

Mustang JVs outscore Rockets

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team outscored the Pilot Rock Rockets, 12-6, on Thursday, March 14, in Pilot Rock. The game was called after four innings because of darkness.

The Mustangs jumped out early as Jode Coil and Brian Gutierrez singled and Donald Adams walked to load the bases. Conor Kilkenny singled to drive in two runs and Josh Gutierrez hit a sacrifice fly to make it 3-0.

In the top of the second, Aaron Lueck led off with an infield single; Nick Christman reached on an error; Brian Gutierrez singled and Adams knocked in two runs with a single, and then came around to score on an error.

Mustang JVs rally to beat Mac-Hi, 15-12

By Rick Paullus

Rallying from an 11-2 deficit, the Heppner Mustang JV baseball team outlasted the Mac-Hi Pioneers, 15-12, in a cold snowstorm on Monday, March 18, in Milton-Freewater. The Mustangs' next games are in LaGrande on Friday, April 5, with a doubleheader against the Tiger freshmen beginning at 2 p.m.

The Mustangs trailed 2-0 after one, but came back with a run in the second as Kiel Nairns singled and came around to score on a Josh Gutierrez double.

The Pioneers led 3-1 when the Mustangs added another run in the third as Nick Christman singled, stole second and came around to score as Brian Gutierrez reached on an error.

As the snow fell harder, the ball and ground became wet and the Pioneers were able to score eight runs to take an 11-2 lead. The Mustangs then came to life, scoring seven runs of their own in the top of the fourth. Conor Kilkenny led off with a single; Nairns and Josh Gutierrez walked to load the bases; Christman drove in two with a single; Jode Coil walked; Brian Gutierrez had a two-rbi double; Luke Murray had an rbi double, and Kilkenny cleared the bases with a triple. The Mustangs took the lead

The Rockets scored three runs in the bottom of the second, but the Mustangs came back with six runs in the top of the fourth. Adams walked; Kilkenny singled; Kiel Nairns had an rbi single; Josh Gutierrez walked to load the bases; Ben Turrell walked to force in a run, as did Christman; Coil drove in two with a single, and Adams had an rbi single to make it 12-3.

The Rockets scored three in the bottom of the fourth before it got too dark to continue.

Adams went two for two with three rbi and scored three runs. Kilkenny went two for four with two rbi and Coil went two for four with two rbi. Brian Gutierrez went two for four and pitched the first two innings with relief help from Josh Gutierrez.

In the fifth as Nairns walked, Josh Gutierrez singled and both came home on Turrell's double. Turrell later scored on an error to make it 12-11.

In the meantime, Coil came on in relief and retired the Pioneers in order in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

The Mustangs added a run in the sixth as Murray led off with a single and came around to score as Nairns grounded out. They added two more insurance runs in the seventh as Coil singled, Brian Gutierrez walked and both scored on a Murray double.

The Pioneers added a run in the bottom of the seventh, but the Mustangs played good defense to end the rally and take the win.

Murray led the way at the plate, going four for five with two doubles and three rbi. Josh Gutierrez went three for three with a double and Turrell went two for four with three rbi. Kilkenny and Christman each went two for four with two rbi. Brian Gutierrez had three rbi and Nairns scored three runs.

Statistics
Heppner: 011 731 2 - 15 15 5
Mac-Hi: 218 000 1 - 12 8 5
Nick Christman, Jode Coil (3), and Luke Murray, W-Coil. 2B: Heppner-Murray (2), Brian Gutierrez, Josh Gutierrez, Ben Turrell; Mac-Hi-Stallings (2), Creeley. 3B: Heppner-Conor Kilkenny. HR-none.

Mustangs beat Huskies, 15-1

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang baseball team took advantage of almost every base runner as they beat the visiting Sherman County Huskies, 15-1, on Thursday, March 21, in a game called after five innings because of the 10-run rule. The Mustangs (3-0) had 10 base runners by either walks or being hit by pitches, and had six hits for their 15 runs.

Stefan Matheny got the Mustangs going early by leading off with a double; Kelly Paullus walked and both runners moved up on a passed ball. Michael McCabe had an rbi groundout and Billy Gates had a sacrifice fly to make it 2-0 after one.

In the second, Donald Adams walked; Brian Gutierrez and Luke Murray each got hit by a pitch to load the bases; Matheny hit a sacrifice fly and Paullus got an rbi as the Mustangs made it 4-0 after two without the benefit of a hit.

The Mustangs broke the game open in the third, scoring 10 runs as Gates reached by getting hit by a pitch and went to third on Brad Adams' double. Travis Bellamy hit a sacrifice fly to score Gates; Donald Adams had an rbi single; Gutierrez walked and

Matheny hit a three-run homerun over the centerfield fence. Paullus walked and McCabe reached on an error to set up Gates' three-run homerun to left center. Brad Adams and Bellamy walked, moved up on a passed ball and both scored on Donald Adams' single to make it 14-0.

The Huskies scored their lone run in the top of the fourth, but the Mustangs matched it as Kiel Nairns was hit by a pitch, moved to third on an error and scored as Paullus grounded out.

Matheny went two for three with a double, a homerun and four rbi, plus went three innings on the mound, striking out six and allowing three hits. Donald Adams went two for two with three rbi and pitched the final two innings, allowing two hits with three strikeouts. Gates ended up one for one with a homerun and four rbi. Brad Adams went one for one with a double and Paullus picked up two rbi.

Statistics
Sherman County: 000 10 - 1 5 3
Heppner: 22(10) 1x - 15 6 1
King, Hall (2), Brown (3) and Kock; Stefan Matheny, Donald Adams (4) and Kelly Paullus, W-Matheny, L-King. 2B: Sherman-King (2); Heppner-Matheny, Brad Adams. 3B-none. HR-Matheny, Billy Gates.

Mustangs pound Pioneers to open season

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs opened their 2002 baseball season by pounding out a 15-3 five-inning win over the Mac-Hi Pioneers in Milton-Freewater on Friday, March 15.

The Mustangs got on board early as Stefan Matheny led off with a double, Michael McCabe walked, Billy Gates had an rbi single and McCabe and Gates scored on an error.

In the second, Josh Winters reached third on a throwing error, Luke Murray doubled, Matheny had an rbi single, Kelly Paullus was hit by a pitch, Matheny scored on a McCabe single, Brad Adams reached on an error, and Gates hit a sacrifice fly to score Paullus and make it 8-0.

The Pioneers came back with three runs in the bottom of the second, but the Mustangs scored two more in the top of the third as Winters singled and moved to second on a Murray bunt and then scored on a Matheny single.

Matheny stole second and scored on a Paullus single to make it 10-3.

The Mustangs put the game away in the fourth with a two-out rally. Travis Bellamy singled, Brian Gutierrez singled; Winters was hit by a pitch to load the bases, Bellamy scored on a passed ball, and Matheny reached on an error. Paullus then hit a bases-clearing double to make it 15-3.

Conor Kilkenny picked up the win on the mound, striking out nine, allowing no walks, scattered five hits and gave up two earned runs. Gates pitched a perfect fifth, striking out two in relief.

Matheny went three for four, scored four runs and had two rbi. Paullus went two for three with four rbi. Murray went one for one with an rbi double and Winters scored three runs.

Statistics
Heppner: 352 50 - 15 11 1
Mac-Hi: 030 00 - 3 5 3
Conor Kilkenny, Billy Gates (5) and Kelly Paullus; Strickland, Rice (3), Reynolds, Ruvacob (5) and Nice. W-Kilkenny (1-0). L-Strickland. 2B: Heppner-Stefan Matheny, Luke Murray, Paullus. 3B-none. HR-none.

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Mustangs sweep Wolverines

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The Heppner Mustangs' varsity baseball team moved to 5-0 on the year by sweeping the Alsea Wolverines, 18-1 and 12-2, on Saturday, March 23, in Dufur. Both games ended after five innings due to the 10-run rule. The Mustangs' next action will be at Colfax, WA, for a doubleheader on Saturday, March 30, beginning at 11 a.m. They will then host Mac-Hi on Tuesday, April 2, at 4 p.m.

The Mustangs spotted the Wolverines an unearned run in the top of the first, but they came back to tie as Stefan Matheny led off with a single and came around to score on a single.

The Mustangs then took advantage of walks, hit batters and timely hits to score 12 runs in the bottom of the second to essentially put the game away. Travis Bellamy led off with a single, Donald Adams walked and Josh Winters singled to load the bases.

Then Matheny and Kelly Paullus each forced in a run by walking, Michael McCabe had a sacrifice fly and Billy Gates drove in two more with a double. Brad Adams reached on an error; Bellamy walked to load the bases again and Donald Adams and Winters each forced in runs by getting hit by pitches. A run scored as Luke Murray reached on an error and Matheny forced in another run by walking. Paullus got an rbi on a fielder's choice and McCabe had another sacrifice fly to make it 13-1.

Brad Adams led off the third with a double, Winters walked; Donald Adams reached on an error and Murray had an rbi single and two more runs scored on errors to make it 16-1.

The Mustangs added two more in the fourth when Bellamy reached on a fielder's choice. Donald Adams was hit by a pitch; Josh Gutierrez had an rbi single, and Adams scored as Nick Christman reached on an error.

Winters picked up the win on the mound by going three innings

and allowing just one hit and no walks while striking out two, with relief help from Brad Adams, who gave up two hits and no walks in two innings.

Adams went two for four with a double, Bellamy and Donald Adams each scored four runs, and Matheny, Paullus, McCabe, Gates and Murray each had two rbi's.

Alsea again took an early lead in the second game, getting a solo homerun in the first inning, but the Mustangs came back in the bottom half as Matheny and Paullus walked and came around to score on singles by McCabe and Donald Adams.

The Mustangs added five more in the second as Brian Gutierrez doubled, Matheny singled, Paullus had an rbi single, McCabe singled, Gates drove in two with a single, Bellamy walked, and Donald Adams had an rbi triple.

In the third, the Mustangs added four more with the big hit coming from Brad Adams with a bases-loaded triple.

The Mustangs ended the game in the fifth as McCabe walked, Gates was hit by a pitch, Jode Coil walked and Bellamy walked to make it 12-2.

McCabe went four innings to pick up the win, striking out nine, allowing two hits and no walks. Gates pitched the fifth, getting two strikeouts.

McCabe, Matheny and Donald Adams each went two for two with two rbi's and Brian Gutierrez went two for three with two doubles.

Statistics
First Game
Alsea: 100 00 - 1 3 7
Heppner: 1(12)3 2x - 18 9 1
K. Smith, Stanwood (2) and C. Smith; Josh Winters, Brad Adams (4) and Kelly Paullus. W-Winters (1-0). L-K. Smith. 2B: Alsea-Hendrix; Heppner-B. Adams, Billy Gates. 3B-none. HR-none.

Second Game
Alsea: 100 10 - 2 2 3
Heppner: 254 01 - 12 11 2
Sapp, C. Smith (3) and Hinds; Michael McCabe, Gates (5) and Paullus. W-McCabe (2-0). L-Sapp. 2B: Heppner-Brian Gutierrez (2). 3B: Alsea-Sapp; (H)-Donald Adams, Brad Adams. HR: (A)-C. Smith.

IHS spring sports calendar

- IHS Tennis**
Thursday, April 4-Arlington at Arlington, 3:30 p.m.;
Friday, April 5-Condon at Ione, 3 p.m.;
Tuesday, April 9-Echo/Riverside at Ione, 3:30 p.m.;
Saturday, April 13-Helix Tournament at BMCC, 9 a.m.;
Tuesday, April 16-Weston-McEwen at Athena, 3:30 p.m.;
Friday, April 19-Helix at Helix, 3:30 p.m.;
Saturday, April 20-Sherman County Boys' Tournament at Moro, 9 a.m.;
Thursday, April 25-Arlington at Ione, 3:30 p.m.;
Friday, April 26-Helix at Ione, 3:30 p.m.;
Tuesday, April 30-Echo/Riverside at Boardman, 3:30 p.m.;
Thursday, May 2-Weston-McEwen at Ione, 3:30 p.m.;
Friday, May 3-Sherman County at Ione, 2 p.m.
Saturday, May 4-Umatilla at Umatilla, 10 a.m.;
Tuesday, May 7-Condon at Condon, 3:30 p.m.;
- May 10-11, District Tournament at Tri-Cities, WA., 9 a.m.
- IHS Track**
Tuesday, April 2-Condon at Condon, 3:30 p.m.;
Saturday, April 6-Heppner Invitational at Umatilla, 11 a.m.;
Tuesday, April 9-Umatilla at Umatilla (Ione hosts), 3:30 p.m.;
Saturday, April 13-Condon Invitational at Condon, 11 a.m.;
Tuesday, April 16-Condon at Condon, 3:30 p.m.;
Friday, April 19-French Invitational at Boardman, 2 p.m.;
Tuesday, April 23-Wahtonka at Wahtonka, 3:30 p.m.;
Friday, April 26-Cascade Locks Invitational at Hood River, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 30-Pendleton at Pendleton, 3:30 p.m.;
Saturday, May 4-Pre-District Meeting at Wahtonka, 11 a.m.;
May 10-District Track Meet at Hermiston, 3 p.m.;
May 11-District Track Meet at Hermiston, 12 p.m.;
May 18-State Track Meet at Monmouth, time TBA.

Time to remove studded tires

A sure sign of springtime is the approach of Oregon's deadline to remove studded tires from motor vehicles by Monday, April 1.

Drivers with studded tires on their vehicles after April 1 can be charged with a class "C" traffic violation, which carries a maximum \$150 fine.

An estimated \$11 million is spent each year repairing studded tire damage on city streets, county roads and state highways, according to Doug Tindall, ODOT maintenance engineer.

HHS sets parent-teacher conferences

Heppner High School will hold parent-teacher conferences for all students in the gym on Thursday, April 4, from 5-9 p.m. Students in grades seven-10 will

have student-led conferences with their parents on Friday, April 5, from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Elaine at the HHS office, 676-9138.

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4-H News

The Bakery Boys 4-H Club
By Eric Jepsen, Reporter

The Bakery Boys held their first 4-H cooking club meeting of the year on Friday, March 22. Those present included Alex Carlson, Eric Jepsen, Drew Johnson, Matt and Bryan Holland and their leader, Nancy Jepsen, and youth leader, Amy Jepsen.

First, members had to decide on a club name. They picked The Bakery Boys. Other close choices were Doughboys, and The Snackers. Next members discussed what they wanted to learn in the cooking group, got started on record books and talked about recipe collections. Then they went to the kitchen and everyone helped make Chex Muddy Buddies and root beer floats.

The club's next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, April 19. Club members are going to take turns being the news reporter each meeting.

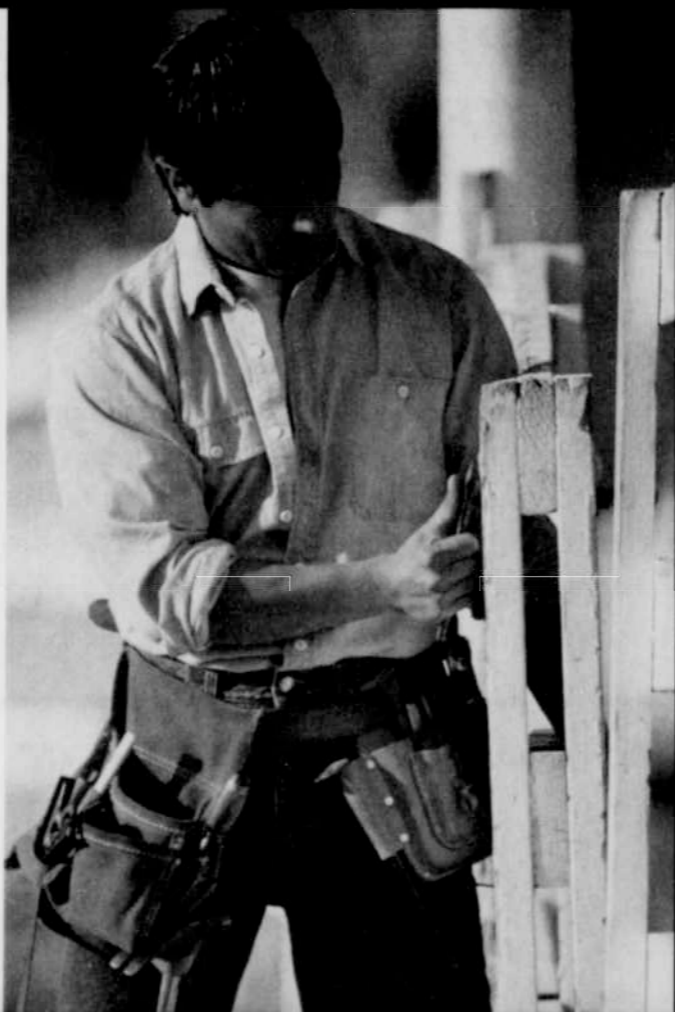
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