

Mustangs pound Rockets at district, advance to state

By Rick Paulus

The Heppner Mustangs baseball team pounded out 11 extra base hits, 21 in all, to beat the Pilot Rock Rockets, 26-10, to take second place at the Columbia Basin Conference district tournament in Pendleton on Saturday, May 19. The Mustangs now advance to the state tournament and will travel to Warrenton on Friday, May 25, to play the second-ranked Warriors in the first round.

The Mustangs fell to Culver in the championship game, 10-2, after managing just four hits. The Bulldogs took a 2-0 lead in the first and led 5-0 in the third when the Mustang made their only rally. With two outs, Stefan Matheny singled, Michael McCabe reached on an error and both scored on a Billy Gates single. Culver added two runs in the fourth and put the game out of reach with three more in the sixth.

Matheny went two for two with a double and Brad Adams had a double for the Mustangs' other hit. The Rockets took a 1-0 lead in the first, but the Mustangs turned a double play to end the inning. In the bottom half, the Mustangs wasted no time in getting the lead as Chuy Elguezabal led off with a single and came around to score on a passed ball as Matheny singled. Gates then hit a home run to left field for a 3-1 lead. Brad Adams and Kelly Paulus walked, Donald Adams had an RBI double and Luke Murray drove in two more with a single for a 6-1 lead.

The Rockets came right back with four runs to get within 6-5, but the Mustangs took off where they left off, scoring 11 runs in the second inning. Elguezabal was hit by a pitch, Matheny doubled and McCabe walked to load the bases. Gates singled to score two, Brad Adams walked and Paulus singled to score two more. Donald Adams and Murray each had RBI singles. Elguezabal walked, Matheny walked in a run and McCabe doubled to clear the bases. Gates singled to

score McCabe to make it 17-5 after two innings.

The Mustangs kept it up in the third as Travis Bellamy led off with a double, Kiel Nairns walked and Murray sacrificed Bellamy home. Elguezabal reached on an error as Nairns scored and Matheny had an RBI double. McCabe doubled, Gates brought two more home with a double, Brad Adams singled and Josh Winters had an RBI single to make it 23-5.

The Rockets scored five in the fourth, but the Mustangs came back with three more runs in the bottom half as Koby Rea and Elguezabal walked, McCabe had an RBI double and Brad Adams brought home two more with a double.

Gates had a monster game, going four for four with a double, home run and seven RBIs. McCabe went three for four, all doubles, had four RBIs and scored four runs. Matheny went three for four with two doubles, two RBIs and scored four runs. Brad Adams went two for three with two doubles and two RBIs. Murray went two for two with three RBIs and Donald Adams went two for two with two RBIs. Winters went two for two and Elguezabal scored five runs.

The Mustangs went 21 for 32 as a team as the starters each had at least one hit.

Matheny picked up the win with relief help from Elguezabal and Matheny.

Statistics

First Game
Culver: 203 203 0 - 10 12 1
Heppner: 002 000 0 - 2 4 2
Jared Adams and John Macy; Michael McCabe, Josh Winters (4) and Kelly Paulus. W - Adams. L - McCabe. 2B - Stefan Matheny, Brad Adams (H). 3B - none. HR - none.

Second Game
Pilot Rock: 140 50 - 10 8 1
Heppner: 6(11) 6 3x - 26 21 2
Troy Sampson, Brett Winks (2), Sean Black (3), Kevin Lein (3) and Aaron Gillespie; Stefan Matheny, Chuy Elguezabal (2), Travis Bellamy (5) and Kelly Paulus, Brad Adams (4). W - Matheny. L - Sampson. 2B - Sampson (PR); Michael McCabe (3), Matheny (2), Bellamy, Billy Gates, Brad Adams (2), Donald Adams (H). 3B - none. HR - Gates.

Local graduation ceremonies this weekend



Local artist Bonnie Bennett puts the finishing touches on the window at the Gazette-Times congratulating the senior class of 2001. The Heppner High School graduation ceremonies will be held Saturday, May 26, at 2 p.m. The Lone High School ceremonies are scheduled for Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m.

Former Nazarene pastor to visit

The Heppner Church of the Nazarene welcomes back their former pastor, Floyd Wilks, for "a night of music, praise and fellowship" on Sunday, May 27 at 6 p.m.

Floyd and his wife, Sharon, pastored in Heppner from October

1980 to July 1986. They have three daughters. The Wilks left Heppner to take the church at Moses Lake, Wash., where they are still pastoring.

Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and fellowship is planned after the service.

Heppner, Lone kids 'rough it' at outdoor school

By Debbie Harper

"Great," "awesome," "cool," "tiring" were some of the words returning HES sixth graders used to describe their week at Outdoor School.

This year 32 kids from Heppner and six kids from Lone attended Outdoor School at Tupper.

For four days they lived in cabins they cleaned themselves. Classes were held outdoors. Instead of watching television and playing video games in the evenings, they sang songs around the campfire. Patriotic songs, familiar songs, even songs made up by the campers themselves. Every evening they had a flag ceremony and taps. Glen Ward taught them how to fold and handle a flag.

Even with rain and bad weather the first couple of evenings, kids took night hikes and played games with their counselors.

Phyllis Danielson, principal of Heppner Elementary School, feels the sixth graders learn some valuable lessons through their experiences at Tupper. "They learn responsibility in a safe environment. Helping with chores and living in nature boosts their self esteem and their self respect."

In addition to the four main staff people, Dean Robinson, Karen Smith-Griffith, Jannie Allen and Kay Alldritt, lots of people come up and help each year.

Gary Hunt from Lone High School taught a weather class. Glen Ward taught classes about wild life. Brian Spivey and Keith Hanson gave archery lessons in the evening.

Clint Krebs took the students on a nature hike and taught them about wildflowers. Krebs's family collects wildflower specimens and he said he'd buy milkshakes for kids if they could find wildflowers that he wasn't able to identify. There were several.

Clint's son Cameron was a first time counselor from Lone High School. A sophomore, he was the

youngest counselor this year. "I liked helping the kids. They were coming asking me questions, trusting my advice, trusting my answers. You realize you have to be responsible and grown up."

Cameron also helped with the wildflower identification. "They collected several flowers we didn't identify up there. We're still working on identifying them."

On Wednesday they went to Bull Prairie. They made fishing poles out of willow branches. Some kids even caught fish using their poles.

A favorite class was outdoor survival, taught by Randy Rayburn. Groups of five to six students were given 30 minutes to build a shelter from what they'd brought with them in their survival kits and what was available in the environment.

Bill Ewing taught a class called "Creatures of the Lake." Meghan Bailey, a first time counselor from Heppner High School, helped with that class. "I had more fun as a counselor than as a kid going, because I got to meet all the kids, to work with all of them."

Also on Wednesday they made hobo stew out of beef chunks, potatoes, carrots, celery, broccoli and onion. It was wrapped in tin foil and cooked over the fire they'd build, using steel wool, a file and a rock.

Dean Robinson felt it was a great week. "Even with the rain and bad weather I didn't hear a word of complaint from the kids." He also had words of praise for the counselors. "We couldn't do the camp without the high school students that come up as counselors," said Dean.

This year there were 15 counselors: Adrienne Swanson, Shelby Krebs, Ryan Matteson, Adam Neiffer, Kyle McDaniel, Krista Adams, Brett Barber, Allison Halvorsen, Julie Proctor, Adam McCabe, Shelly Rietmann, Sally McElligott, Meghan Bailey, Cameron Krebs and Brian Rust.

Hospital Foundation scholarships

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation has announced scholarship winners for the coming school year.

The Dr. Wallace Wolff scholarship of \$600 was awarded to Trisha Adams. Adams will be a sophomore at Albertson College, majoring in biology with a long-term goal of medical school. Adams currently has a GPA of 3.93. She is the daughter of Mike and Tonia Adams of Heppner. The scholarship was established by Dr. Wolff's family in memory of the long-time physician.

Brooke Boyer was awarded a Earl and Hazel Wilson scholarship of \$400. Boyer will be a junior at Boise State University and is pursuing a career in nursing. She currently has a GPA of 4. She is the daughter of John and Kellie Boyer of Lexington.

The Foundation awarded \$250 scholarships to the following students:

Melissa Cutsforth, who will be attending Portland Community College this fall and majoring in radiology. She is a graduate of Heppner High School and will receive an associate degree from

BMCC. She is the daughter of Curtis and Cathy Cutsforth of Heppner.

Sheree Steiner, a 2001 graduate of Riverside High School, will be attending Pacific University this fall in pursuit of a degree in physical therapy. Steiner will graduate at the top of her class with a 4.0 GPA. She is the daughter of Dan and Debbie Steiner of Boardman.

Charissa Gates, a 2001 graduate of Lone High School, plans to attend BMCC in the nursing program. She is the daughter of Tom and Arlynda Gates of Lone.

Molly Barrow, who will also graduate from Lone High, will be entering college this fall majoring in the medical field. Barrow has worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in lab and x-ray as part of the work experience program. She is the daughter of Laurie Rosenbush of Lone.

Adrienne Swanson, a 2001 graduate of Lone High School, plans to attend Oregon State University majoring in pre-dental hygiene. Swanson has been active in school and community activities and is the daughter of Jim and Monica Swanson of Lone.



Photo by Debbie Harper
Heppner Elementary School sixth graders observe during a lesson at Tupper Outdoor School.

Wranglers list playday results

Wranglers Riding Club held a playday on Sunday, May 6. Results are as follows:

Stickhorse-first Macy Gibbs, second Makenzi Hughes, third Connor Green, fourth Harley Davis.

Leadline barrels-first Keenan Helfrecht, second Connor Green, third Ali Lovgren, fourth Tate Gentry; poles-first Hanna Lovgren, second Connor Green, third Jessy Jones, fourth Ali Lovgren; scurry-first Connor Green, second Tate Gentry, third Hanna Lovgren, fourth Ali Lovgren.

Five years and under barrels and poles-first Blake Greenup, second Ryan Doherty, third Garrett Robinson; scurry-first Blake Greenup, second Ryan Doherty.

Six year olds barrels-first Mary Rietmann, second Rebecca Jepsen, third Makenna Ramos, fourth Emma Osmin; poles-first Rebecca Jepsen, second Mary Rietmann, third Hanna Jones, fourth Makenna Ramos; scurry-first Mary Rietmann, second Hanna Jones, third Makenna Ramos, fourth Rebecca Jepsen.

Seven-nine year olds barrels-first Jessica Hughes, second Taighler Doherty, third Eric Jepsen, fourth Devin Robinson; poles-first Eric Jepsen, second Jessica Hughes, third Jacob Gregory, fourth Devin Robinson; scurry-first Jessica Hughes, second Taighler Doherty, third Willy Gentry, fourth Eric Jepsen.

10-11 year olds barrels-first Emily Rietmann, second Ashley Kannard, third Justin Gregory, fourth Che Green; poles-first Emily Rietmann, second Che Green, third Justin Gregory, fourth Ashley Kannard; scurry-first Ashley Kannard, second Che Green, third Emily Rietmann, fourth Kody Lovgren.

12-13 year olds barrels-first Amy Jepsen, second Jenny Griffith, third Becky Schiller; poles-first Jenny Griffith, second Becky Schiller, third Amy Jepsen; scurry-first Becky Schiller, second Amy Jepsen, third Jenny Griffith.

14-17 year olds barrels-first Kelsey Greenup, second Tracy Griffith, third Ann Shear, fourth Lacey Davis; poles-first Ann Shear, second Tracy Griffith, third Kelsey Greenup, fourth Megan Healy; scurry-first Kelsey Greenup, second Lacey Davis, third Ann Shear, fourth Tracy Griffith.

Adults barrels-first Glen Griffith, second Bobbi Rankin, third Bill Jepsen, fourth Liz Pettibone; poles-first Donna Rietmann, second Liz Pettibone, third Angie Hughes, fourth Bill Jepsen; scurry-first Bobbi Rankin, second Liz Pettibone, third Tracy Rankin, fourth Glen Griffith.

The riding club also held a playday on Sunday, May 13. Results are as follows:
Stickhorse-first Emily Christiansen, second Connor Green, third Rylee Kollman, fourth Makenzi Hughes.

Leadline barrels-first Hanna Lovgren, second Ali Lovgren, third Jessy Jones, fourth Chelsea Hams; poles-first Connor Green, second Ali Lovgren, third Jessy Jones, fourth Hanna Lovgren; put-n-take-first Chelsea Hams, second Ali Lovgren third Jessy Jones, fourth Tate Gentry.

Five years and under barrels-first Blake Greenup, second Ryan Doherty, third Garrett Robinson; poles and put-n-take-first Blake Greenup, second Ryan Doherty, third Garrett Robinson.

Six year olds barrels-first Mary Rietmann, second Makenna Ramos, third Rebecca Jepsen, fourth Colby

Green; poles-first Mary Rietmann, second Rebecca Jepsen, third Hanna Jones, fourth Makenna Ramos; put-n-take-first Rebecca Jepsen, second Colby Green, third a tie between Mary Rietmann and Emma Osmin, fourth Hanna Jones.

Seven-nine year olds barrels-first Jessica Hughes, second Taighler Doherty, third Mary Hays, fourth Devin Robinson; poles-first Jessica Hughes, second Taighler Doherty, third Eric Jepsen, fourth Tori Lovgren; put-n-take-first Devin Robinson, second Mary Hays, third Taighler Doherty, fourth Willy Gentry.

10-11 year olds barrels-first Che Green, second Ashley Kannard, third Regi Seitz, fourth Justin Gregory; poles-first Emily Rietmann, second Ashley Kannard, third Che Green, fourth Regi Seitz; put-n-take-first Ashley Kannard, second Regi Seitz, third Kody Lovgren, fourth Che Green.

12-13 year olds barrels-first Jenny Griffith, second Becky Schiller, third Amy Jepsen, fourth Jaime Westberg; poles-first Jenny Griffith, second Amy Jepsen, third Becky Schiller, fourth Jaime Westberg; put-n-take-first Becky Schiller, second Jenny Griffith, third Amy Jepsen, fourth Kristal Temple.

14-17 year olds barrels-first Tracy Griffith, second Kelsey Greenup; poles and put-n-take-first Tracy Griffith, second Megan Healy.

Adults barrels-first Bobbi Rankin, second Bill Jepsen, third Donna Rietmann, fourth Liz Pettibone; poles-first Joan Hynes, second Sara Greenup, third Cindy Leasey, fourth Donna Rietmann; put-in-take-first Juli Howard.

After the events, trophies and awards were handed out. A trophy went to all the contestants of the stickhorse race: Makenzi Hughes, Ryan Doherty, Maddie Lindsey, Blake Greenup, Emily Christiansen, Macy Gibbs, Harley Davis, Rylee Kollman and Connor Green.

Leadline winners were: first Connor Green, second Hanna Lovgren, third Ali Lovgren, fourth Jessy Jones.

Five years and under winners were: first Blake Greenup, second Ryan Doherty, third Garrett Robinson.

Six year old winners were: first Rebecca Jepsen and Mary Rietmann, second Hanna Jones and Makenna Ramos, third Colby Green, fourth Emma Osmin.

Seven-nine year old winners were: first Jessica Hughes, second Taighler Doherty, third Eric Jepsen, fourth Devin Robinson.

10-11 year old winners were: first Emily Rietmann, second Che Green, third Ashley Kannard, fourth Regi Seitz and Justin Gregory.

12-13 year old winners were: first Jenny Griffith, second Amy Jepsen, third Jaime Westberg, fourth Becky Schiller.

14-17 year old winners were: first Tracy Griffith, second Kelsey Greenup, third Lacey Davis, fourth Sibbea Jones.

All the other contestants in the above competitions also received awards.

Adult winners were: first Bill Jepsen, second Bobbi Rankin, third Glen Griffith, fourth Dick Temple.

Wyden in Irrigon

Senator Ron Wyden has scheduled a Morrow County town hall meeting on Thursday, May 31, at 2 p.m. at Stokes Landing Center in Irrigon. Everyone is invited to attend.

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