

Heppner Jr. High track teams participate in Umatilla meet

The Heppner Jr. High track team participated in the Umatilla All-League meet on Friday, April 2. Head Coach Susan Hisler, who has coached for 10 years, is once again coaching Heppner. Hisler is assisted by new coach David Melville who grew up in Enterprise.

Heppner took 44 athletes to the meet. This year is the first year for including sixth graders into the program and they are a great addition to the team said Coach Hisler. The team is also proud to be wearing new blue uniforms, since the last uniforms were purchased in 1991.

The sixth and seventh grade girls took Team Champion honors winning with 143 points. Individual places were: Catherine McElligott- Champion 300m hurdles (56.3 seconds), Champion 800m (2 minutes 56 seconds), 4th 100m hurdles and 2nd high jump; Nikki Fritz- Champion high jump (4 feet 5 inches) and 6th shot put; Ashley Wolff- 3rd discus; Whitney Smith- 4th shot put and 4th high jump; Byrna Rust- Champion 100m hurdles (20.46 seconds), Champion 100m (13.99 seconds), Champion 200m (30.19 seconds), Champion long jump (13 feet 1 inch); and Kristen VanCleave- Champion javelin (85 feet 2 inches), 2nd 400m and 3rd 300m.

The eighth grade girls were the Runner Up team with 110 points, to Umatilla's 118 points. Individual places were: Cyde Coil- Champion high jump (4 feet 8 inches), defending 2003 champion, 4th javelin and 4th 4x100 relay #1; Kelsey Fox- 5th shot put, 3rd discus and 6th 4x100 relay #2; Afton Betsinger- 6th shot put,

Hardman to hold Spring Potluck

Hardman Hall will be holding their annual Spring Potluck Dinner and Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 25 at 1 p.m. at the Hardman Hall. The center will furnish a baked ham.

On the agenda for the meeting include, election of a new treasurer, as Betty Carlson is stepping down, and of trustees; dates will be set

4th discus and 6th 4x100 relay #2; Taylor Kempas- 4th 300m hurdles, 3rd long jump, 4th 4x100 relay #1 and 2nd 800m; Kendra Rayburn- Champion shot put (26 feet 3 inches) and 5th high jump; and Katie Kilkenny- 4th high jump, 6th 4x100 relay #2 and 4th shot put.

The sixth and seventh grade boys placed third overall with 91 points. Individual places were: Jordan Hatfield- Champion 4x200 relay (2 minutes 8 seconds), 5th 100m hurdles and 7th high jump; Jared Huddleston- 4th high jump and 3rd 4x100 relay; Brent Eckman- 3rd high jump and 3rd 4x100 relay; Spencer Palmer- 3rd triple jump, 2nd 1500m, 2nd 800m and 7th long jump; Braden Britt- Champion 4x200 relay (2 minutes 8 seconds) and 3rd high jump; Chris Wellington- Champion against 8th grade boys 800m (2 minutes 31 seconds), Champion 400m (1 minutes 3 seconds) and 2nd 200m; Dalton Wellman- 4th 1500m, 4th 800m and 3rd 4x100 relay; Ben Wood- 3rd 4x100 relay; Matt Holland- 4th 400m, 7th 800m and 4th triple jump; Bryan Holland- Champion 4x200 relay (2 minutes 8 seconds) and 6th 800m; and Justin Pranger- Champion 4x200 relay (2 minutes 8 seconds).

The eighth grade boys were third overall. Individual places were: Matt McCabe- 2nd high jump, 3rd 4x100 relay, 4th shot put and 8th discus; Nathan VanCleave- 2nd shot put, 3rd 4x100 relay and 6th javelin; Lane Bailey- 3rd javelin, 2nd 100m hurdles and 3rd 4x100 relay; Nacho Elguezabal- 3rd shot put, 3rd discus, 3rd high jump and 3rd 4x100 relay; and Jason Houweling- 5th 1500m.

for mowing and placing the Veterans markers and flags at the cemetery; plans for an alternate water supply for the hall must be set and ready to go before the plans for the Oyster Feed can be set; and input on how to keep the Hall a supporter of the community.

All are welcome to attend the dinner and meeting.

Ione girls' tennis team wins against Condon

Ione tennis teams hosted Condon on Tuesday, April 6. Ione women took all three matches, with Condon winning the only men's match.

Paul Neiffer narrowly lost to Teren Humphrey taking the first set 6-3, losing the

second and third set, 5-7, 4-6.

Meghan McCabe defeated Kaila Kilgore 6-1, 6-0. Emily Key defeated Janet McElligott 6-0, 6-3. William McNary posted his singles win with an 8-2 victory over Heather Lopez.

Ione tennis teams declare win against Weston-McEwen

Ione tennis teams declared another win at home on Thursday, April 8 against Weston-McEwen. Ione men took six of seven matches while the women won both matches they played against the Tigerscots.

Tyler Raible played a marathon match, coming back from a 1-4 deficit to narrowly defeat Darrell Roberts 9-8, with a tiebreaker score of 7-4. Takorn Khempila also went into a tiebreaker defeating Jason Kennedy, 9-8 with a tiebreaker score of 7-5. Brian Bunch easily defeated Josh McCullough, 8-2. William

McNary posted the only men's loss, with a 4-5 score against Jacob Ellis. Johnny Collin and Tyler Brown defeated Rex Ureno and Kenny McCullough, 8-5. Taylor McElligott and Tyler Brown crushed Josh Aldrich and Cody Curtis, 8-4. Johnny Collin teamed up with Robert McElligott to conquer Calder Alford and Mike Lindell.

For the girls, Tina Tuzarova had no problem defeating Molly Tucker 8-0. Meghan McCabe and Emily Key worked hard to overthrow Kayla Parades and Ashley Rideout with an 8-6 victory.

Ione tennis teams participate in Umatilla and Stanfield invitationals

Ione men's tennis teams accepted the summons to the Umatilla Invitational on Saturday, April 10 coming home with medals in the men's doubles category.

Takorn Khempila and Tyler Raible brought home first place medals by defeating Zach Agee and Ben Strickland of Hermiston 8-1. Khempila/Raible then defeated Caleb Conlee and Daniel Mitchell of Mac Hi, 8-4 to advance to the championship against Josh Paine and Rafael Torres of Mac Hi. Raible/Khempila narrowly lost the first set, 6-7, with a 4-7 tiebreaker, and took the next two sets, 6-3, 6-2. Johnny Collin and Taylor McElligott narrowly lost their first match to Caleb Conlee and Daniel Mitchell of Mac Hi, 7-9. Collin/McElligott lost to Pine/Eddy of Umatilla, 6-7, 5-7 and then defeated Adlrich/Curtis of Weston-McEwen, 6-4.

Ione women tennis teams traveled to Stanfield to participate in the Stanfield Invitational. Tina Tuzarova cruised to the championship bracket and brought home a first place medal. Tuzarova's hard serves were too hard for Hanna Kaseberg, taking an 8-0 victory from her Sherman County opponent. Tuzarova then defeated a fellow Czech Republic exchange student from Mac Hi, Danila

Smechlikova, 8-2. Tuzarova advanced to the quarterfinals to defeat Tiffany Gray of Sherman County, 6-1, 6-1. Tuzarova defeated Renea Sager of Mac Hi 6-0, 6-4 for the Championship.

Meghan McCabe and Emily Key teamed up to post a fourth place finish. McCabe/Key easily defeated Lemmon/Naugher of Stanfield, 8-2. Emily Key's defense at the net helped to defeat another Stanfield team, Keene/Alvarez, 8-2 to advance to the tournament quarterfinals. McCabe/Key lost to Alley/Hill of Sherman County, 3-6, 3-6 and then narrowly lost against Hill/Brehm of Sherman County, 5-7, 7-5, 6-7 with a tiebreaker score of 5-7.

Local student receives WSU scholarship

Chantea K. Macaulay, a senior at Heppner High School, was awarded a Cougar Freshman Academic Award for \$5500 from Washington State University. Macaulay plans to study pre-physical therapy. Macaulay is the daughter of Lizz and Bill Green of Heppner.

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Mustangs rally past Pirates

By Rick Paullus

After falling behind 2-0 in the top of the first inning, the Heppner Mustang baseball team rallied to beat the visiting Riverside Pirates 8-3 on Tuesday, April 6 in a non-league baseball game. The Mustangs improved to 6-0-1 on the year and will begin the Columbia Basin Conference schedule with a key doubleheader at home against the Stanfield Tigers on Saturday, April 17 then travel to Pilot Rock on Tuesday, April 20.

Trailing 2-0, the Mustangs rallied in the second to tie the game at 2-2 when Kiel Nairns singled, Luke Murray doubled and both scored as Kyler Lovgren reached on an error.

They took the lead in the third when Chuy Elguezabal doubled and scored on a Josh Gutierrez single. Kory Paullus tripled off the right field wall to score Gutierrez and came home on a Nairns groundout to make it 5-2.

Mustangs take two from Nyssa

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang baseball team made the long trip to Nyssa worthwhile by sweeping the Bulldogs 10-0 in six innings and 16-8 on Saturday, April 10. The Mustangs banged out 23 hits on the day to improve to 8-0-1 on the year and will begin Columbia Basin Conference play on Saturday, April 17 by hosting the Stanfield Tigers for a doubleheader beginning at 12 noon and then will travel to Pilot Rock on Tuesday, April 20 for a 4:30 p.m. single game.

In the first game, the teams were scoreless until the top of the third when Nick Christman walked, Cody Walton singled, Zach Skaggs walked to load the bases, Chuy Elguezabal walked to force in a run, Jode Coil had a RBI single, Josh Gutierrez was hit by a pitch to force in another run and Kory Paullus cleared the bases with a double to give the Mustangs a 6-0 lead.

They added two more in the fourth when Skaggs walked, Gutierrez reached on a fielder's choice and Paullus and Kiel Nairns had two-out RBI singles.

The Mustangs made it a 10-run game in the sixth when Gutierrez singled and went to third on a Paullus single. Gutierrez then scored on a balk and Luke Murray had a RBI single to make it 10-0.

It would be more than enough as Elguezabal shut the Bulldogs down allowing no runs on two hits while striking out eight and walking two to improve to 4 and 0 on the year.

Paullus went three for four with a double and four RBI, with Murray going two for four and Gutierrez scoring three runs.

The Mustangs jumped out in the second game getting six runs in the first inning when Elguezabal was hit by a pitch, Coil singled, Gutierrez bunted them over to second and third and Paullus scored them with a single. Murray then walked, Christman singled, Nairns scored two with a double and two more scored as Walton reached on an error.

They added eight more in the fourth as Walton doubled, Elguezabal was hit by a pitch, Gutierrez reached on an error to score Walton, Paullus had a RBI single, Murray walked, Kyler Lovgren grounded out to

In the fifth, Jode Coil reached on an error, Gutierrez sacrificed him to second, Nairns had a two-out RBI single, Murray had a RBI double and Lovgren had a RBI to make it 8-2.

The Pirates scored a run in the sixth, but left five runners on base in the last two innings.

Elguezabal went the distance on the mound striking out 15 batters while scattering five hits.

Nairns went two for two with two RBI and scored twice. Murray went two for three with two doubles and Lovgren had two RBI.

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Shawn Dirksen, Dustin Swindler (4), Roy Nunez (5) and Derek Hancock; Chuy Elguezabal and Jode Coil. W- Elguezabal. L- Dirksen. 2B- Dirksen 2 (R); Luke Murray 2, Elguezabal and Kyler Lovgren (H). 3B- Kory Paullus. HR- none.

score a run, Christman walked and came around to score, Nairns singled, Walton reached on an error to score another run and Elguezabal scored two with a double to make it 14-1. The Bulldogs scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth to get within 14-6, but the Mustangs came back with one in the top of the sixth when Lovgren singled and came around to score on a John Franzwa single.

The Bulldogs added another run in the sixth but the Mustangs answered in the seventh as Coil singled, stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on a Paullus groundout. The Bulldogs added a run in the bottom half and had the bases loaded but a groundout ended the threat.

Christman went four, innings allowing one run on one hit and no walks in picking up his second win of the season.

Elguezabal and Nairns each went two for three with a double scoring twice and driving in two runs, with Christman going two for two and scoring twice. Paullus went two for four with four RBI and scored twice, Coil went two for five with two runs scored and Walton scored twice.

The Mustangs defense played well all day committing just two errors.

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Chuy Elguezabal and Jode Coil; Leos, Hanson (3) and Holiday. W- Elguezabal (4-0). L- Leos. 2B- Kory Paullus (H). 3B- none. HR- none.

Heppner 16, Nyssa 8
Heppner 600 801 1-16 13 2

Nyssa 100 051 1-8 7 3

Nick Christman, Zach Skaggs (5), Josh Gutierrez (5) and Coil; Whitmire, Waldo (4) and Holiday. W- Christman (2-0). L- Whitmire. 2B- Elguezabal, Cody Walton, Kiel Nairns (H). 3B- Holiday (N). HR- Holiday (N).

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