

Heppner knocks off Rams, 5-4



Heppner High School baseball team.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Stayton on Wednesday, May 22, and after a 45-minute rain delay, knocked off the undefeated number one and defending champion Regis Rams, 5-4, in the first round of the OSAA 2A baseball playoffs. The win improved the Mustangs' record to 22 and 5, while the Rams ended their season with a 22 and 1 record.

The Mustangs took an early lead on a two-out homerun to dead center over the 360' sign by senior Michael McCabe. The Rams came back by scoring four unearned runs in the bottom half on two hits and two errors to take a 4-1 lead.

Sophomore Luke Murray hit a solo homerun in the top of the second to left field and the Mustangs narrowed the gap to one in the third when Stefan Matheny walked and moved to second on McCabe's single. After both runners had moved up on a passed ball, Travis Bellamy hit a sacrifice fly to score Matheny.

McCabe led off the fifth inning with another homerun to

centerfield, tying the game at 4-4 and set up a thrilling finish in the seventh.

McCabe was intentionally walked; Billy Gates singled and was removed for pinch runner Jode Coil. The Rams catcher then threw the ball into right field trying to pick Coil off first base, allowing McCabe to score from second base.

McCabe then retired the Rams in order in the bottom of the seventh, setting off a wild celebration.

After the first inning, McCabe allowed just two base runners a hit and a walk as he struck out nine and allowed just three hits and the one walk.

He also helped himself at the plate, going three for three with two homeruns and scored three times. Murray went two for two with the homerun.

Statistics
Heppner: 111 010 1-5 8 2
Regis: 400 000 0-4 3 1

Michael McCabe and Kelly Paullus; Tyler Lulay, Travis Lulay (4) and Dan Weis. W-McCabe (8-2). L-Tr. Lulay. 2B: Regis-Austin Highberger. 3B: none. HR: Heppner-McCabe (2), Luke Murray.

Mustangs end season with a loss in quarterfinals

By Rick Paullus

A very successful baseball season ended with a disappointing loss by the Heppner Mustangs to the Umpqua Valley Christian Monarchs, 9-0, on Friday, May 24, in the OSAA 2A state quarterfinals in Roseburg. The Mustangs ended their season with a 22 and 6 record. The game also marked the end of the high school careers of four seniors: Michael McCabe, Stefan Matheny, Travis Bellamy and Kelly Paullus.

The Mustangs were in the game, behind just 1-0, but the Monarchs exploded for eight runs in the fifth inning. Heppner had

chances to score in the game, but couldn't get the hit when they needed it.

The Mustangs had eight hits in the game, with Bellamy and Paullus each getting two and McCabe, Matheny, Billy Gates and Luke Murray each getting one.

Statistics
Heppner: 000 000 0-0 8 3
Umpqua Valley Christian: 100 080 x-9 12 1

Chuy Elguezabal, Billy Gates (5), Josh Winters (5) and Kelly Paullus; Andrew Renyer, Ryan Knee (6) and Jonny Cavoner. W-Renyer. L-Elguezabal. 2B: UVC-Kevin Tiag, Joel Griffin, Jonny Cavoner. 3B: UVC-Renyer. HR: none.

Chip seal scheduled for roads

Oregon Dept. of Transportation maintenance crews will be performing chip seal (pavement resurfacing) operations at various locations in Morrow County. Motorists may experience delays up to 20 minutes as flaggers and pilot cars direct traffic through work zones.

On June 12-19, crews will be working on Highway 74 (Heppner Highway) between Ione and Lexington, mileposts 30-36; and on June 12-19, crews will be working on Highway 206 (Wasco-Heppner Highway) between Heppner and the junction of Highway 207, mileposts 73.3-84.1.

Bank of Eastern Oregon donates to Ione track



The Ione track team (background) along with L-R Debbie Morgan of the Ione Booster Club, Athletic Director Dean Robinson, Booster Club Chairman Debbie Radie accepts check from Fran Barnett of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The Bank of Eastern Oregon has donated \$2,500 to the Ione Cardinal Booster Club to go toward providing surfacing for the high jump, pole vault, long jump, triple jump, hurdle and sprint practice facility at the Ione track.

According to a news release, the Ione athletic director has been informed and even observed many instances where students have tripped and fallen on the inadequate surface the school currently has. In the past the school district has provided rubberized mat material, but this material is now worn out. The club feels the investment will pay for itself in providing athletes with a practice facility that will allow them to improve their times and heights on the proper surface as well as one that is safe.

The Ione girls and boys track teams have proven to be top competitors in the state year after year. Last year both teams

earned second place at the State competition in addition to winning first place at district for boys and second place at district for girls. Currently, they have the fastest girls and boys time for 100 and 200 meters as well as the farthest long jump and fastest 110 high hurdles and 300 hurdles and 4x100 relay for boys.

Athletic Director Dean Robinson has received bids from local contractors who specialize in this type of work. The work will include excavating and applying the asphalt sub layer as well as the track surface material. With some help by community volunteers, all of the work can be done for approximately \$29,000.

Because of the bank's support, a sign advertising it will be posted in a position that all spectators and community persons will be able to view from the road as well as at all athletic events at the school.

Cardinal teams both take second at State

Both the Cardinal girl and boy teams finished in second place at the Track and Field State Championships at Western Oregon University May 17-18.

All athletes who participated at State brought home a medal and Brad Burright set new state records in 110m hurdles, 300m hurdles and long jump.

In boy action, Andrew Rietmann finished first in the 100m dash with 11.29, first in the 200m dash with 22.91 and second in the 400m dash with 52.29. Brad Burright took first place in the 110m hurdles with 14.80, first in the 300m hurdles with 39.09, first in the long jump with 22' 3.75", and first in the triple jump with 44' 6".

Cayle Krebs took seventh place in the shot put throwing 41' 7.5" and tenth place in the discus, throwing 112'. Mike Radie finished in ninth place in the 200m dash with 24.12. The boys'

Home school students hold awards and graduation night

The EXCEL home school group held its awards and graduation night on Tuesday, May 28, at the Christian Life Center in Heppner. 23 home-schooled students from eight families participated. The families included Brian and Treena Cullen of Ione, Bill and Nancy Jepsen of Heppner, Andrew and C.J. Johnson of Heppner, Jordan and Mary K Maley of Condon, Gabe and Becky Owen of Lexington, Dick and Karen Temple of Lexington, Loren and Kathryn Unruh of Heppner, and Tim and Myrna Van Cleave of Heppner.

Many of the students did presentations for the audience including singing, piano solos, violin solos, a flute solo, a harp solo, an instrumental ensemble, Scripture recitation, and signing. Awards were presented to the students by their parents. These were given for character qualities, completed grade levels, and outstanding achievements.

Emily Unruh was presented with a diploma by her parents, Loren and Kathryn Unruh. Emily completed 13 years of home schooling, and graduated with a grade point average of 4.0. She was named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and was

4x100m relay team, Radie, Krebs, Rietmann, and Ashley Roberts, took second place with 45.43.

For the girls, Natalie McElligott took first place in the triple jump, jumping 35' 1", third in the long jump, jumping 16' 1.75", and ninth in the high jump, jumping 4' 10". Diana McElligott took first place in the 100m dash with 13.27, first in the 200m dash with 26.64, and third in the 400m dash with 1:02.3. Cyndi Heagy finished with fourth in the 400m dash at 1:03.32 and fifth in the 100m dash at 13.84. Amellia Peck finished the 300m dash, second, with 48.62 and the 100m hurdles in fourth place with 17.36. The girls' 4x100m relay team, Peck, Heagy, N. McElligott and D. McElligott, took first place with 51.25. The 4x400m relay team, Eva Chitty, Barbara Holland, Kim Morris and Cyndi Heagy, finished seventh with 4:41.55.

Local Fiddlers in State Competition



The fiddlers played at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home on May 31. From left: back row-Teacher Peg Willis, Matt Holland, Eric Jepsen, Kate Kendrick, Kara Clay; front row-Bryan Holland, Russell Pattee, Sarah Kendrick, Alex Carlson.

The South Morrow County area was well represented, both in the number of contestants and in winners, at this year's Oregon State Fiddle Contest. The annual event is sponsored by the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association and was held May 17-18 in Salem. There were 71 contestants in nine different divisions.

The largest group to compete was the nine-to-12 year old (Jr. Jr.) division. In this year's contest, nine of the 20 contestants were local music students. Each fiddler had to play a round of three tunes from memory including a hoedown, a waltz and a tune of their choice. They were allowed up to three accompanists and could not exceed a four-minute time limit. Six judges were in another room and listened via a sound system to the contestants. Because there were so many Jr. Jr. contestants and the scores were very close, judges selected 10 finalists instead of the usual five, for the second round of competition. Following the second round, local students claimed five

of the top 10 spots and were placed as follows: Alex Carlson - third, Seth Morgan - fourth, Eric Jepsen - fifth, Kate Kendrick - ninth, Brynna Rust 10th, Kara Clay and Russell Pattee tied for 11th place, and Sarah Kendrick was 17th. The top five winners also received a trophy and cash prize. The highest two awards went to fiddlers from Corvallis and Portland respectively.

In the Twin Fiddling Division, Brian Holland and Russell Pattee were awarded an eighth place ribbon.

Matt Holland of Heppner received the fifth place accompanist award and a cash prize. Matt and teacher Peg Willis of Pendleton were kept busy on their guitars accompanying almost all the local fiddlers - as well as several of Willis's other students from the Pendleton area.

The next event coming up for local musicians will be Summer Strings Camp in Pendleton June 24 - 28. That week will conclude with a concert on Friday night, June 28 at Pendleton High School.

Ione graduate to play for Beloit College



Adam Neiffer

Ione High School standout Adam Neiffer will attend Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin in the fall and play football

Academic All-State Team. He is the son of Duane and Linda Neiffer.

"Adam is a special young man who has excelled in the classroom and on the football field," Buccaneer Head Coach Ed DeGeorge said. "We are very happy to have him join us at Beloit College."

Beloit College is a residential, liberal arts college offering 40 majors to its 1,175 students. Located 90 miles northeast of Chicago, Beloit is one of the nation's most international colleges, drawing students from 58 nations as well as 49 states.

for the Buccaneers.

The 5-foot, 9-inch, 165-pound defensive back was an All-State and all-conference performer this past season. He also earned the Big Sky Scholar-Athlete Award and was a member of the

Heppner graduate selected as Scholar



Meghan Bailey

Heppner High School 2002 graduate Meghan Bailey is one of 136 students selected as a Ford Scholar from an application

field of 3,719.

Being a Ford Scholar means: • Up to 90% of college costs after federally calculated family contribution, Ford Scholars work expectation, and all other scholarship and grant aid have been subtracted from the total cost of attendance.

• For the first year of college, the award may be used for a total of 12 quarters

Now, to pickle your fancy...

Heppner First Christian Church would like to invite children three to 12 years old to sing and play along with Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber during the church's Very Veggie Vacation Bible School. It will be held June 10-14 from 6-8:15 p.m. The kids will enjoy a variety of delicious snacks, play some

exciting games, make interesting crafts, sing fun songs and hear Bible stories, said C.J. Johnson, coordinator. They will also get to watch Bob and Larry, the stars of Veggie Tales, on video. The bible school is free of charge.

For more information, contact C.J. Johnson at 676-9209.

Heppner DMV reduce hours for summer

The DMV field office in Heppner will have reduced business hours during the summer because of unplanned staff absences and staff shortages, DMV announced.

During June, July and August, the Heppner office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, but closed for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The

office is located at 278 Main Street.

The office also might close temporarily at other times when business, illness or training requires the staff to be away from the office.

Check OregonDMV.com under "Field offices" for up-to-date operating hours at DMV field offices

Soccer registrations are due

The Willow Creek Soccer Club held soccer registration at the end of May. Many players, however, have not completed the required registration forms. Registration is required and a late registration fee will be charged

after Saturday, June 15.

For those who would like to register or for more information, contact Tina or Darrell Raver at 676-8710 as soon as possible.

Wedding Tables

Brenda Holtz and David Long
Wedding: Saturday, June 22nd

Jessica Maben and Josh Roy
Saturday, June 29th
at the Glavey Ranch

Mandy Anderson and Treve Palmateer
Wedding: Saturday, June 29th

Sheila Dunaway and Brian Price
Saturday, July 13th at 1 p.m.
McKay Park, Pendleton

Erin Melton and Colin Anderson
Shower: Monday, June 17th
Wedding: Saturday, Sept. 7th

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