threw the last inning.

The young Mustang team combined for three hits. Jim

Tellechea led with two and Kindle had the other.

On March 20 the Mustangs traveled to Umatilla for a game with the Vikings. Jered Wicklund started on the mound throwing two and one-third innings. Scott Coe relieved Wicklund until the bottom of the sixth inning when Jim Kindle took over. The Mustangs combined for 11 hits, led by Rick Koffler with three and Kindle with two in a 10-5 loss.

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