

Mustangs rally for split against Rockets

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs rallied for five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning in the second game of a double header to beat the Pilot Rock Rockets, 10-9. The Rockets had won the first game, 11-4, with the help of three home runs.

The Mustangs used the suicide squeeze to perfection as Shane Matheny bunted with two strikes to send home Cody Bellamy to tie the game at 9-9. Tim Dickenson then laid down a perfect bunt to score Derek Gunderson to give the Mustangs the wild win.

The Rockets' Tyler Green threw a complete game three-hitter in game one as the Mustangs repeatedly had runners in scoring position but couldn't get the clutch hit.

The Rockets used a two-run home run by Erickson in the second inning and a two-run home run by Alderman in the third to build a 5-0 lead.

In the bottom of the third Matheny reached on an error, went to second on a wild pitch and advanced to third as Gunderson beat out an infield hit. Matheny then scored on another error on the short stop on a grounder by Dickenson. Alan Gribkov then doubled to left-center to drive in Gunderson. Chris Anthony then walked to load the bases with no outs but Green then settled down to record three straight strike-outs to end the inning.

The Mustangs got another run in the bottom of the fifth as Dickenson got on by an error, went to second on Gribkov's fielder's choice, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Anthony's ground-out.

The Rockets' Jared Labrousse hit a three-run home run in the top of the sixth to make it a 10-3 Pilot Rock lead.

The Mustangs' David Bates, who had come in to pitch in the third inning, hit a cool home run over the fence in right field.

The Rockets came up with another run in the top of the seventh and the Mustangs couldn't get anything going in the bottom half and lost, 11-4.

Gunderson went 2-4 for the Mustangs and Bates' home run was the only other hit.

Game two saw the Rockets jump out to another 2-0 lead in the top of the first. The Mustangs got one back in the bottom half as Gunderson walked, stole second and scored on Dickenson's double down the right field line.

The Rockets scored two runs in the third, three in the fourth and two more in the fifth to build a 9-1 lead. With a bitterly cold wind blowing and rain falling, it didn't look promising for the Mustangs but the pitching of Dickenson and Dylan Pettyjohn shut down the Rockets the rest of the way.

The Mustangs' bats came alive

as well to chip away at the lead, scoring two runs in the bottom of the fifth. Gunderson walked, stole second and went to third on a passes ball. Matheny then walked and Gunderson came home on a double steel. Gribkov then had a hit to score Matheny and close the gap to 9-3.

In the bottom of the sixth, Tim Sumner led off by getting hit by a pitch and Pettyjohn ripped a single to center field. Matheny then had a clutch two out single to score. Sumner and Dickenson followed with a single to drive in Pettyjohn to cut the gap to 9-5 going to the seventh.

Zach Fabian led off by walking and stealing second. Josh Hill then hit a little grounder to the third baseman who threw it away, allowing Fabian to score. Sumner then walked and Bellamy bunted and got on first on a wild throw. Pettyjohn then hit a sacrifice fly to score Hill and advance the runners. Gunderson then struck out but beat out the throw to first as the catcher dropped the ball. Sumner scored on the throw to make it 9-8 setting up the wild finish.

The Mustangs were led at the plate by Dickenson going three for five with four RBIs and a double. Matheny went 2-3 with two RBIs. Gunderson got on base three times and scored three times, including the game winner.

With the win the Mustangs improved to four and one and are in first place in the Columbia Basin Conference East Division and seven and three overall. The Rockets are two and one and 6-4 overall. Coming into the game the Rockets were ranked ninth in the state and the Mustangs, 13th. The Mustangs' next game will be a doubleheader at Weston-McEwen on Saturday, April 18.

Game one
Pilot Rock 1-2-2-1-0-4-1-11 13 7
Heppner 0-0-2-0-1-1-0-4 3 4

Green and Humphreys. Anthony, Bates (3), and Gribkov. Home Runs -P.R. Erickson, Alderman, Labrousse, Heppner- Bates.

Game two
Pilot Rock 2-0-2-3-2-0-0-9 7 6
Heppner 1-0-0-0-2-2-5-10 6 3

Labrousse Alderman (6), Green (7), and Humphreys. Dickenson, Pettyjohn(6) and Gribkov. Home runs-none

Art class holds bake sale fund raiser



The art display at Murray Drugs By Nova Rietmann

Students' art from Heart Works House art class, taught by Ione residents Mark and Astrid Bruno, is being displayed at Murray Drugs. The art class had a bake sale last Friday, April 10, in front of Murray's to raise money for supplies.

The class's funding had been cut recently and now the class is trying to raise funds to keep the class going. The class is made

up of adolescents, high school students from Ione and Heppner, who do not want to see the class diminish.

The sale went well, all baked good were sold in less than two hours and donations of an easel and art supplies were also acquired.

The class hopes to have another fund raiser soon. Donations for the class are welcome and may be made by calling Mark and Astrid Bruno at 422-7305.

Mustangs crush Umatilla Vikings

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Umatilla on Tuesday, April 7, and beat the Vikings 21-2 in five innings. The Mustangs moved to 3-0 in Columbia Basin East Division play and 6-2 overall.

The Mustangs banged out 11 hits for the game and the Vikings omitted nine errors to contribute to the loss.

Chris Anthony moved to 3-0 on the year, allowing just one hit in four-plus innings. Dylan Pettyjohn struck out five in relief.

The Mustangs were led at the plate by Derek Gunderson going two for three with three RBIs and four runs scored. Blas Elguezabal was also two for three with three RBIs. Shane Matheny went three for four with a double and Alan Gribkov went two for four with a double. Pettyjohn was two for two with two RBIs.

Heppner 2-4-3-10-2-21 11 4
Umatilla 1-0-1 -0-0-2 1 9

Anthony, Pettyjohn(4) and Gribkov. Adams, Ford (4), Gonzales (4), Payton (4), Savage (5), and Cleaver. Home runs- none.

Christian Life Center schedules film

"Repeat Performance", a new dramatic film, will play at the Christian Life Center in Heppner on Sunday, April 19, beginning at 6 p.m.

The film concerns Sean Purchase, who is only 17, but who has already experienced emotional pain in his lifetime. Abandoned by his mother as a small child, Sean grew up with a father who was too devastated to give support to his son.

Sean thinks the world of his father and wants to follow in his footsteps and become a professional musician. But when his father commits suicide, Sean becomes even more withdrawn.

His father's girlfriend, Shona, cannot make a connection with him. The only ones who are able to reach him are his friend Aaron, his music teacher and Shona's father.

A fatal accident occurs, and Sean feels absolute hopelessness. But then Sean begins to learn of the power of forgiveness.

"Repeat Performance" says there is an answer...and the answer is Christ's absolute and unconditional forgiveness and love," says a Christian Life Center news release.

For more information, call Pastor Tim Van Cleave at the Christian Life Center, 676-5581.

Gilliam Co. beef field day slated

A beef project field day will be held on Saturday, April 25, at the Wilde Limousin Ranch in Gilliam county, beginning at 9 a.m.

Karen Wilde, organizer of the event, encourages 4-H and FFA members to bring their own halter-broke animals and a scotch comb to the field day. Additional animals will be available for demonstration and practice.

Class sessions will include: "Cattle Health" with Don Peter, DVM, of Frontier Genetics, Hermiston; "Beef Nutrition & Feed Rations" with Larry Lear of Lear Feeds, Condon; "Selecting a Winning Animal" with Craig Coonrad, certified livestock judge, Hermiston and "Clipping and Fitting for the Show" with

Scott, Edmondsen, professional cattle fitter, Klamath Falls.

Each participant will be able to have some hands-on practice. Coonrad will also stage a practice beef judging with oral reasons and lead the group through a practice showmanship contest.

There is no charge for the field day. Participants need to bring a sack lunch; beverages will be provided. Leaders are asked to

bring clippers and a fitting stand, if possible.

Wilde Limousin Ranch is located 21 miles south of Arlington. From Highway 19, turn west on Rock Creek Lane and go 3/4 mile.

The field day is sponsored by Wilde Limousin Ranch and OSU Extension Gilliam County. Call 541-454-2995 or 541-384-2271 for more information.

Program planned on seniors' depression

A program on depression for seniors and health care providers has been planned for Friday, May 29 at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

The program, "Depression in Later Life: Turning Sadness Around" will review facts surrounding mild to major depressive disorders, the prevalence and causes of depression in older people, current treatment recommendations and challenges in the diagnosis of late life depression.

The two-hour session will be held at 10 a.m. for seniors and at 1 p.m. for health care providers.

The workshop staff includes Sally Bowman, OSU family development specialist; Karen Hooker, OSU life span psychologist; Deborah Padgett-Coelho, nursing faculty at Oregon Health Sciences University at Southern Oregon University; and Marilyn Barlow-Pieterick, project coordinator, OSU-Oregon Geriatric Education Center Project.

Folders with handouts and refreshments will be provided. The public is invited to attend and there is no charge. Pre-registration is requested. Contact Carol Mitchell, case manager, CAPECO, P.O. Box 249, Heppner, OR 97836, 676-5313.

April 17th - Friday
Note-able Event -- Music, starting at 7 p.m.
Buffet dinner starting at 6 p.m.

April 18th - Saturday
Sci-Fi Dinner upstairs, starting at 5:30 p.m.
50th wedding anniversary of Ernie and MaryJean McCabe from 4-8 p.m.
No Regular Dining Tonight (Saturday).

April 23 - Thursday
Fisherman's Night. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. with Baron of Beef, Oysters. Prizes Galore!

Bingo every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.
Regular dining on Fridays and Saturdays.

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The "KICKER SLICKER"

If you pay state income taxes, you're undoubtedly aware of "The Kicker" because of the State of Oregon checks like the one that came in the mail last December. Remember, when you receive one of those checks, it's not a Christmas present from the State. It is, in fact, **your money** ... a refund of excess taxes government took from you.

The kicker is a great idea. It was overwhelmingly adopted (10 to 1) by Oregon voters in 1979. The beauty of it is that it imposes a discipline on the state budgeting process. If we didn't have the kicker, you can be assured they would spend every last penny that came in over budget.

The kicker has become a big issue in my debate with Lynn Lundquist. Last Friday night in Halfway, for example, the first time I appeared in a forum with him, I again pointed out that Lynn is taking credit for the return of those kicker checks without telling people he sponsored a bill which would eliminate virtually all future kicker refunds!

He said I was "180 degrees wrong" and that he had tried to "protect the kicker by putting it in the Constitution." **He did nothing of the kind and he knows it.** What this Kicker Slicker really tried to do was change the law by raising the refund threshold, by three and a half times, and then keep all the money collected under the threshold for his "Rainy Day Fund" (HB 2007). **What he was really putting in the Constitution was his Rainy Day Fund!** (HJR 37) Your refunds would have disappeared into this Constitutional black hole.

That night in Halfway, a supporter of Lynn's complained I was being "negative." I think not. In the eyes of most Eastern Oregonians, double talk is negative; the truth is a big ol' positive.

If you'd like a copy of the above bills and my "Commitment to Better Government," call me at (541) 934-2275.

On May 19th vote

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