

Cardinals split against Vikings and Cougars High school seniors honored by WVSC



Tyler Raible serves against his opponent.

Ione tennis teams hosted Umatilla on April 1. Ione women split with the Vikings, taking two of four matches. The lone men lost 1-3 to Umatilla. Caitlin Orem narrowly defeated Marlena White, 9-8, with a 7-5 tiebreaker. Amanda Emery lost to KC Bollinger, 0-8. Sarah Peck and Meghan McCabe lost to Katelyn Lee and Dauna Borden, 7-9. Abby Key and Alyssa Rietmann easily defeated April Walker and Rikki Pine, 8-0. Tyler Raible fell to Bryan Eddy, 4-8. Brian Bunch lost a tough match against Bill Rouston, 7-9. Taylor McElligott and Nathan Rea were unable to post a game against Chris Hendon and Michael Palomino, losing their match, 0-8. Paul Neiffer and Johnny Collin had no

difficulty beating Damon Ashbeck and Antonio Armenta, 8-2. Coach Cathy McCabe commended Caitlin Orem, Brian Bunch, Meghan McCabe and Sara Peck for their dedication in what turned out to be marathon matches. All four team members played against equally skilled opponents. On April 5, Caitlin Orem and Tyler Raible were the only team members to travel to Echo. Caitlin Orem easily won against Stacy Garcia, 6-3, 6-0. Tyler Raible played against John Magana but was unable to post a win, losing 0-6, 0-6. Magana is the number one seed for the district and has more experience, but Raible was able to take control of several points by attacking the net.



(R-L) Bonnie Grant, Genia Grant, Maggie Beam and Karen Smith-Griffith are just a few of the seniors and their guest that enjoyed a salad luncheon during the Senior Girls' Luncheon held Thursday, April 3 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. The annual luncheon for the Heppner and Ione senior girls is sponsored by Willow Valley Service Club and catered by All Saints Episcopal. Jeri McElligott of Ione was the guest speaker. The Rev. Keith Brudevold provided musical entertainment. Table decorations were provided by the WVSC.

Mustang JVs earn split with Hermiston JVs

By Rick Paullus
After letting a four run lead in the seventh inning evaporate, the Heppner Mustang JV baseball team hung on for a 7-6 win in the second game of a doubleheader in Hermiston on Friday, April 4, against the Hermiston JV team. The Mustangs, 1-1, dropped the first game 13-12 as they out hit the Bulldogs 13-6, but gave up 12 walks and hit six batters. The Mustangs took a 1-0 lead after one as Kory Paullus walked, stole second and scored on a Luke Murray single. They added three more in the second when Dan Basile walked, Matthew VanCleave reached on a fielder's choice, Jode Coil was hit by a pitch, Basile scored on a passed ball

and Paullus scored two more with a single. The Bulldogs came back with three runs in the bottom half of the second but the Mustangs added to the lead in the fourth when Coil reached on a fielder's choice, Paullus walked, Murray double to score two, Adam Bergstrom reached on an error, Trevor Rhea singled, Basile scored two with a double and VanCleave had an RBI double to make it 9-3. The Bulldogs scored four in the bottom half to get within 9-7 but the Mustangs came back with three in the fifth when Paullus and Murray singled, Bergstrom had an RBI single, Rhea had an RBI double, Kyle Carlson singled, and then got into a rundown

Mustangs shut out Eagles

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustangs banged out 20 hits, 11 of them for extra bases and had three pitchers combine for a no-hitter as they beat the Wahtonka Eagles, 18-0 in five innings in The Dalles on Thursday, April 3. The Mustangs, 3-3 on the year, will be at Sherman County for a double-header, Friday, April 11 and will host Wahtonka on Tuesday, April 15 at 4 p.m. The Mustangs wasted no time in breaking the game open as Chuy Elguezabal led off with a single, Josh Winters was hit by a pitch and Brad Adams hit a long home run to left field. Kyler Lovgren walked, Donald Adams reached on a fielders choice, Lovgren scored on a passed ball and Josh Gutierrez had a RBI double to make it 5-0 after one.

Winters led off the second with a triple and scored on an error. Billy Gates reached on an error, Donald Adams walked, Jode Coil scored two with a triple and Gutierrez had a RBI single to make it 9-0. In the third, Winters doubled and scored on Brad Adams triple, who scored as Lovgren reached on an error. Ben Turrell led off the fourth with a double, Elguezabal and Winters singled, Luke Murray doubled to empty the bases, Gates had an RBI double, Trevor Rhea

as Rhea scored to make it 12-7. The Bulldogs scored a run in the sixth and five in the seventh to steal the win. Murray went four for five with a double and three RBI, Paullus went two for three with two RBI and scored three runs, Rhea went two for four with a double and Bergstrom went two for five with a double, Basile was one for three with a double and two RBI. In the second game, the Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead in the first, but the Mustangs came back with two in the top of the second when Basile singled, Carlson was hit by a pitched and Sloan Keithley had a two out, two RBI single. The Bulldogs came back with three in the third to take a 4-2 lead, but the Mustangs came back with two in the fourth as Rhea walked, went to second on a bunt by Basile and scored on a VanCleave single and he later scored on an RBI single by Keithley to tie it at 4-4. The Mustangs took the lead for good in the fifth when Coil double, went to third on a fly-out by Paullus and scored on a double by Murray. Rhea singled and Basile scored two with a double to make it 7-4. The Bulldogs scored a run in the fifth and a run in the seventh and had the tying run on third with one out, but the Mustangs held on for the win. Basile went two for three with a double and two RBI. Rhea went two for three and scored twice, VanCleave went two for three with an RBI, Keithley went two for four with three RBI, Coil went one for two with a double and Paullus had a triple as the Mustangs had 11 hits as a team. Paullus picked up the win going four innings in relief of Murray, striking out four, walking two, giving up three hits and two runs. Game One Heppner JV 130 530 0-12 13 3 Hermiston JV 030 401 5-13 6 2 Adam Bergstrom, Jode Coil (4), Kory Paullus (6), Kyle Carlson (7) and Paullus, Carlson (6), Paullus (7); Nino, Anderson (6) and Pedro. W-Anderson. L- Carlson. 2B- Luke Murray, Adam Bergstrom, Trevor Rhea, Dan Basile, Matthew VanCleave (Heppner); Pesicka (Hermiston). 3B- none. HR- none. Game Two Heppner JV 020 230 0-7 11 2 Hermiston JV 103 010 1-6 11 2 Murray, Paullus (4) and Paullus, Carlson (4); Dusty and Pedro, Woll (4). W- Paullus. L- Dusty. 2B- Jode Coil, Murray, Rhea, Basile (Heppner); Pesicka (Hermiston). 3B- Paullus. HR- none.

Mustang JVs sweep Huskies

By Rick Paullus
On a cold, windy, snowy Saturday, April 5, the Heppner Mustang JV baseball team used good pitching, fielding and hitting to sweep the visiting Sherman County Huskies 13-3 in five innings for game one and 11-4 in game two, to improve to 3-1 on the year. The Mustangs will be at home Thursday, April 10 against the Pendleton Frosh before going on the road to Sherman County on Saturday, April 12 for a double header. The Mustangs jumped out early in game one as Jode Coil and Dan Basile walked, Kory Paullus scored them both with a single, Trevor Rhea has an RBI single and Kyle Carlson was hit by a pitch. Matthew VanCleave walked, Sloan Keithley had a sacrifice fly to score one, Riley Wight was hit by a pitch and later scored on a passed ball and Coil scored a run on a fielder's choice to make it 6-0. They added two more in the second when Paullus singled and later scored a bases-loaded walk by VanCleave and Carlson was hit by a pitch and later scored on a fielder's choice by Wight. The Huskies scored a run in the top of the third but the Mustangs came back with three more in the bottom half when Coil and Basile singled and scored on a Paullus double and Rhea had an RBI double. The Huskies added a run in the fourth and one in the fifth to get within 11-3 but the Mustangs ended it in the bottom half on the ten-run rule when Rhea and Carlson reached on errors and Keithley walked to load the bases and Wight doubled to right-center to score two and make it 13-3. Coil went three innings to pick up the win striking out five and allowing just one hit and one unearned run. Carlson and VanCleave each pitched an inning of relief. Paullus went three for four with four RBI and scored three runs, Rhea went two for three with two RBI and scored twice, Coil went two for three with an RBI and scored twice, Basile went one for two and scored twice, Wight went one for three with two RBI and Carlson scored three runs. The Huskies scored a run in the top of the first in the second game, but the Mustangs came back with three in the bottom half when Coil led off with a triple and scored on a Basile sac fly. Rhea walked and come around to score on a Josh Gutierrez double, who later scored on a Carlson single. The Huskies scored three in the third to take a 4-3 lead but the Mustangs responded with an eight run bottom half to regain the lead. Robert Whalen and Gutierrez singled, Carlson had an RBI single and VanCleave scored another run with a sac fly. Wight walked, Keithley had an RBI single, Coil walked, Basile scored two more with a single and Rhea, Gutierrez and Carlson each had RBI singles to make it 11-4. Gutierrez allowed just two hits over the final four innings to take the complete game win. He struck out nine and walked just one over seven innings. Carlson went four for four with three RBI, Gutierrez went three for four with a double and two RBI and Coil went three for four with a double and a triple. Basile went two for four with a double and three RBI. Game One Heppner 623 02-13 9 1

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Brad Adams, Josh Winters (3), Billy Gates (5) and Gates, Chuy Elguezabal (5); Brandon, LaDouche (3) and Jason. W- Adams. L- Brandon. 2B- Winters, Luke Murray, Gates, Trevor Rhea, Josh Gutierrez, Ben Turrell (Heppner). 3B- Winters, B. Adams, Gates, Jode Coil (Heppner). HR- B. Adams (Heppner).

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