

Mustangs sweep Stanfield in non-league doubleheader

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Stanfield on Saturday, May 6 for a non-league doubleheader and won both games, 15-4 in five innings and 15-8. The wins improve the Mustangs' overall record to 11-8 on the year. Heppner will host the Pilot Rock Rockets in a Columbia Basin Conference doubleheader on Saturday, May 13, with first place on the line.

The Mustangs got off to a slow start in the first game as the Tigers took a 2-0 lead in the second without the benefit of a hit.

Josh Hill led off the third with a double, was bunted over to third by Travis Bellamy and scored as Zac Fabian reached on an error.

In the fourth, Michael McCabe led off with a walk, followed by walks to Stanley Cutsforth and Kelly Paullus to load the bases. Allan Gribkov singled to score McCabe and Cutsforth, while Paullus scored as Hill reached on an error. Fabian singled to score Gribkov and Hill as the Mustangs took a 6-2 lead.

The Mustangs scored nine more in the fifth to put the game away. McCabe reached on an error and Cutsforth and Paullus walked to lead the bases. Gribkov then doubled to deep left-center to clear the bases and Hill doubled to score Gribkov. Bellamy and Fabian both walked to lead the bases again. Stefan Matheny then singled to score Hill. Nick Anthony hit into a fielder's choice, but McCabe singled to score both Fabian and Matheny. Anthony scored on a passed ball and, after Cutsforth and Donald Adams both walked, Brad Adams hit a sacrifice fly to score McCabe and make it 15-3.

The Tigers added a run in the fifth but it wasn't enough as the game ended on the 10-run rule. Gribkov was 2-3 with a double and five RBIs. Hill was 2-3 with two doubles and scored three runs. Fabian went 1-2 with two RBIs and Paullus went 1-1 with a double and he scored twice. McCabe had two RBIs and scored three times. Cutsforth walked three times and scored twice.

Matheny went four innings to pick up the win, allowing just two hits and striking out five. In the second game, Anthony walked with one out in the first and came around to score on passed balls. The Tigers came back to take

a 2-1 lead in the bottom half, but the Mustangs came back to take the lead for good with three runs in the second.

Dylan Pettyjohn singled and went to third on Mark McElligott's single. McElligott stole second and Matheny hit a sacrifice fly to score Pettyjohn. Anthony walked and went to second on a passed ball. McCabe singled to score McElligott and Anthony.

In the third, Paullus led off with a single and came around to third as Gribkov reached on an error. Hill doubled to score Paullus while Gribkov scored on a Pettyjohn single. McElligott hit a sacrifice fly to score Hill, and Matheny hit a sacrifice fly to score Pettyjohn. Anthony walked, McCabe reached on an error and Cutsforth also reached on an error, scoring Anthony. McCabe scored on a passed ball and Paullus doubled to score Cutsforth. Hill singled to score Paullus and the Mustangs led 12-2 after three.

In the fourth, Anthony singled and went to third on McCabe's single and scored on a single by Fabian and the Mustangs had what seemed to be a comfortable 13-2 lead.

But Stanfield came back with six runs in the bottom half to narrow the lead to 13-8.

In the sixth, McElligott reached first on a strike that got away from the catcher and reached third on Anthony's double. McCabe walked to lead the bases and Fabian hit a two-RBI single to make it 15-8.

Josh Winters came in to pitch in the fifth and shut the Tigers down, allowing just two hits in the seventh but struck out the side to end the game.

Anthony went 2-2 with a double and scored five times. Fabian went 2-2 with three RBIs. Hill went 2-3 with a double and two RBIs. Paullus went 2-3 with a double and an RBI. McCabe went 2-4 with two RBIs and Pettyjohn went 2-5.

Statistics
 First game:
 Heppner: 0 0 1 5 9-15 9 1
 Stanfield: 0 2 0 1 1-4 4 3
 Stefan Matheny, Travis Bellamy (5) and Allan Gribkov, Brad Adams (5); Graham, Yunker (4), Fiemmer (5) and Pollick. W-Matheny, L-Yunker. 2B-Josh Hill 2, Kelly Paullus, Gribkov (H); Pollick (S). 3B-none. HR-none.
 Second game:
 Heppner: 1 3 8 1 0 2 0-15 14 1
 Stanfield: 2 0 0 6 0 0-8 9 8
 Michael McCabe, Bellamy (4), Josh Winters (5) and Gribkov, B. Adams (4); Pollick and McQuown. W-McCabe, L-Pollick. 2B-Nick Anthony, Hill, Paullus (H); Pollick 2, Yunker (S). 3B-none. HR-none.

Ione tennis teams compete against Umatilla

Ione's tennis teams traveled to Umatilla on Tuesday, May 2, to wage a battle against the Vikings on the court. Ione walked away with five matches while Umatilla posted 10 wins. Caitlin Orem lost to Blanca Mendoza, 4-8. Salli McElligott used her skills to defeat Heather Rassmussen, 8-5. Sheena Christman worked hard to secure a win, 8-6, against

Marlana White. Christman's match remained tight throughout and both girls were extremely tired, but Christman dug deep to concentrate on her hits to secure the victory. Samantha Wilhelm lost to Jennie Pack, 6-8.

Erin Crowell and Molly Barrow lost to Mayra Robledo and Ashley Lee, 1-8. Allison Halvorsen and Shelby Krebs had a close match, 7-9, against Marlana White and Karlyn Masters. Salli McElligott and Caitlin Orem doubled up to defeat Patty Mendoza and Hanna Baker, 8-4.

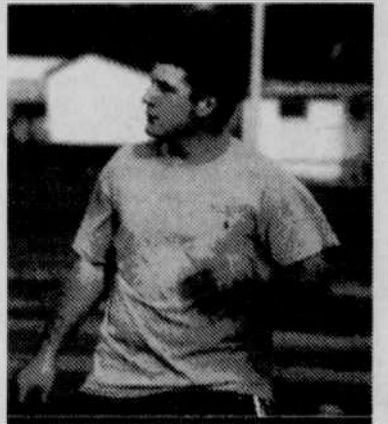
Jeremy Rietmann lost to John Routson, 1-8. Aaron Tworek was defeated by Bill McCorkle, 0-8. Derek Campbell was unable to obtain a win against Jack Hess, losing with a score of 2-8. Adam Neiffer challenged Adrian

Polomino to a match and did an outstanding job in the singles match. Neiffer hit balls with his back to the net, covered the court well, hit hard returns off of monstrous serves and played a well rounded game but was unable to win the tie-breaker with a score of 1-7 for a 8-9 score.

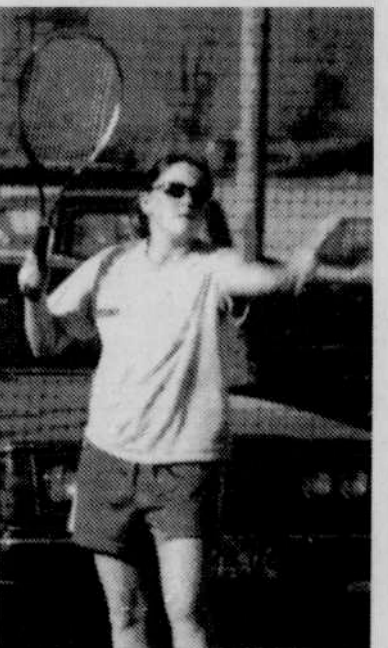
The duo of Adam Neiffer and Adam McCabe were easily defeated by Adrian Polomino and John Routson, 0-8. Cameron Krebs and David Mansfeld had a tough loss against, Paul Valle and Jose Rico, 8-9. Krebs and Mansfeld posted a 5-7 tiebreaker score. Jeremiah McElligott and Colin McElligott easily defeated Jeff McConnell and Bruno Ybarra, 8-5. Karl Morgan and David Mansfeld defeated Jack Hess and Jose Rico, 8-5.



Erin Crowell runs down a backhand return



Steve Crum



Samantha Wilhelm

Local player selected for Junior Olympic



Stefan Matheny

Stefan Matheny recently participated in a try-out at Oregon State University in which he was selected to a roster of 15 players for the Baseball Oregon USA Junior Olympic Team. He will compete in a 64 team tournament in Tucson, AZ, at the Major League Training Facilities in June.

Stefan is a sophomore at Heppner High School and is currently playing varsity ball for the Mustangs. He is the son of Dave and Patty Matheny of Lexington.

Whitetop alert issued

Whitetop, sometimes referred to as Hoary Cress, was recently added to the Morrow County "A" list of noxious weeds.

"This rhizomatous perennial weed can be a serious problem when allowed to infest alfalfa, other field crops and rangeland pastures," said Dave Pranger, Morrow County Weed Control office. "It is a serious problem already in Baker County and has caused significant economic losses in that area."

Whitetop grows to a height of 1-2 feet with a showy white flower head and is currently in the bloom stage where it is easy to locate and identify. It starts mainly along riparian areas or irrigated fields and spreads from there. There are no biological controls currently available for this weed and mowing or digging it up will not get rid of it unless the entire root system is removed.

The most effective control is early detection and chemical control with a product called Escort, said Pranger. Special attention should be taken to label directions in crop situations however, he said.

Anyone with questions regarding this weed or any other noxious weeds should contact the Morrow County Weed Control office at 989-9502.

Ione teams short on wins vs Weston-McEwen

Ione men and women tennis teams were short on wins against Weston McEwen. Ione had three wins while Weston brought in seven winning matches.

Freshman Caitlin Orem was paired against a much more experienced player, Denise Bauman. Bauman, a senior, defeated Orem, 8-1. Salli McElligott was unable to secure a game against Renee Robertson, losing her match, 0-8. Samantha Wilhelm lost her match against a more seasoned player, Amber Gillworth, 1-8. Erin Crowell and Molly Barrow conquered their opponents, Jeanine Huntsman and Ashley Tubbs, 9-8, with a tie-breaker score of 7-2. Team Crowell-Barrow displayed smart ball placement to secure their win. Shelby Krebs and Allison Halvorsen lost a close match, 6-8, to Jen Williams and Nicole Reed. Halvorsen had an excellent match at the net, while Krebs was quick in the backcourt to send back hard, crisp returns.

Jeremy Rietmann had a great service match against Brander Richmond. Rietmann overthrew Richmond with a score of 8-4. Aaron Tworek worked hard hitting through his strokes, but came up shy of a win against Ben Winn, losing with a score of 1-8. Derek Campbell played one of his best matches of the season against Daniel Schuld. Campbell covered the court well and put up an enormous battle before falling to Schuld, 6-8. Adam McCabe and Adam Neiffer were unable to overthrow their opponents, Travis Glover and Jason Peterson. Neiffer-McCabe both had some nice slams at the net and were quick in getting the returns, but Glover-Peterson took the match, 2-8. Cameron Krebs paired up with Colin McElligott to secure a win, 8-1, against Roger Bauman and Daniel Schuld. Krebs did an excellent job at the net while McElligott had outstanding coverage in the backcourt.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses:

- May 1: Rafael Acosta Vega, 34, Hermiston; and Adaline Elisa Bejarano, 36, Hermiston.
- May 3: Vernon Shad Jeffreys, 32, Lexington; and Beth Marie Backlund, 28, Lexington.

BMCC scholarships applications

Applications are now available for the Blue Mountain Community College Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, Fair Share and Pendleton Credit Union scholarships.

One application gives full-time students access to 71 scholarships. Applications are

due on Monday, May 15. Applications are available at the financial aid office or on the Blue Mountain Community College web site (www.bmcc.or.us). For more information contact Cristina Sweek, financial aid, 541/278-5790, or Karen Hill, foundation, 541/278-5775.

Ione takes on Echo Cougars

Ione tennis teams took on the Echo Cougars on Saturday, May 6. The Lady Cardinals split with the Echo women with each winning three matches.

Caitlin Orem fell to Challis Buck, 3-8. Orem then doubled back to play Stacie Garcia, totally dominating Garcia with a 8-1 win. Samantha Wilhelm was defeated, 2-8, by Kim Holben but rallied back in a second match to defeat Kayla Clifton, 8-3.

Allison Halvorsen and Molly Barrow had difficulty overthrowing their opponents, Jennie Lewis and Wendy Holben. Halvorsen-Barrow lost to Echo, 2-8. Halvorsen then teamed up with Shelby Krebs to oust Allison Allstott and Stacie Garcia, 8-1.

Ione men posted two wins out of six matches. Aaron Tworek battled to win four games before

succumbing to Shane Clifton, 4-8. Derek Campbell lost to Aaron Brown, 0-8.

Campbell then teamed up with Steve Crum to defeat Aaron Brown and Carl Allstott, 8-7, in a doubles match.

David Mansfeld battled against John Magana but lost 5-8. Mansfeld doubled up with Jeremiah McElligott and easily defeated Jesse Belyea and Shane Clifton, 85. Steve Crum and Karl Morgan played their best match of the season and tied the score at 8-8 with John Magana and Carl Allstott. Crum-Morgan lost the tie breaker score 4-7.

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