

Mustangs sweep Vikings in softball

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs picked up two more wins in the Eastern Oregon League sweeping the Umatilla Vikings 14-8 and 15-10 on Tuesday, May 13 in Umatilla. The Mustangs improved to 6-10 in the EOL and 8-15 overall.

The Mustangs scored a run in the first when Nikki Sisk reached on a fielder's choice and came around to score on a single by Heather Yocom and added three more in the second when Chelsey Betsinger and Emily Bergstrom singled, Stefanie Hanson scored one with a sac fly and Marcy Miller and Sisk each had RBI doubles.

The Vikings came back to take a 6-4 lead, but the Mustangs came back in the fifth when Sisk and Krystal Nairns walked, Yocom had a RBI single, Alecia Geer had a RBI double, Betsinger scored two with a single, Hanson had a RBI single and came around to score on an error to make it 9-6.

The Vikings scored two in the bottom half to get within 9-8, but the Mustangs added two in the sixth when Nairns and Yocom singled and both scored on errors. They put three more runs on the board in the seventh when Sisk and Nairns singled, Yocom sacrificed one of them home, Geer had a RBI single and Blake Allstott had a RBI single to make it 14-8.

Hanson went the distance on the mound to pick up the win.

Yocom went three for four with three RBI and scored twice. Geer and Betsinger each went two for three with two RBI. Nairns went two for three and scored three times. Sisk went two for four and score three times and Hanson had two RBI.

In the second game, the Mustangs jumped out early scoring four runs in the first inning as Madison Bailey reached on an error and scored on a fielder's choice by Allstott. Sisk reached on an error, Nairns walked, Yocom singled, Geer forced a run in with a walk, Betsinger scored

a run with a ground-out and Hanson forced in a run with a walk.

They added four more in the second when Allstott walked and scored on a triple by Sisk, Nairns had a RBI single, Yocom was hit by a pitch, Betsinger had a RBI single and Bailey walked to force in a run to make it 8-0.

The Vikings scored three in the bottom half, but the Mustangs came back with two in the third when Sisk singled, Geer walked, Meghan McCabe walked and Hanson and Bailey each walked to force in runs to make it 10-3.

The Vikings came back to get within 10-7 in the bottom half, the Mustangs scored one in the fourth when Sisk doubled and scored on an error and four in the fifth when Geer and Bergstrom singled, Miller had a RBI single and Hanson scored two with a double and scored on an error.

The Vikings scored two in the fifth and one in the sixth, but that was as close as they would get.

Bailey came on in relief in the third to pick up the win.

Sisk went three for five with a double, triple and scored four runs. Hanson went one for two with three RBI and Betsinger had two RBI. Nairns, Geer and Yocom each scored twice.

Game One
Heppner 130 052 3-14 16 2
Umatilla 014 120 0-8 8 10

Stefanie Hanson and Emily Bergstrom; Landeur and Dahlin. W- Hanson. L- Landeur. 2B- Madison Bailey, Marcy Miller, Nikki Sisk and Alecia Geer (H). 3B- none. HR- none.

Game Two
Heppner 442 140-15 10 2
Umatilla 034 021-10 4 5

Blake Allstott, Bailey (3) and Heather Yocom; Derby and Landeur. W- Bailey. L- Derby. 2B- Sisk and Hanson (H). 3B- Sisk (H). HR- none.

Cardinal teams heading towards districts

On May 9, Ione tennis teams hosted Helix. Helix men swept with a 4-0 win.

Tyler Raible had a strong start against Aaron



Alyssa Rietmann hits a backhand against her Hermiston opponent.

Beamer, leading 4-3 before falling to Beamer, 4-8. Brian Bunch lost to Joey Markgraf, 1-8. Nathan Rea was unable to take a win from Tyson Reger, losing 1-6. Rea and McElligott lost their doubles match against Markgraf and Reger, 4-8.

Amanda Emery fought a tough match against Mandi Scott, losing 5-8. Meghan McCabe posted the only win for the Cardinals, defeating Scott, 8-0.

Ione tennis teams then traveled to Hermiston on Saturday, May 10 for a non-league match. Caitlin Orem posted the only win against, Katelyn Alleman. Orem and Alleman fought a long tough battle, with Orem posting an 8-6 victory. McCabe lost to Sara Adams, 2-8. Emery lost

to Vanessa Larson, 4-8. McCabe paired up with Rietmann to spar against Adams and Alleman. McCabe-Rietmann lost their match, 1-8. Abby Key and Rietmann were handed a 4-8 loss by Celeste Lopez and Kara Williamson.

Raible lost to Anton Alder, 2-8. Brian Bunch posted a 0-8 loss against former teammate, Jeff Hunt. Paul Neiffer and Johnny Collin lost their match, 4-8, to Zach



Johnny Collin serves a ball during his doubles match.

Pennington and Jeff Hunt. Rea and McElligott succumbed to Anton Alder and Zach Pennington, 3-8.

Finally, Cardinal tennis teams traveled to Umatilla on Tuesday, May 13, to compete in a three way meet against the Vikings and Condon. Ione men posted four of five wins. Ione women were unable to post a win with two matches.

Raible easily defeated Bill Rouston, 8-0. Rea defeated Michael Kewald, 8-4. Bunch had a strong start

Bingo, goodbyes at Senior Center

Long days and warm weather has brought more bingo enthusiasts to the St. Patrick's Senior Center on Tuesday evenings. People gather at 7 p.m. in the dining room for their weekly game. Each person contributes food for the evening. Until 9-9:30 p.m., participants enjoy the game, snacks and visiting. The number has increased from six to eight, then 10 to 15, and now more than 20, regularly. Florene Robinson gives her time to manage the game during the evening. Income received from the bingo activity is used for Senior Center needs and equipment.

Marian Murchison, the apartment manager, has resigned and plans to move to Nevada to be nearer to members of her family. A farewell event is planned for Marian on Tuesday, May 27, beginning at 4 p.m. at the center, in honor of her and her work, promoting and taking care of the apartments and needs of the residents. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend and express appreciation to her, personally, for her work in the community as well as the center.

During the Board of Director's meeting on Wednesday, May 21, members will complete and refine plans for the Sunday, May 25 Flood Commemoration dinner. The dinner will begin at 2 p.m. with roast beef and turkey on the menu. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for young children.

St. Patrick's Senior Center offer congratulations to Faye and Tom Wilson on their recent marriage. Both are familiar faces at the center. Tom is a long time volunteer driver.

Edwin L. Dick will soon be a new resident in the apartment complex of the Senior Center.

Members of the Christian Life Center are the volunteers for Wednesday, May 28 noon meal. The menu will consist of Sloppy Joes on a Bun, Oven Fries, Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad and Birthday Cake for dessert.

against Teren Humphrey, but was unable to overtake his Condon opponent, losing 3-8. McElligott and Collin narrowly lost to Chris Hendon and Michael Palomino, 7-9. McElligott paired up with Rea to defeat Damon Ashbeck and Eric Lougee, 8-3.

Emery had a narrow loss to Hilda Hernandez, 6-8. Rietmann and Key also narrowly lost to Umatilla's doubles team, April Walker and Rikki Pine, 7-9.



Abby Key serves to an opponent.



Caitlin Orem earns 4th place berth to State

Jr. High track championship all-league meet



Heppner Jr. High track team: (back row L-R): Jake Van Dorn, Cyde Coil, Mahaley Huddleston, Coach Susan Hisler, Tony Haguewood, Aaron Allstott and Nacho Elguezabal; (middle row L-R): Caleb O'Neal, Kelsey Wolff, Megan Orr, Baillie Keithley, Kylie Doherty, Jason Houweling and Bryson Wood; (front row L-R): Colton Hanson, Drion Donner, Kody Lovgren, Justin Delveaux, Casey O'Neal, Lane Bailey and Matt McCabe. Not pictured: Kendra Rayburn and Nathan VanCleave.

Twenty Heppner Jr. High student athletes participated in the Jr. High Track Championship All-League meet at Umatilla High School track on Friday, May 9.

The team finished up their track season with numerous individual titles and all athletes placing during the season. The young Mustangs finished strong in team standings with the seventh grade girls capturing third place out of nine schools participating. The seventh grade boys took fifth and the eighth grade boys fell short of defending the 2002 team title by falling 115-129 to the Pilot Rock boys. Umatilla came in at third with 101 points.

During this season, when the seventh and eighth grade boys' teams competed together at three meets, they successfully captured team titles at Columbia, Pilot Rock and the Heppner-Ione Invitational Meet in Pendleton.

"This was a very challenging young group to coach. They improved rapidly each week and their enthusiasm and determination to be a competitive athlete gained them many rewards throughout the short season," said coach Susan Hisler. "It's always a joy for me to coach at Heppner," Hisler also added.

Brendan McElligott brought in 31 points for the eighth grade boys team. He re-broke his new school record in the 800m, setting the record at 2:16.95. He had previously broken Bryan Padberg's 2:19.78 record with a 2:18.7 run on April 11. He was also the champion in the 1500m with a time of 5:53.4. He placed second in the 400m with a time of 58.99, which moved him to the top five all-time. McElligott also participated in the triple jump, placing sixth with a jump total of 30 feet 9 1/2 inches.

Bryson Wood had 25 points for the eighth grade team. He was the undefeated season champion in the 400m with a time of 58.26, which moved him into the top four all time list. He also placed third in the 200m at 26.43, fourth in the long jump with 15 feet and 9 inches and fifth in the 100m at 12.97.

Tony Haguewood brought the team 19 points. He placed third in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet 2 inches. He also placed fourth in the 300m hurdles at 51.13, fifth in the 100m hurdles at 18.76 and fifth in the 200m at 28.42.

Caleb O'Neal brought 15 points to the team. He placed third in the 300m hurdles, fourth in the 100m hurdles at 17.67 and fifth in the high jump at 5 feet 2 inches.

Aaron Allstott had 14 points for the team. He was the champion in the shot put at 39 feet, which moved his to the top two all time list. He also placed sixth in the 100m hurdles at 18.78.

Justin Delveaux had four points. Delveaux placed seventh in the 800m. Colton Hanson had two points, placing seventh in the discus at 90 feet 11 inches. Casey O'Neal and Kody Lovgren each brought in two points running in relays.

The 4x100m relay team of Allstott, Delveaux, Lovgren and Casey O'Neal came in fifth. The 4x200m relay team of Lovgren, Delveaux, Caleb O'Neal and Casey O'Neal also came in fifth.

The seventh grade girls came in third, having six girls competing and placing.

Kelsey Wolff had a long jump of 11 feet 7 1/2 inches. She placed fourth in the 400m at 1:20, sixth in high jump and sixth in the 800m at 3:27. Cyde Coil was the high jump champion at 4 feet 6 inches. She also placed a new school record in the javelin at 75 feet 5 inches.

Megan Orr placed second in the shot put at 26 feet 8 1/2 inches and second in the discus at 58 feet 9 inches. She also placed fifth in the 100m and 200m. Kylie Doherty placed third in the

high jump with a jump of 4 feet 1 inch. She also placed seventh in the discus at 52 feet. Kendra Rayburn placed fifth in the high jump and Baillie Keithley placed seventh in the 200m.

Coil, Doherty, Rayburn and Keithley placed sixth in the 4x100m relay.

The seventh grade boys had five members compete and place.

Nathan VanCleave was the shot put champion at 35 feet 4 inches. He also placed third in the 300m hurdles with a time of 54.37 and eighth in the 200m with a time of 31.03.

Lane Bailey had a time of 20.89 in the 100m hurdles and placed fifth in the javelin with a throw of 113 feet 9 inches. Matt McCabe placed second in the shot put, fourth in the discus at 82 feet 8 inches and had a throw of 116 feet 9 inches in the javelin. Jason Houweling placed third in the 1500m with a time of 5:34.88. He also placed eighth in the 300m hurdles at 60.00 and seventh in the 800m at 2:51.11. Nacho Elguezabal placed third in the discus at 87 feet 4 inches and fifth in the shot put at 29 feet 7 inches.

Carlson family to host Memorial Day weekend gatherings

Friends, relatives and neighbors of the Carlson "clan" are cordially invited to extend a welcome to five third-generation guests from Sweden. The open house will be hosted by Louis Carlson and Mildred Carlson Hope at 625 South Chase Street in Heppner on Tuesday, May 27, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Clinton and Sarah Carlson family is hosting a family reunion on Memorial Day weekend. Approximately 60 members of the family are expected to attend, including those traveling from Sweden.

Tours for the family include walking the Oregon Trail at Emigrant Springs, viewing the new mega-dairy near Ione, enjoying an old-

time square dance at the Hardman IOOF Hall and other Eastern Oregon events.

Winding up the weekend will be church services at the historic Valby Lutheran Church in Ione. First year seminarian Lorin Darst, son of Len and Marilyn Darst, will be officiating

Little League to hold pop can drive

The Heppner Youth Little League group will be holding two pop can drives on the evenings of Friday, May 30 and Friday, June 6.

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