

## Mustangs sweep Bobcats

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang softball team traveled to Union on Friday, May 5 and swept the Bobcats, 10-1 and 6-3. With the wins, the Mustangs improved to 8-2 in the Eastern Oregon League and 10-10 overall.

The Mustangs play their final league games at home on Saturday against Pine Eagle, with a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m.

The Mustangs picked up a run in the second inning of the first game as Shelley Rietmann walked and went to second and Marcy Miller walked, went to third on Charissa Gates' bunt single, then scored on a passed ball.

Marissa McCabe led off the third with a walk, and stole second and third as San Juanita Elguezabal walked and stole second. Both scored as Rietmann reached on an error. Rietmann then stole second and third and came home on a passed ball to give the Mustangs a 4-0 lead.

The Mustangs added another run in the fifth as Rietmann led off with a walk, stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on a sacrifice by Gates.

The Mustangs blew open the game in the sixth with five more runs as Nikki Sisk led off with a walk, stole second and came home on a Jesse Gutierrez double. Gutierrez came around to score on a passed ball. Jenni Patton walked, stole second and scored on a double by Rietmann, who ended up scoring on a steal of home. Miller reached on an error and came all around to score on stolen bases and passed balls.

Gutierrez went 2-5 with two doubles and an RBI. Rietmann went 1-2 with two RBIs and scored four times. Gates went 1-1 with an RBI. Rietmann went the distance giving up just two hits and striking out five with no walks.

The Mustangs jumped out quick in the nightcap, scoring five runs after two were out. McCabe reached on a fielder's choice, went to second on a passed ball and scored on Elguezabal's single. Patton singled to score Elguezabal and came around on a wild pitch, then scored on Rietmann's single. Jesse Kempas singled to score Rietmann, went to second on Gates' walk, stole third and scored on a passed ball.

The Mustangs added another run in the second as Brandi Brantley led off with a walk, went to second on a Gutierrez single, then came home on McCabe's single.

The Mustangs held on from there to get the win as the Bobcats scored two runs in the third and another in the sixth.

Rietmann again went the distance to pick up the win, allowing just two hits.

Kempas went 3-4 with an RBI and McCabe went 2-4 with an RBI. Gutierrez went 2-5.

**Statistics**  
 First game:  
 Heppner-0 1 3 0 1 5 0-10 6 4  
 Union-0 0 1 0 0 0 0-1 2 2  
 Shelley Rietmann and Jesse Gutierrez, Sasser and Waite. W-Rietmann, L-Sasser. 2B-Gutierrez 2, Rietmann. 3B-none. HR-none.  
 Second game:  
 Heppner-5 1 0 0 0 0 0-6 12 5  
 Union-0 0 2 0 0 1 0-3 2 4  
 Rietmann and Gutierrez, Sasser and Waite. W-Rietmann, L-Waite. 2B-none. 3B-none. HR-none.

## HHS track athletes head to district meet

Heppner High School track athletes will be competing in the District 7 2A track and field meet at Wahtonka High School in the Dalles on Friday and Saturday, May 12-13. Preliminaries in most running events and the finals of the 3,000-meter run and some field events will be Friday starting at 3 p.m. and the remaining finals of field events and all other running events will be Saturday.

The top two place finishers in each event plus any others meeting qualifying standards will go on to the state 2A meet to be held at Western Oregon University at Monmouth the following weekend.

Several Mustang thinclads have earned top marks in the district as a result of two months of track competition.

Craig Scott, junior hurdler, has the best marks in both the 110-meter high hurdles and 300-meter intermediate hurdles. He also shares district best marks in both relays with teammates.

The 400-meter relay team of Scott, David Piper, Michael Schonbachler and Levi Geer will get the top seed at the district meet. The same group also has the best time in the 1600-meter relay.

Sophomore Brian Rust has also run on the short relay team throughout the season but has been plagued with a muscle injury.

Piper is also leading the league in a pair events. The junior

jumper has high jumped 6-3 and last week triple jumped over 40 feet.

Schonbachler has the best 100-meter time and is in the thick of the discus field for a state berth.

Geer has posted the second best javelin throw of the season and has been a mainstay relays of the anchoring both events.

Adding depth to the throwing events are seniors Justin Nelson and Jake Roy and junior Chris Peck. Peck has the fifth best shot put throw.

Daniel Jepsen and Sam Van Liew are gaining experience in the hurdling events with Jepsen adding time points in the 400-meter dash. Isaiah Stillman rounds out the boys' team, competing in the distance races.

Senior tracksters Trisha Adams and Abby Kahl lead the girls team. Both are seeking their fourth consecutive trip to the state meet.

Adams leads in the 300-meter relay and has the second best high jump in the district. Kahl has the second best time in both the 1500-meter run and the 3,000-meter run. The seniors have led the 1600-meter relay team to the second best mark along with teammates Brett Barber and Paula Spicerkuhn.

Barber also figures to place in the sprints at district and Spicerkuhn in the distance races. Rounding out the girls' team is sophomore Julie Proctor who runs the 800-meters and throws the discus and freshman Dawn DeBoer, a sprinter.

## Blue Basin hike offered

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will offer a ranger-conducted hike into the "spectacular" Blue Basin fossil beds, on Saturday, May 13, beginning at 10 a.m. This two-hour hike will feature the geologic and fossil history of the basin.

The tour will begin at the Blue

Basin trailhead, located three miles north of the Sheep Rock Unit visitor center, along State Route 19. Participants should bring good hiking shoes, a sun hat, water bottle and a camera. Reservations are not needed and there is no fee.

For further information contact the monument at (541) 987-2333.

## Wranglers hold playday

The Wranglers Riding Club held their second playday on Sunday, May 7. Results are as follows:

Stuckhorse-first Ryan Dougherty, second Makenzi Hughes, third Bobbi Correa, fourth Rylee Kollman.

Leadline: barrels and kool-aid relay-first Bobbi Correa, second Ryan Dougherty, third Makenzi Hughes, fourth Patrick Collins; poles-first Ryan Dougherty, second Patrick Collins, third Bobbi Correa, fourth Makenzi Hughes.

Six years and under: barrels-first Rebecca Jepsen, second Mary Rietmann, third Donald Matthews, fourth Emma Osmin; poles-first Rebecca Jepsen, second Mary Rietmann, third Donald Matthews, fourth Maggie Collins; kool-aid relay-first Rebecca Jepsen, second Mary Rietmann, third Donald Matthews, fourth Garrett Robinson.

Seven year olds: barrels-first Taighler Dougherty, second Jessica Hughes, third Devin Robinson, fourth Brett Harrison; poles-first Jessica Hughes, second Taighler Dougherty, third Devin Robinson, fourth Jacob Gregory; kool-aid relay-first Taighler Dougherty, second Brett Harrison, third Devin Robinson, fourth Jessica Hughes.

Eight to 10 year olds: barrels-first Emily Rietmann, second Whitney Matthews, third Brent Eckman, fourth Eric Jepsen;

poles-first Brent Eckman, second Eric Jepsen, third Whitney Matthews, fourth Justin Gregory; kool-aid relay-first Whitney Matthews, second Brent Eckman, third Emily Rietmann, fourth Kayla Graves.

11-14 year olds: barrels-first Jenny Griffith, second Amy Jepsen, third Lacey Davis, fourth Nicole Wilson; poles-first Jenny Griffith, second Amy Jepsen, third Nicole Wilson, fourth Lacey Davis; kool-aid relay-first Lacey Davis, second Kristal Temple, third Nicole Wilson, fourth Jenny Griffith.

15-17 year olds: barrels-first Ashley Ward, second Kelsey Greenup, third Ann Shear, fourth Tracy Rankin; poles-first Kelsey Greenup, second Sibbea Jones, third Brett Barber, fourth Ashley Ward; kool-aid relay-first Brett Barber, second Ashley Ward, third Tracy Griffith, fourth Kelsey Greenup.

18 and over: barrels-first Glen Griffith, second Bill Jepsen, third Tiffany Munkers, fourth Bobbie Rankin; poles-first Glen Griffith, second Bobbie Rankin, third Ruby Shear, fourth Anita Pranger; kool-aid relay-first Bobbie Rankin, second Shawna Wilson, third Karen Temple.

The next playday will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. Potluck lunch will be at 12 p.m. with the playday starting at 1 p.m.

## Cardinal Booster Club hears funding report

The Cardinal Booster Club, Monday, May 1, heard a report from Morrow County Recreation District representative Jim Swanson concerning the district plans to fund the middle school track program throughout the county next spring.

Club members discussed purchasing championship flags for the gym. Kimmel Athletic Supply has given an estimate on the cost of the project. Members agreed to have Kimmel make one flag before ordering the others. If approved, academic championship flags will also be made.

It was agreed the club needs more input from the community before putting up academic championship signs on the edge of town. Swanson will check with Harold Rietmann to find out if more wood needs to be purchased to make the signs.

The club will order more hats. There are some still available to purchase at Beecher's Cafe. Hats will be sold on the 4th of July along with the new T-shirts.

There are two parent openings on the Ione Site Council. Anne Morter indicated that she is not interested in running again. Jeri

McElligott said she will contact Becky Hunt to see if she would like to run for another term. Anyone interested in running for the council should contact McElligott by August 1. The position is a two-year term.

Club President Debbie Radie will contact Dufur High School to see who made their polar fleece school blankets. It was agreed the club could sell football blankets during the football season.

Club members voted to donate Gatorade to the track and tennis teams going to district competitions. Any sport teams going to state will also get Gatorade and balloon bouquets.

Members also voted to give coach Del LaRue \$100 for track team expenses at the state meet.

McElligott will contact Kristy Crowell, yearbook advisor, to request the academic awards received by the boys' basketball and girls' tennis teams be included in the yearbook. Members voted to support the yearbook by purchasing a page.

The next meeting of Cardinal Booster Club will be June 5 at the Ione High School library at 7 p.m.

## Ione Legion seeks donations for poppies

Poppy days in Ione will be the week of May 25. Wearing the poppy pays tribute to all who died and were disabled in the service. The poppy was adopted as a memorial flower at the 1921 Kansas City convention.

The veterans returning home remembered the wild poppies which lined the devastated battlefields of France and Flanders Field and soldiers of all nations came to look upon the flower as a living symbol of their dead comrades' sacrifice, said a

release from the Ione Legion Auxiliary. A Canadian Colonel John McCrae, who was killed during the war, immortalized the flower in his famous poem, "Flanders Field".

The memorial poppy of the Legion Auxiliary is made by hospitalized veterans at White City. All donations received are used to benefit American veterans and families.

"Remember, exchange a donation for a poppy," said the release.

## Neighborhood center plans sale

A rummage sale will be held at the Heppner Neighborhood Center on Friday, May 19, from

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will include clothing, furniture and household and miscellaneous items.

## Scholarship trust winners

South Morrow County Scholarship Trust announces recipients of the 2000-2001, \$500 scholarships. The four winners were selected out of 21 applicants on the basis of academic achievement, chosen field of study, financial need, school participation, degree of effort the student has made in seeking sources for college and personal characteristics for success as well as school citizenship.

The four winners are Jacob Neiffer, Trisha Adams, Casey Ingraham and Mark McElligott.



Mark McElligott

Mark McElligott, the son of Jeri and Joseph McElligott of Ione, is a senior at Ione High School. He is planning on attending Oregon State University, studying chemistry. Mark is a member of National Honor Society, OSSOM, is vice president of the associated student body and a middle school basketball referee. He was team captain for basketball and served on the Ione School Site Council. Mark is active in the Ione community, a member of Ione Ecumenical Youth Group, volunteering to shovel snow, feed the homeless and more. He has been active in sports, playing varsity Basketball and varsity football.

Dollars for Scholars is a national network of more than 765 community-based scholarship foundations in 40 states. Each community raises funds locally and all funds raised are awarded as scholarships to local students. The local Dollars for Scholars chapter, South Morrow County Scholarship Trust, was formed in 1993. The goal of the chapter is to help more students receive post secondary education each year.

For more information on the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust, notify any one of the board of directors which include Bill Rietmann, president; Del LaRue, vice-president; Bob Kahl, treasurer; Sharon Harrison, secretary; Rev Craig Strobel, Bill Kuhn and Missy Cutsforth.



Jacob Neiffer

Jacob Neiffer, the son of Linda and Duane Neiffer of Ione, is a senior at Ione High School. Jacob plans on attending Oregon State University, studying mechanical engineering. He has been active in sports, was selected captain and received all-league honors in football. Jacob is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as vice president. He has also been involved in many community activities, including working as a junior high basketball and Pee-Wee basketball volunteer.



Trisha Adams

Trisha Adams is the daughter of Tonia and Mike Adams. Trisha is a Senior at Heppner High School. She is considering a career in medicine, planning on attending Albertson College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho. She has been very active in 4-H, Wild Horse Club, National Honor Society, serving as vice president, Outdoor Club and student council, serving as publicity director. She has been also been a volunteer in the community. Trisha has been active in volleyball, basketball and track and field, earning varsity letters in all.

## Noxious weed prevalence exploding

"What is exploding in your Neighborhood? Noxious Weeds. Why Should You Care?"

Noxious weeds affect everyone in the community and our region by choking out native plants, invading agricultural fields, pastures, and your own yard. Dave Pranger, Morrow County Weed Control agent, will be the speaker at the Wednesday, May 17, meeting of the Boardman Chamber of Commerce.

"Everyone in the region pays an economic cost if noxious weeds are not controlled," says Pranger. He will talk about the results of new methods of biological control on knapweed and other Morrow County noxious weeds. He will also bring samples of beneficial insects being released locally to control noxious weeds and will show a short video on the use of biological control methods.

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon, Wednesday, May 17, at Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

The public is welcome to attend and there is no charge. Those wishing to purchase a lunch must RSVP to the Chamber Office, 481-3014, by 4 p.m. Monday, May 15.

## Elementary plans spring program

Ione Elementary School grades K-5 will present their annual spring musical program on Thursday, May 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the Ione School cafeteria.

The program will be led by music teacher Darlene Marquardt. The program will feature singing and dancing and folk music by the elementary grades as well as performances by both the recorder band and the beginning band students.

The public is invited to attend.

## Commission

The Oregon Wheat Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 11, at the Port of Morrow at 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon at 10 a.m.

The commission meeting is open to the public.

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**May 11th - Thursday**  
 LADIES' NIGHT: Deona Hughes and crew will be serving tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, chips and salsa and dessert. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. There will be a Mother's Day Service upstairs before lodge-everyone is invited to attend.

**May 14th - Sunday**  
 MOTHER'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH. Buffet will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free carnations while they last!

**BINGO ON WEDNESDAYS! NOW STARTING AT 7:00 p.m.**

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