

Mustangs lose to Stanfield Tigers Heppner surrenders league game

By Ben Ewing

The Heppner Mustangs dropped a pair of tough games to the Stanfield Tigers in league action, Saturday, April 27. Both contests of the doubleheader went to extra innings, with the Tigers taking both games by a single run.

Heppner struck first in the top of the third inning of the initial game, when Eric Schonbachler hit Tim Dickenson home. Stanfield responded in the bottom of the fourth inning to tie the score at 1-1.

The Mustangs got on top again in the fifth inning, when Derek Gunderson scored on a wild pitch. Shane Matheny singled with the next at bat and Ryan Nevela eventually knocked him in after a sacrifice by Schonbachler.

The Mustangs were still leading going into the seventh inning, but the Tigers had one more surge left. Mark Newman hit a double that scored two Tiger baserunners to knot the score at three and send the game to a decisive eighth inning.

In the final inning, the Mustangs got two baserunners on, but stranded them at first and second. Stanfield batter Canan Dacus smacked a double, scoring Josh Baker, ending the game with the score 4-3.

Heppner was led by Josh Coiner and Nevela at the plate and Schonbachler on the mound. Coiner was three for four and Nevela grabbed two RBIs in the game. Schonbachler went the entire eight innings, struck out 10 and walked only three Tigers.

Game two followed the same pattern as game one, but this time, the Mustangs had to score last to send the contest to extra innings.

Heppner scored two runs at the top of the sixth inning to tie the score at 6-6. Neither team could capitalize in the seventh, so the game went into extra innings once again.

Heppner got three Mustangs on base in the top of the additional inning, but never scored. This time Jason Blankenship came through for Stanfield, delivering a RBI single to conclude the game, 7-6.

Donnie Pointer hit a solo home run in the top of the second inning for the Mustangs. Pointer also had a good day in left field, nailing two Tiger baserunners.

The Mustangs' league record is now 2-6 and their overall record is 6-12. Columbia Basin Conference baseball continues for the Mustangs with a doubleheader against the Umatilla Vikings in Heppner, Saturday, May 4.

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The Heppner Mustangs surrendered a league game on their home field in sloppy conditions, Tuesday, April 23, to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots, 9-5. Clutch hitting was the difference, as Heppner stranded 12 base runners, compared to the TigerScots' five.

The TigerScots led 5-0 going into the fourth inning. Heppner batter Donnie Pointer spanked a pitch off the center field wall to warm up the Mustang bats. Brian Koffler hit Pointer in, then Shane Matheny carried on the trend, knocking Koffler home.

Weston-McEwen scored two more in the top of the fifth inning to make the score 7-2. Once again, Heppner had an answer. Derek Gunderson scored on an error to make the score 7-3, then Ryan Nevela paddled a single to left field, scoring Eric Schonbachler. Josh Coiner moved Nevela to se-

cond base on a bloop single to center field. Jeff Waterland's pop fly cleared the TigerScot shortstop, pushing Nevela over to third. Nevela then scored on an error, pulling the Mustangs within two runs.

The Mustang rally was in full swing when Weston-McEwen's Lucas Pupo slapped a two-run ding-dong out of the park in the top of the sixth, making the score 9-5. The Mustangs were thwarted in their final two at bats.

Heppner pitcher Schonbachler tossed a solid game, but the Mustang defense couldn't offer much assistance. The turf was tough to judge and high winds played havoc with routine throws. A total of 12 errors were committed by both teams on the day. Schonbachler struck out 12 batters in seven innings, but allowed nine TigerScot hits.

With the loss, Heppner dropped to 2-4 in league competition, and 6-10 overall.

Mustangs win first league games

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The Heppner Mustangs picked up their first two league wins Saturday, April 20, with two victories over Wheeler-Condon, 17-3 in the first contest and 13-4 in the second game.

The first bout was a blowout from the start as Heppner scored seven runs in the first two innings. Wheeler-Condon amassed 11 errors for the game, five in the seventh inning, and the Mustangs took full advantage, scoring seven runs in that inning alone.

The Mustang bats were itching to do some damage this day. The team collected four doubles, two triples and two home runs. Honors go to Eric Schonbachler, who belted a three-run homer in the second inning, and Keith Scott, who hammered a solo shot in the seventh. Schonbachler went three for three and picked up

four RBIs before being substituted for in the fourth inning. Freshman Jeff Waterland had a good day at the plate as well, going three for four, with a single, double and triple, while snagging two RBIs.

Pitchers Tim Sumner and Schonbachler hurled well for the Mustangs, totalling 13 strikeouts between them and allowing only two hits. Sumner fanned seven Wheeler-Condon batters in the final three innings.

The second game was more of the same for the big bats of the Mustangs, while their opponents continued to falter with costly errors.

Pitcher Josh Coiner threw a fine five innings and had a good game in the batter's box, going three for five and picking up two RBIs. Freshman Tim Dickenson went two for two at the plate, both doubles.

The Mustangs are now 2-3 in league play, and 6-9 overall.

Tina Kemp receives scholarship

Tina Kemp, a senior at Heppner High School, has been selected by the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc. to receive a \$1,000 Tylenol Scholarship award. Kemp is the daughter of Gary and Marcia Kemp of Lexington. She plans to pursue a career in secondary education.

Applicants were screened on the basis of leadership responsibilities in community and school activities, and on grade point average. Scholarship winners were selected on the basis of number, length of commitment and quality of leadership responsibilities in community and school activities, awards and honors, a clear

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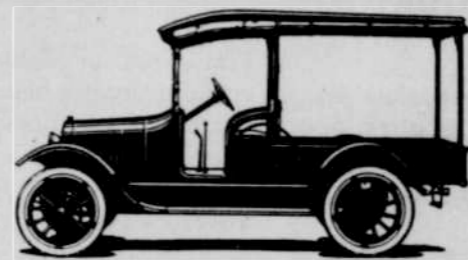
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Stickhorse race-first Sierra Burton, second Taylor Parks, third Mary Rietmann, fourth Justin Pranger.

Leadline barrels-first Sierra Burton, second Donald Matthews, third Joe Pranger, fourth Taighler Dougherty; poles-Taighler Dougherty, Sierra Burton, Joe Pranger, Donald Matthews; ribbon race-Che' Green, Donald Matthews, Brent Eckman, Taighler Dougherty.

Five and six year olds barrels-first Mindee Papineau, second Shilo Burton, third Regina Seitz, fourth Whitney Matthews; poles-Mindee Papineau, Shilo Burton, Lane Bailey, Whitney Matthews; ribbon race-Mindee Papineau, Lane Bailey, Shilo Burton, Ethan Parks.

Seven through nine year olds barrels-first Madison Bailey, second Jamie Kay Westburg, third Jenny Griffith, fourth Jessica Westburg; poles-Jamie Kay Westburg, Jessica Westburg, Jenny Griffith, Madison Bailey; ribbon race-Jamie Kay Westburg, Jenny Griffith, Madison Bailey, Jessica Westburg.

10-11 year olds barrels-first Lacey Matteson, second Ashley Ward, third Tracy Griffith, fourth Brett Barber; poles-Lacey

Matteson, Ashley Ward, Brett Barber, Tracy Griffith; ring race-Brett Barber, Kelsey Greenup, Lacey Matteson, Ashley Ward.

12-13 year olds barrels-first Krista Adams, second Lindsay Ward, third Tracy Griffith, fourth Sarah Eckman; poles-Sarah Eckman, Krista Adams, Lindsay Ward, Tracy Griffith; ring race-Lindsay Ward, Sarah Eckman, Krista Adams, Amy Papineau.

14-15 year olds barrels-first Heather Davis, second Kathleen Greenup, third Brooke Boyer, fourth Bobbie Rankin; poles-Jared Eckman, Kathleen Greenup, Brooke Boyer, Heather Davis; ring race-Jared Eckman, Brooke Boyer, Bobbie Rankin, Heather Davis.

16 and over barrels-first Stormy Howard, second Anita Pranger, third Ken Bailey, fourth Bill Green; poles-Stormy Howard, Anita Pranger; ring race-Stormy Howard, Ken Eckman, Ken Bailey, Anita Pranger.

The next playday will be held Sunday, May 5. The potluck will begin at 12 p.m., followed by the playday at 1 p.m.

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