

Mustangs secure No. 1 playoff spot 19-3 record

The Heppner Mustangs have secured the number one District playoff spot and will wrap up their league season this Thursday, May 19 with a home game against Weston-McEwen.

The diamond men are 19-3 for the season with a first game loss to the Hermiston JV's 9-6 in March. The Mustangs were without three starters who had just come off the basketball court, and were playing with two others in the same no practice situation. The other two losses for the Mustangs were other early season games against Wahtonka and Umatilla.

In their quest for the number one seed the Mustangs were coached by Rick Johnston and Robin Graff, Ione. This is Johnston's second year as head varsity coach, but has coached for many years in different capacities.

The Mustangs returned seven starters, seniors Sam Sumner, catcher; Jared Wicklund, pitcher; Rick Koffler, first base; Kevin Payne, second base; Jim Tellechea, third base; and juniors Trent Hughes, center-field; and Chris Dickenson, short stop. Others filling starting positions include juniors Chad Skroch, and Jon Hanna, and sophomore Rod Zumwalt, all outfielders.

Pitching for the Mustangs this year is Wicklund, Dickenson and Skroch. Wicklund has 90 strike outs for the season with three wild pitches, no balks and has hit four batters.

Powerhouse hitter for the Mustangs has been Sam Sumner, who has a batting average of .524 and an outstanding record of 50 RBI's for the season as of May 14. Sumner has also hit seven home runs during his 63 times at bat, has scored a total of 35 runs and has 33 hits with 12 of those being doubles.

Dickenson, with a batting average of .485, has scored 49 runs for the Mustangs and has five doubles, a triple, two home runs and 14 stolen bases.

Koffler's season has included one home run, 37 RBI's, five doubles, two triples and bats .484.

Payne has been batting .429 and has 33 runs, five doubles, 21 RBI's, 12 stolen bases and two home runs.

Hughes, who has been batting .375 for the season has nine stolen bases, 18 runs, 21 hits, 19 RBI's, two doubles and a home run.

Tellechea, batting at .354 has 20 runs, 17 hits, five doubles, one triple, two home runs and 13 RBI's.

Although Hanna's season batting average is deceiving at .298 his average in league play is .378. Hanna has had three doubles, two



Trent Hughes (4) takes a swing Friday at Pendleton

home runs and 12 RBI's.

The Mustangs beat Sherman 20-0 and 8-2 in their first match early in the season.

The Mustangs picked up 10 runs in the second inning of the opener and took the win in five.

Trent Hughes was 3-3 and Jim Tellechea smacked in a three-run homerun. Heppner's ace pitcher Jared Wicklund gave up only four hits. In the second game Rick Koffler, Hughes and Tellechea all had two hits while Sam Sumner hit one out with the bases empty.

The Mustangs downed Elgin 2-1 and 11-5 April 9 at home. Wicklund held the Huskies to just three hits for the win. Sumner was 4-4 at the plate with three doubles and a home run with three RBI's. He was 6-7 on the day.

The Mustangs faced Sherman again April 12 with Wicklund taking the win 17-4. Kevin Payne, Chad Skroch and Rick Koffler each had two hits while Sumner knocked in another home run and was 3 for 5 at the plate.

Heppner gave Stanfield a pounding in league opener at Stanfield April 16 with Wicklund taking the first win 13-0 and Dickenson taking the second win 14-1. Kevin Payne was 7-9 on the day with a double and Dickenson was 4-6. Chad Skroch had a pair of doubles. Trent Hughes was 3-3 at the plate in the second game and Rod Zumwalt went 2-2.

Heppner gave Pilot Rock plen-

ty of chances to win April 19, but the Rockets blew it and Heppner won 5-3. Rick Koffler had a double and a triple for the Mustangs.

The Vikings handed Heppner their first league loss April 16 on the Mustangs home field in a doubleheader taking the first game 7-5, but Heppner battled back to salvage the late game 9-7. Both games relied on defense as both teams were putting the bat to the ball. The Mustangs lost the first game in the first inning when they committed three errors. Chris Dickenson was 3-3 with a home run, double and single and Jon Hanna went 2-2 with a double, single and a walk for the Mustangs.

Heppner held the Vikings despite a five run rally by the Vikes in the third inning. The game was tied at seven when Dickenson hit his second home run of the day and scored Kevin Payne to give Heppner a two-run lead. Sumner was 2-2 at the plate and Payne had three hits.

Heppner took both games against Weston-McEwen in Athena April 30, 14-3 and 14-2. The TigerScots gave the Mustangs five unearned runs in the first inning of the first game. Chris Dickenson had five hits on the day. Jon Hanna picked up his first home run in his high school baseball career for the Mustangs in the second game. Jim Tellechea also got a home run.

The Stanfield Tigers visited Heppner on May 3 and got no mercy from the Mustangs. Wicklund picked up the win 24-0 in five innings with a no-hitter. Heppner scored 14 runs in the first inning, three on a home run by Sam Sumner and two on a home run from Trent Hughes. Sumner finished with seven RBI's and Rod Zumwalt was 2-2. Fourteen of 15 Mustangs got a hit.

The Mustangs secured a playoff spot with a double win at home against Pilot Rock May 7. Heppner beat the Rockets 16-8 in the opener and 16-1 in the nightcap. Koffler, Sumner and



Sam Sumner (9) slides safely in at home plate last Friday in a game against Pendleton JVs. Heppner beat Pendleton 8-3.

Hanna all had home runs for Heppner in the first game. Sumner's grand slam in the second inning gave him five RBI's in the game. Koffler had five hits for the day. Kevin Payne led the second game with a home run. Chris Dickenson pitched a solid game with nine strikeouts in five innings.

Jared Wicklund was solid on the Viking mound May 10 as they once again played a quick five inning game beating Umatilla 15-1. Wicklund threw a one-hitter and struck out six and walked two picking up his 10th win on the mound.

The Mustangs faced the Hermiston JV's for the second time this season in a non league game

May 12. The Bulldogs, looking for another win faced a different Mustang team and took the loss in five, 11-0. Kevin Payne hit a three run home-run in the second inning and Trent Hughes was 3 for 3 at the plate to lead the Mustangs. Chris Dickenson was on the mound and extended his season 6-0.

Heppner traveled to Pendleton May 13 to face the Pendleton JV's and won 8-3.

Other Mustangs seeing varsity playing time include seniors Kevin Scott and Eric Fournier, sophomores Donnie Pointer and Jim Garrett from Ione; and freshmen Josh Coiner, Eric Schonbachler and Ryan Nevela, also from Ione.

Creative Care to hold open house

By Anne Morter

Creative Care Preschool of Ione will hold an open house Monday, May 23 from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. The open house is intended to give prospective students, three or four years old, a chance to look at the facilities and preview the program.

Creative Care Preschool is located at the Ione United Church of Christ Christian Education Building on Main Street in Ione. Their philosophy is to provide a developmentally appropriate program using a "hands on" approach to learning basic concepts.

For more information contact Michelle Raible, Creative Care teacher, 422-7037.

Heppner alum perform at OSU sing

Alecia Tarnasky and Peter Pearson, both Heppner, participated in Oregon State University's 58th annual Interfraternity Council All-University Sing, recently.

IFC Sing originated in 1936 as a homecoming event at OSU. Thursday evening of homecoming week all of the fraternities gathered in the Memorial Union Lounge and held a singing competition. The winner was given the opportunity to sing in a statewide broadcast over radio station KOAC. The broadcast also included the OSU Band, a talk from the football coach and the traditional songs from the rally squad.

The IFC Sing rapidly grew in popularity and by 1939, the number of fraternities competing increased to 24. During World War II, all the fraternities became inactive, and the sororities stepped in to continue the tradition of the sing. In the spring of 1951, the sing was moved to Gill Coliseum where it became one of the highlights of Moms' weekend festivities.

Each group participating is allowed two minutes to get on and off the stage and eight minutes to perform. This year's program consisted of 10 pairs of living groups, which reached the finals through many long hours of practice and preliminary competition.

Tarnasky performed with The Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. This group performed their routine to Broadway songs by George M. Cohn.

Pearson performed with the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. They performed their routine to "Fiddler on the Roof".

Groups participating were judged on a numerical scale according to the following criteria: tone, intonation, diction, technique, balance, interpretation, musical effect and entertainment value. Choreography, dance interpretation and stage presence are also included.

First place winners of this year's competition went to the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Musical to be presented by HJH



Sam and Bill (alias Zeb Johnson and Deana Hendricks) capture Red Chief, Elliott Strouse and hole him for ransom.

A musical "Ransom of Red Chief" will be presented by the Heppner Junior High choir and drama class Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner elementary multipurpose room. Admission is \$1 students, \$2 adults or \$5 family package.

Proceeds will be used to purchase upcoming musicals. Main characters in the musical are Elliott Strouse, Deana Hendricks and Zeb Johnson.

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