

## Ione men, women beat Riverside

The Ione High School tennis teams traveled to Boardman on Monday, April 24, to compete against Riverside High School. Both teams walked away the victors, with the women winning three of five matches and the men winning four of seven matches.

In singles' action, Caitlin Orem defeated Andrea Orcutt, 8-3. Salli McElligott was defeated by Crystal Smith, 2-6. Sheena Christman defeated Becki MacNamee, 6-2.

The doubles' team of Erin Crowell and Caitlin Orem fell to Chrissa Chapman and Ashley Howell, 4-8. Allison Halvorsen and Shelby Krebs defeated Jami Moore and Debra Darrow, 8-0.

Jeremy Rietmann was defeated by Chuy Martinez, 2-8. Derek Campbell lost to Shawn McKimmey, 0-6, and Aaron Tworek posted a win against Aset Bektasov, 6-4.

In doubles, Cameron Krebs and David Mansfeld defeated Craig Gribble and Jeremy Hall, 8-5. Adam McCabe and Adam Neiffer defeated Eric Roa and Matt Weseman, 8-4. Jeremiah McElligott and Colin McElligott defeated Tyson Carey and Pedro Pacheco, 8-4. Steve Crum and Karl Morgan fell to Tyson Carey and Aset Bektasov, 4-6.

## Ione takes wins in tourney

The Ione tennis teams hosted Arlington and Helix in a three way meet on Tuesday, April 25.

Helix walked away with two wins, Arlington posted one win and the Ione squad declared five wins.

Jared Mitchell defeated Jeremy Rietmann, 8-0. Derek Campbell was unable to secure a win against Ben Schwarz, losing his match, 3-8. Aaron Tworek easily defeated Joey Markgraf, 8-2.

The doubles team of Adam Neiffer and Adam McCabe defeated Joey Markgraf and Ben Schwarz, 8-4. Cameron Krebs and David Mansfeld gave a bold effort before falling to Ben Schwarz and Tom Turjeson, 5-8. Karl Morgan and Jeremiah McElligott defeated Markgraf-Paliana, 8-5.

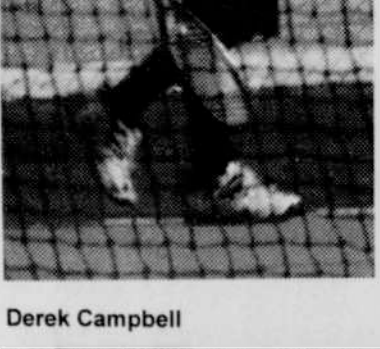
Salli McElligott and Sheena Christman both defeated their opponent, Paulina Paliana, 8-1, in separate singles matches.



Salli McElligott serves to her opponent



Derek Campbell



Shelby Krebs runs down a short return



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## Ione tennis teams fall to Sherman Co.

The Ione tennis teams hosted Sherman County on Friday, April 28. Sherman County made a clean sweep, winning all seven of the matches. Ione girls were able to post two wins out of six matches for the squad.

In girls singles' action, freshman Caitlin Orem was able to get four games on her opponent, Marcy Richelderfer, before falling, 4-8. Salli McElligott gave Elaina Adams a run for the money but was defeated in a tight match, 7-9. Sheena Christman posted a win against her adversary, Amber Ament, 8-6. Samantha Wilhelm was defeated by Frankie Welk, 0-6.

The doubles' team of Erin Crowell and Molly Barrow easily defeated their rivals, Katie Ketchum and April Olsen, 8-4. Shelby Krebs and Allison Halvorsen were unable to secure a win against Codie

Stroud and Frankie Welk, losing 5-8.

In the men's brackets, Jeremy Rietmann gave a valiant fight before losing to Cole Shelton, 4-8. Derek Campbell was unable to post a win against Shilo Langston, losing 1-8. Freshman Aaron Tworek had a difficult time competing against a more experienced, Trent Eakin. Tworek was able to nab three games before falling 3-8 against Eakin. Karl Morgan was defeated by Shilo Langston, 1-6.

The doubles duo of Adam McCabe and Adam Neiffer lost to Brandon Welk and Trent Eakin, 3-8. Cameron Krebs and David Mansfeld also posted three games before falling to Welk-Eakin, 3-8. The menace duo of McElligott X2 (Jeremiah and Colin) took four games before losing to Shilo Langston and Brandon Welk, 4-8.

## Mustangs sweep Tigerscots

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang softball team traveled to Ione on Saturday, April 29, and swept the Weston-McEwen TigerScots 12-0 in five innings, and 10-3. The wins moved the Mustangs' Eastern Oregon League record to 6 and 2 and their overall record to 8 and 9.

The Mustangs got on the board early as Nikki Sisk led off by reaching on an error and scoring on a Jesse Gutierrez double. Gutierrez scored as Jenny Patton reached on an error and the Mustangs led 2-0.

The Mustangs put nine runs on the board in the third without getting a hit as the TigerScots had 10 walks and an error.

Patton walked and came around to score on a Shelley Rietmann double as the Mustangs added one more run in the fifth.

Gutierrez went 2 for 3 with a double and two RBI and Rietmann went 1 for 1 with three walks with a double and two RBI. San Juanita Elguezabal had two walks and scored twice and Sisk walked twice and scored twice. Charissa Gates had the other hit for the Mustangs and walked three times.

In the nightcap, the Mustangs were down 1-0 going into the top of the third when Alecia Geer reached on a fielder's choice and came around to score as Gutierrez doubled.

The Mustangs broke the tie in the fourth, scoring six runs with two outs as Patton singled and Rietmann and Leah Denton reached on fielder's choices. Gates had an RBI single, Geer reached on an error to score Rietmann and Miranda McElligott reached on an error to score Denton and Gates. Gutierrez singled to score Geer and Marissa McCabe singled to score McElligott.

The TigerScots got to within 7-3 in the fourth but the Mustangs got some breathing room in the seventh, adding three more runs. Gutierrez singled, McCabe reached on an error and Patton walked to load the bases. Rietmann then doubled to deep left field to clear the bases and give the Mustangs a 10-3 lead.

Gutierrez went 3 for 3 with two RBI and Rietmann went 2 for 4 with three RBI. Patton went 1 for 2 and scored twice, Gates went 2 for 4 with and RBI. Rietmann went the distance in both games, allowing just six hits, while striking out four with no walks.

Game One  
Heppner 209 01-12 4 0  
Weston Mc. 000 00-0 2 4  
Shelley Rietmann and Jesse Gutierrez; Sparks, Smith and Winn (3) and Hanson. W-Rietmann. L-Sparks. 2B-Gutierrez, Rietmann (H). 3B-none. HR-none.  
Game Two  
Heppner 001 600 3-10 9 4  
Weston Mc. 010 200 0-7 4 5  
Rietmann and Gutierrez; Chalmers and Hanson. W-Rietmann. L-Chalmers. 2B-Rietmann, Gutierrez. 3B-none. HR-none.

## Ione women's tennis team takes top academic honors

The Ione Cardinals are becoming a familiar name to the sponsors of the Oregon Dairy Farmers of Oregon Academic Awards. The Ione women's tennis team took top honors, placing first among all tennis teams in Oregon with a 3.91 GPA.

This is the second time in three years the Ione tennis team has captured the first place finish for the spring activity.

The men's tennis squad placed fourth with a GPA of

3.69. Ione track teams also placed in the top 10 with a second place finish for the men's team with a GPA of 3.62.

The girls track team placed fourth with a GPA 3.60.

Ione has consistently placed in the top 10 academically since the inception of the award three years ago. Ione is not the only Morrow County School in the top 10. The Heppner High School boys track team placed sixth with a GPA of 3.39.

## Heppner loses to Pilot Rock

By Rick Paullus

A seven-run sixth inning lifted the Pilot Rock Rockets over the visiting Heppner Mustangs, 12-6, in a Columbia Basin Conference game on Tuesday, April 25.

The Mustangs had taken a 6-5 lead on Allan Gribkov's first home run of the season in the fifth inning before the Rockets' rally.

The Rockets took a 1-0 lead in the first but the Mustangs came back with four runs in the top of the second. Stanley Cutsforth led off with a double, Kelly Paullus was hit by a pitch and Gribkov walked to load the bases. Josh Hill lined a double down the right field line to score two and Mark McElligott reached on an error to score Gribkov. Stefan Matheny

then reached on a fielder's choice to score Hill.

In the third, Cutsforth singled off the fence in right-center field, went to second as Paullus reached on an error and scored on Gribkov single to make it 5-1.

The Rockets came back with four runs in the bottom half to tie and, after a scoreless fourth, Gribkov's home run gave the Mustangs a short-lived lead.

Gribkov ended up going 2 for 3 with two RBI. Cutsforth went 2 for 4 with a double and Hill had a two RBI double.

Statistics  
Heppner 041 010 0-6 7 3  
Pilot Rock 104 007 x-12 11 5  
Dylan Pettyjohn and Stefan Matheny; Labrousse and Humphreys. W-Labrousse. L-Pettyjohn. 2B-Josh Hill, Stanley Cutsforth, Nick Anthony (H). 3B-none. HR-Allan Gribkov (H); Labrousse, Alderman, Mitchell (PR).

## Mustangs take two from TigerScots

By Rick Paullus

It wasn't pretty, but the Heppner Mustangs won both games of a Columbia Basin Conference doubleheader over the Weston-McEwen TigerScots, 3-0 and 8-3, in Athena on Saturday, April 29. The wins moved the Mustangs into second place with a 3 and 2 in the CBC east division and 9 and 8 overall.

The Mustangs are at Stanfield for a non-league doubleheader on Saturday, May 5, and then go back to Stanfield for a league game on Tuesday, May 9.

In the first game, Stefan Matheny led off by getting on first on an error, Nick Anthony singled and Michael McCabe walked to load the bases. Kelly Paullus hit into a fielder's choice to score Matheny and the Mustangs had an early 1-0 lead.

In the third, Anthony singled, McCabe hit into a fielder's choice and stole second. Paullus then singled to score McCabe and the Mustangs led 2-0.

The Mustangs added another run in the seventh as Paullus tripled and Josh Hill laid down a perfect bunt to squeeze him home.

Dylan Pettyjohn pitched four innings on no-hit ball, striking out seven. Travis Bellamy pitched three innings, allowing just an infield single to pick up the save.

Paullus went 3 for 4 with a triple and two RBI and Anthony went 2 for 2. Bellamy went 2 for 3.

Matheny led off the second game by bouncing a ball over the fence in left-centerfield for a ground-rule double. Paullus then singled to score Matheny.

The TigerScots came back with three runs in the bottom of the first to take a 3-1 lead.

In the top of the third, Matheny hit his first career home run to left field to narrow the lead to 3-2.

The Mustangs came up with five runs in the fourth as Paullus and Allan Gribkov reached on errors and Hill

walked to load the bases. Zac Fabian then laid down a bunt to squeeze Paullus home and Gribkov came home as the ball got away from the first baseman. Gribkov came home as Mark McElligott reached on an error and Matheny walked, Anthony reached on a fielder's choice and McCabe hit a two RBI single. Stanley Cutsforth drove in the fifth run with a single and the Mustangs led 7-3.

In the sixth, McElligott singled, stole second and came home as Anthony grounded out.

McCabe and Matheny each had six strike-outs as Matheny picked up the win.

Matheny went 2 for 3 with a double and home run and scored three runs. McCabe had a two RBI single and Paullus and Cutsforth each had RBI singles.

Statistics  
Heppner 101 000 1-3 7 3  
Weston-McEwen 000 000 0-0 1 2  
Dylan Pettyjohn, Travis Bellamy (5) and Stefan Matheny; Peters, Delph (6) and McClouth. W-Pettyjohn. L-Peters. S-Bellamy. 2B-none. 3B-Kelly Paullus. HR-none.  
Heppner 101 501 0-8 8 2  
Weston-McEwen 300 000 0-3 6 2  
Michael McCabe, Matheny (4) and Allan Gribkov; McClouth, Delph (5) and Peters. W-Matheny. L-McClouth. 2B-Matheny. 3B-none. HR-Matheny.

## Mustangs dropped

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang softball team dropped a non-league game to the visiting Mac-Hi Pioneers, 4-1, on Saturday, April 22.

The Pioneers took a 4-0 lead into the bottom of the seventh before the Mustangs could get on the board.

Jenni Patton doubled and came around to score as Shelley Rietmann grounded out.

Rietmann, Miranda McElligott and Alecia Geer singled for the Mustangs' other hits.

Statistics  
Mac-Hi 000 301 0-4 7 0  
Heppner 000 000 1-1 4 3  
Haggeman and Gasaway; Shelley Rietmann and Jesse Gutierrez. W-Haggeman. L-Rietmann. 2B-Gasaway, Hardy (M) Jenni Patton (H). 3B-none. HR-none.

## Mustangs lose at Nyssa

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang softball team made the long trip back to Nyssa to make up a rained out game and lost 3-0 to the Bulldogs in a six inning rain-shortened game.

The Mustangs out-hit the Bulldogs three to one, but couldn't come up with any runs.

Leah Denton, Jesse

Gutierrez and Jenni Patton each had singles for the Mustangs. Shelley Rietmann pitched a one-hitter, striking out five and walking just two, but the Mustangs were hurt with six errors.

Statistics  
Heppner 000 000-0 3 6  
Nyssa 001 110-3 1 1  
Shelley Rietmann and Jesse Gutierrez; Spear and Felham. W-Spear. L-Rietmann. 2B-none. 3B-none. HR-none.

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