

Heppner track team off to district this weekend



The Heppner High School girls' track team received the first place trophy in the 1998 CBC Big Sky District meet in Condon held Saturday, May 9. Head track coach Dale Conklin said that the girls' award was the first earned since 1985 at HHS for a major track meet.

The HHS girls' track team pictured above are: (L-R) back row-Kristi Worden, Laurie Michael, Melissa Cutsforth, Maja Dietiker and Amber Peck; front-Stephanie Clough, Casey Ingraham, Allison Sykes, Trisha Adams and Brooke Boyer. Not pictured is Abby Kahl.

With state track meet berths up for grabs, the Heppner High School track athletes are fine-tuning themselves this week for the District 7 2-A track and field championships this weekend at Wahtonka High School in The Dalles.

Competition begins at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 15, with finals in the 3,000-meter run and preliminaries in other running events as necessary. Other finals slated for Friday include boys' high jump, long jump, shot put, and pole vault; girls' discus, triple jump, javelin and pole vault. All other field events will be conducted on Saturday, May 16, beginning at 12 noon.

Heppner is the favorite to win the girls' team title. The Mustangs will be battling Wahtonka, Umatilla and Sherman County. These four teams have emerged from the season as the leading girls' teams. "To win the team title, we have to have outstanding efforts in the field events," said head coach Dale Conklin. "Week-in and week-out our runners have been getting the job done. We have been a little inconsistent in the field events, especially the throwing areas."

"We are going to rob ourselves of some sure points in the running events and we have to make it up somewhere else. We want to make sure we don't jeopardize our potential for state qualifying and may be sacrificing team points at district," Conklin said.

The girls are leading the league with season's best marks in five events and are second best in four other events. The top two finishers at the district meet qualify for state. "But, it's those third and fourth place finishers that win track meets for you," Conklin said.

Leading the district in the long jump and triple jump is Casey Ingraham who shattered her own school record in the triple jump this season over a foot at 33' 7-1/2". She set a personal record in the long jump at 15' 7-1/2".

Abby Kahl has the best marks in the 800-meter run at 2:34.4 and 1500-meter run at 5:31.4. She will not run the 1500 hundred at district.

The girls' 1600-meter relay team of Trisha Adams, Amber Peck, Brooke Boyer and Kahl leads with 4:27.9.

Peck is second in the 100-meter dash and 300-meter hurdles. This is a departure from what she ran last year and last weekend beat the district leader in the 300-hurdles. Her time of :50.0 is the second fastest ever at HHS.

The 400-meter relay team of Peck, Boyer, Ingraham and Adams has run :53.2, second best in the CBC, and Juanita Elguezabal has the second best javelin throw at 104' 7".

Two distance runners have consistently been scoring for the Mustangs. Maja Dietiker,

foreign exchange student from Switzerland, has personal bests in the 1500 and 3,000-meters of 5:54.7 and 12:50.0, both established last weekend. Stephanie Clough is 6:13.1 and 13:49.9 for the same distances.

Battling for berths at state meet will be Adams who finished

second at the pre-district last weekend in the high hurdles with a personal record of :17.9. She also has been high jumping and has a 4-10 jump to her credit this season.

Boyer has been one of the surprises this year in the 800-meters, improving on time every meet. At the pre-district meet, she ran 2:39.9, defeating the girl with second best time in CBC.

Melissa Cutsforth has been the big point performer in the throws for the Mustangs this season, including a personal record of 89' 10" in the javelin. Laurie Michael is also throwing the discus as she has been battling injuries throughout the season, as has Kristi Worden who has scored in the pole vault.

Allison Sykes has been the utility person all season long, running in relays as needed. She has the seventh best time in the CBC in the 400-meter dash, but three of those ahead will not be running that event this weekend.

The boys have been led all season by Levi Geer, Jared Eckman and Casey Evans.

The boys lead the district only in two events, but may qualify as many as five or six to the state meet. Jared Eckman is the favorite in the high jump with a

6-2 leap and Casey Evans ran : 23.6 last Saturday in the 200-meter dash to take over leadership in that event. Evans is tied for second best high jump of the season.

Both relay teams are second in district bests. The 400-meter relay team includes Eckman, Craig Scott, Michael Schonbachler and Levi Geer.

The 1600-meter relay team of Scott, Evans, Schonbachler and Geer ran a season's-best 3:42.7 last weekend. This could be one of the tightest races at the district meet with four team capable of earning the two berths at state.

Geer should add points to the Mustang effort in the 400-meter dash while Schonbachler and Jake Roy should perform well in the discus. Craig Scott, a freshman, has been a pleasant surprise as he placed last weekend in the high hurdles and triple jump.

Chris Peck will throw the javelin and run the 300 hurdles at district and Brian Kennedy will be entered in the 1500 and 3,000-meter races.

Rounding out the entries at district will be Ryan Matteson throwing the javelin, running the 400-meters and is alternate to both relay teams.



Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson pours some punch while Heppner Mayor Bob Jepsen looks on at last Tuesday's Business After Hours. The after hours was held at Klamath First Federal Bank. Business after hours is sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and is open to the public.

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High school rodeo results listed

Following are local high school rodeo results for the past several weeks:

At Hermiston on April 24 and 25, Annie Hisler received a ninth place in barrels and sixth in pole bending; Lexi Matteson received all-around cowgirl, first in barrels, fifth poles, sixth/seventh goat tying, second breakaway roping; Emmet Evans received first in calf roping and cutting; Brian Knowles, fifth in team roping with Blake Knowles, fourth saddle bronc; Blake Knowles, fifth team roping; Ryan Matteson, fourth in steer wrestling.

At Hermiston on April 25 and 26, Annie Hisler received sixth in barrels and fourth in poles; Lexi Matteson, fifth barrels, sixth breakaway roping, ninth/10th team roping with Ryan Matteson; Emmet Evans, fourth calf roping, fifth cutting; Blake Knowles, third steer wrestling; Ryan Matteson, ninth/10th team roping.

In Redmond on May 9 and 10, Annie Hisler received fifth in barrels and third in poles; Lexi Matteson received all-around cowgirl, third in barrels, second poles, seventh in breakaway roping and team roping with Ryan Matteson; Emmet Evans received all-around cowboy, fourth in calf roping, first steer wrestling and cutting, sixth team roping with Vic Thompson; Ryan Matteson, 10th calf roping, seventh team roping.

The next rodeo will be held in John Day.

IUCC plans for auction/barbecue

The Ione United Church of Christ is making plans for this year's thirty-sixth annual auction and barbecue.

The auction has been a yearly event in the Ione UCC since 1962, and has become a very important event in the community as well.

This year, the Ione UCC is focusing on the event more than it has in past years, the main reason being the fact that the church was gutted by a fire April 23.

The town was shocked, and the loss of the building has created a void in the community that the church members are striving to fill. Plans for the new church, and plans as to where church

services will be held, are being made while the damage is being assessed. The auction is going to play a huge role in rebuilding the church.

Church members and members of the community donate merchandise, baked goods, arts and crafts. The community also receives a lot of support in preparing the annual barbecue, which usually feeds about 400 people. Help is needed now more than ever to make this year's auction a success.

Anyone who has any questions, or would like items picked up may call Jannie Allen at 422-7563, or Lea Mathieu at 422-7215. Merchandise donations may be picked up by calling Ken Nelson at 989-8494 or Joe Rietmann at 422-7335.

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A men's breakfast will be held at the First Christian Church, this Sunday, May 17, at 8 a.m.

The breakfast is sponsored by First Christian Church, the Christian Life Center and the Church of the Nazarene.

Men are invited to "come and have a time of fellowship with Christian men and have a meal as well."

All men in the community are welcome to come to attend.

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