

Ione tennis team edges Condon

Ione tennis teams hosted Condon on Tuesday, April 8. Ione edged Condon, claiming three of five matches. Caitlin Orem easily overpowered Katee Humphrey, 8-2. Meghan McCabe conquered Kaila Kilgore, 8-3. Meghan McCabe paired up with Sara Peck to defeat Jessica Hill and Alex Hardie, 8-6. Sara Peck doubled back to play against Katee Humphrey, losing, 1-8. Brian Bunch played the only boys match of the day, losing to Teren Humphrey, 6-8.

Ione men tied with Weston McEwen on Thursday, April 10, while the Ione women posted only one win for the evening. Tyler Raible defeated Roger Baumann, 8-1. Brian Bunch lost to Scott Peterson, 3-8. Johnny Collin and Paul Neiffer ousted Austin Burns and Tony Todd, 8-3. Taylor McElligott and Nathan Rea narrowly



Brian Bunch returns a forehand on serve-receive against Condon.

succumbed to Jason Kennedy and Josh McCullough, 6-8. Caitlin Orem fell to Tami Weidart, 1-8. Orem doubled back to defeat Whitney Majors, 9-7. Amanda Emery lost to Krista Hancock, 4-8. Sara Peck and Meghan McCabe lost to Kayla Parades and Ashley Rideout, 1-8. Alyssa Rietmann and Abby Key fell to Becky Baker and Vicki Post, 5-8.

Mustangs sweep Huskies, 8-2 and 2-1

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs swept a doubleheader from the Sherman County Huskies, 8-2 and 2-1 on Friday, April 11, in Moro in non-league baseball to improve to 6 and 3 on the year. The Mustangs have a non-league doubleheader at home against Nyssa on Friday, April 18, at 1 p.m. before beginning Columbia Basin conference play at home on Tuesday, April 22, against the sixth-ranked Stanfield Tigers.

The Mustangs took an early 1-0 lead in the first game when Chuy Elguezabal reached on an error and eventually scored on a Brad Adams' sacrifice fly. The Mustangs added another run in the third on a two-out home run by Adams.

Billy Gates hit a solo home run in the fourth before the Mustangs broke the game open in the fifth with four runs. Kyler Lovgren singled, Adams hit his second home run of the game, Luke Murray singled and scored on Gates' hard single to left that got by the left fielder, and Donald Adams had an RBI single.

The Huskies scored twice in the sixth, but the Mustangs added another run in seventh when Brad Adams singled and went to third on Cody Walton's bunt single, then scored on a Gates' sacrifice fly.

JVs sweep Sherman

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team earned a hard-fought sweep over the Sherman County Huskies by scores of 5-2 and 13-9 in nine innings on Saturday, April 12, in Moro. The Mustangs, now 6 and 2, play at Weston-McEwen on Monday, April 21, at 4 p.m.

The Mustangs broke open a scoreless game one in the fourth when Josh Gutierrez walked, stole second, went to third on an error and scored on a passed ball. Kiel Nairns then hit a home run to left-center. Matthew Van Cleave singled, Riley Wight walked and both scored on a single by Cody Walton to make it 4-0.

They added another run in the fifth when Nairns walked and came around to score on an error.

The Huskies scored two in the bottom half and had the bases loaded, but the Mustangs were able to get out of the jam and held on for the win.

Gutierrez went the distance to pick up the win, striking out 11, allowing five hits, no walks and one earned run.

Van Cleave went two for four; Walton, one for three with two RBIs; and Nairns scored twice.

The Huskies took a 4-0 lead into the fourth in the second game before the Mustangs finally got on the board when Kory Paullus and Nairns singled and scored as Van Cleave reached base on an error.

The Huskies had a 5-2 lead in the sixth when the Mustangs broke out with seven runs. Robert Whalen walked, Van Cleave singled, Sloan Keithley reached on a fielder's choice and Aaron Lueck hit a two-out single to score two. Walton and Kyle Carlson had RBI singles, Paullus scored two with a single and then came around to score on a passed ball.

It stayed 9-5 until the seventh when the Huskies scored four to tie it at 9-9 and send it into extra innings.

The Mustangs had

runners at second and third in the eighth but couldn't score. The Huskies got their lead-off man on second, but Paullus threw him out trying to steal third and Sherman County failed to score.

In the ninth, Keithley walked, was bunted to second by Wight and went to third on a balk. Lueck was hit by a pitch and Walton hit a triple to right centerfield to score two; he then scored on a throwing error. Carlson reached on an error and eventually scored on a passed ball to make it 13-9.

The Huskies got their lead-off man on again in the bottom half, but Paullus threw him out trying to steal second and the Mustangs held on for the win.

Nairns pitched the eighth and ninth innings to pick up the win.

Paullus reached base five times in six at-bats, getting two hits, two walks and was hit by a pitch. He scored twice and had two RBIs. Nairns reached base four out of five at-bats, getting two hits, one double, a walk and was hit by a pitch. Walton went three for six with three RBIs, and scored twice. Carlson went two for six with a double, and scored twice. Lueck went one for three with two RBIs and scored twice. Keithley also scored twice.

Statistics
Game One
Heppner: 000 410 0 - 5 5 3
Sherman County: 000 020 0 - 2 5 4

Josh Gutierrez and Kyle Carlson; J. Bird and J. Birchm. W-Gutierrez. L-J. Bird. 2B-none. 3B-none. HR-Kiel Nairns.

Game Two
Heppner: 000 207 004 - 13 11 6
Sherman County: 031 110 400 - 7 7 4

Sloan Keithley, Matthew Van Cleave (3), Carlson (5), Nairns (8) and Kory Paullus; Wallace, Von Borstel (6), Kaseberg (9) and Bird. W-Nairns. L-Von Borstel. 2B-Carlson, Nairns (H), Sharp (SC). 3B-Cody Walton. HR-none.

Mustang JVs drop game to Pendleton Frosh

By Rick Paullus

The Pendleton Frosh broke open a tie game with four runs in the sixth inning to beat the Heppner Mustang JV baseball team, 9-5, on Thursday, April 10 in Heppner. The Mustangs dropped to 4 and 2 on the year and will play at Athena against Weston-McEwen on Monday, April 21 at 4 p.m.

The Bucks took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Mustangs came right back as Cody Walton led off with a bunt single and stole second. Dan Basile walked; a passed ball and a wild pitch scored Walton, and Basile scored on a Kory Paullus ground-out. Kiel Nairns reached on a fielder's choice, stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on an error to make the score 3-2.

The Bucks came back with two more in the second to regain the lead, but the Mustangs scored two runs of their own in the third on walks by Basile and Paullus and a two-out single by Matthew Van Cleave to make it 5-4.

It stayed that way until the fifth when the Bucks tied it at 5-5, then scored four runs in the sixth to hold onto the win.

Van Cleave went one for two with two RBIs, Basile scored twice and Kyle Carlson had a double.

Statistics
Pendleton: 220 014 0 - 9 11 1
Heppner: 302 000 0 - 5 3 5

Cooley, Drop (3) and Jones; Kory Paullus, Kyle Carlson (6) and Carlson, Paullus (6). W-Drop. L-Carlson. 2B-Drop (P), Carlson (H). 3B-Drop (P). HR-none.

Mustangs blank Pioneers

By Rick Paullus

A nine-run fourth inning broke open a close game and helped the Heppner Mustangs varsity to an 11-0 win over the visiting Mac-Hi Pioneers on Tuesday, April 8. The non-league game was shortened to five innings due to the 10-run rule. The Mustangs improved to 4 and 3 on the year and will host Nyssa on Friday, April 18, for a doubleheader before hosting Stanfield on Tuesday, April 22 in their first league game.

The Mustangs broke a scoreless tie in the bottom of the third when Chuy Elguezabal walked, Brad Adams singled, and Elguezabal stole third and then scored on a throwing error. Kyler Lovgren walked and Billy Gates had an RBI double.

The Mustangs broke the game open in the fourth when Jode Coil singled, Kory Paullus reached on an error and Elguezabal hit a line drive home run to right-center, making the score 5-0. Luke Murray reached on an error, Lovgren

walked, Gates had an RBI single and Trevor Rhea reached on an error to score Lovgren. Coil singled, Josh Gutierrez was hit by a pitch to force in a run and Paullus lined a single to right field that got by the outfielder, scoring three and making the score 11-0.

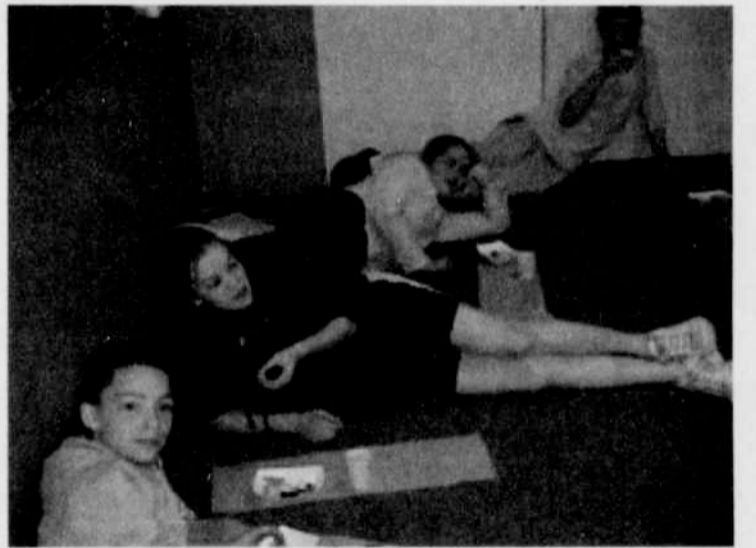
Elguezabal went the distance on the mound, striking out 12 and allowing just two hits, one walk and hit one batter.

Gates went two for three with a double and two RBIs. Coil went two for three and scored twice. Elguezabal had three RBIs and scored twice. Paullus had two RBIs.

Statistics
Mac-Hi: 000 00 - 0 2 5
Heppner: 002 9x - 11 7 0

Strickland, Worsech (2) and Ruvalcaba (3), Stallings (4), Labbes (4) and Ely, Strickland (2); Chuy Elguezabal and Billy Gates. W-Elguezabal. L-Ruvalcaba. 2B-Gates. 3B-none. HR-Elguezabal.

When in Rome...



Heppner Elementary sixth grade students feasted on fruits and vegetables following a unit study of Ancient Rome. Like Ancient Romans, students got to recline on the floor while eating, but didn't get to eat for hours as was traditionally done.

Flag ceremony planned

Boy Scout Troop 661 will hold a special ceremony on April 26 to retire worn out flags. If you have a flag that needs to be replaced, please drop it off at Heppner TV. The American Legion has designated The Boy Scouts to

perform this special procedure and we consider it an honor and a privilege. The Scouts promise to carry out their duties with respect and dignity.

Anyone who has questions or concerns, call Dan Metz, 442-7344.

Plant exchange set

The Heppner Garden Club plans their annual plant exchange for Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

Exchange plants will be appreciated, but are not required.

The Heppner Master Gardeners will be available for a question and answer session.

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