

Mustang softball team takes two in Umatilla doubleheader



Taylor Kempas beats Umatilla's second baseman. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

The Heppner Mustang girls' softball team played against Umatilla on Saturday, April 30. Whitney Matthews took the win in the first game, with Heppner taking a 19-9 win. Megan Orr pitched a no hitter in the same game, shutting out Umatilla, 14-0.

Mustang JVs pound Rockets

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team pounded out 16 hits, seven of them for extra bases, as they beat the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets 17-6 in five innings as it was shortened by the 10-run rule on Thursday, April 28. They Mustangs, now 9-0 on the year, will be at home on Monday, May 9 for a doubleheader with Riverside beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The Rockets scored two runs in the top of the first, but the Mustangs came back with eight runs in the bottom half after there were two out and no one on base. Andre Rauch singled, Nacho Elguezabal walked, Robbie Smith was hit by a pitch, Rauch scored on a wild pitch, Colton Hanson scored two with a single, Ben McCarl, Kody Lovgren and Justin Archer walked to force in another run. Nathan Kennedy scored two with a single and Sean Murray scored two more with a single.

The Rockets scored another run in the second, but the Mustangs answered as McCarl was hit by a pitch and scored on a Lovgren double.

The Mustangs added three more in the third as Rauch doubled, Elguezabal waked and both runners moved up on a passed ball. Smith hit a sac fly to score Rauch, Hanson had an RBI single, McCarl singled and Lovgren scored a run on a fielder's choice.

They put the game away in the fourth as Kennedy doubled, Rauch had an RBI double, Elguezabal had an RBI triple and came home as the throw to third bounced over the fence. Smith singled and

Mustang JVs sweep Vikings

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team took advantage of 17 walks to sweep the visiting Umatilla Vikings 13-3 in five innings and 20-7 in three and one half innings on Monday, April 25. The Mustangs, now 8-0 on the year, will be at home for a doubleheader with Riverside beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9.

The Mustangs got on the board early with three runs in the bottom of the first when Cody Hollis walked, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on an Andre Rauch sac fly. Nacho Elguezabal and Robbie Smith singled and both scored on a Colton Hanson double.

They added five more in the second when Kody Lovgren and Nathan Kennedy walked, Hollis reached on a sacrifice bunt that scored Lovgren and Rauch had an RBI single. Smith and Hanson walked and three more scored on wild pitches and passed balls.

The Vikings came back with three runs in the top of the third, but the Mustangs answered in the bottom half as Lovgren walked and was sacrificed to second by Sean Murray. Kennedy and Hollis walked to load the base and Justin Archer walked to force in a run. Smith scored two with a single and another run scored on a passed ball to make it 11-3.

The Mustangs added two more in the fourth when Lovgren reached on an error, Ricky Martin walked, one run scored as Kennedy reached on an error and another scored as Hollis grounded out.

Rauch went four innings to pick up the win, striking out nine and allowing two hits, with Kennedy pitching a scoreless fifth, striking out two.

Smith went two for two with three RBI and scoring twice. Hollis had four RBI and scored three times. Hanson was one for one with a double and two RBI, Rauch had two RBI, Lovgren scored three times and Kennedy scored two runs.

In the night cap, the Vikings scored three runs in the top of the first, but the Mustangs came back with eight runs of their own in the bottom half. Kennedy and Hollis singled, Matt McCabe was hit by a pitch and Elguezabal walked to force in a run. Smith cleared the bases with a double, Archer walked, Murray had an RBI single, Martin walked and Kennedy walked to force in a run. McCabe walked with two out to force in another run and Elguezabal was hit by a pitch to bring in another run.

They added two more in the second when Archer walked, stole second and scored on a double by Murray, who scored as Kennedy reached on an error.

The Vikings added another run in the third, but the Mustangs exploded with 10 runs in the bottom half to put the game away. McCabe reached on an error, Elguezabal singled and Rauch scored them with a double. Rauch scored as Archer reached on an error, Murray reached on an error, Martin had an RBI single, Lovgren had an RBI single, Ben McCarl walked, McCabe had an RBI single and Elguezabal hit a grand slam home run to centerfield to make it 20-4.

The Vikings scored three runs in the fourth, but it wasn't nearly enough and the game was called on account of darkness.

McCabe went three plus innings to pick up the win, with Kennedy pitching the fourth in relief.

Elguezabal went two for two with six RBI and scored three times. Murray went two for three with three RBI and scored three times. Smith had three RBI, McCabe scored three times and had two RBI, Rauch and Kennedy each had two RBI, Martin was one for one and scored twice, Lovgren went one for one with an RBI and Archer scored three runs and had an RBI.

Nine of the 12 Mustangs that played had at least one hit as they had 11 hits as a team.

Heppner 13, Umatilla 3

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Heppner 353 2x-13

Evans, Kenny (4)

and McLure; Andre Rauch, Nathan Kennedy (5) and Robbie Smith. W- Rauch. L- Evans. 2B- Colton Hanson (H). 3B- none. HR- Young (U).

Heppner 20, Umatilla 7

Umatilla 301 3-7 4 4

Heppner 82(10) x-20 11 2

Young, Kenny (1), Delapez (3) and Delapez, Kenny (3); Matt McCabe, Kennedy (4) and Robbie Smith, McCabe (4). W- McCabe. L- Young. 2B- Smith, Rauch, Sean Murray (H). 3B- none. HR- Nacho Elguezabal (H).

Babe Ruth baseball signups being held

Babe Ruth baseball signups have begun. Those, ages 13-15, interested in the program should contact Rick Johnston by Friday, May 6 to participate. The program will run from the end of May to the first of July. Johnston can be reached at 676-5562.

Birth

Adrian Lucas Cordova- a son, Adrian Lucas, was born April 23, 2005 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Rebecca and Cameron Cordova of Irrigon.

Mustangs lose to Rockets

By Rick Paullus

Despite hitting three home runs, the Heppner Mustangs baseball team couldn't get their bats going as they lost to the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets 5-3 on Tuesday, April 26 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs fell to 3 and 3 in the CBC and 10 and 5 overall. They will play the Hermiston JV in a non-league doubleheader on Thursday, May 5 at 3 p.m. and will get back into CBC play with a home game against Stanfield on Tuesday, May 19 at 4:30 p.m.

The Rockets took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first and increased it to 4-0 in the fourth before the Mustangs got on the board with a homerun by Kory Paullus.

The Mustangs narrowed the game to 4-3 in

the sixth on solo homeruns by Josh Gutierrez and Paullus, but couldn't get any closer and the Rockets added an insurance run in the seventh to make the final 5-3.

Paullus went two for three with the two homeruns and Gutierrez went three for three as they accounted for all the Mustangs hits for the game.

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Murry, Rinehart (6) and Perrine; Jode Coil, Josh Gutierrez (5) and Quinn Peck. W- Murry. L- Coil. 2B- Krosting, Norquist (PR). 3B- none. HR- Humphreys, Perrine (PR); Kory Paullus 2 and Gutierrez (H).

Mustangs rout Tigerscots for sweep

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang baseball team turned offensive in a 15-1, 10-0 rout of the visiting Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Saturday, April 30 in Columbia Basin Conference action. With the sweep, the Mustangs improved to 5-3 in the CBC and 12-5 overall. They will be at home for a non-league doubleheader against the Hermiston JV before returning to CBC play for a single game at home against Stanfield on Tuesday, May 10 at 4:30 p.m.

The Mustangs got on the board early in the first game scoring a run in the bottom of the first when Jode Coil reached on an error, stole second and scored on a Kory Paullus single.

They added six more in the second when Dan Basile singled and was moved to second on a Matt McCabe bunt. Sloan Keithley walked, Kyle Carlson had an RBI single and Coil hit a three-run home run to right-centerfield. Nick Christman walked, Paullus reached on an error, Quinn Peck walked and two runs scored as Basile reached on a fielder's choice.

The Tigerscots scored their lone run of the day in the top of third but the Mustangs came back with two in the bottom half when Carlson singled, Josh Gutierrez doubled and Paullus scored both with a single to make it 9-1.

The Mustangs put the game away in the fourth when Colton Hanson walked, Matt Kenny and Coil singled, Gutierrez scored two with a single, Christman had an RBI single, Paullus scored two more with a double, Peck walked, Basile singled and another run scored as Hanson reached on an error to make it 15-1.

Gutierrez picked up the win striking out five and allowing no hits with Christman pitching the fifth inning in relief to complete the no-hitter.

Paullus went three

for four with five RBI and scoring twice. Coil went two for four with three RBI, a homerun and scored three runs. Basile went two for four with two RBI. Carlson went two for two scoring twice, Gutierrez had two RBI and scored twice, Christman went one for two with two runs scored and Peck went one for one.

The Mustangs continued their scoring onslaught with seven runs in the bottom of the first in the second game without getting a hit. Coil was hit by a pitch, Gutierrez, Christman and Paullus walked to force in a run, Peck scored a run on a fielder's choice, two more scored when Basile reached on a fielder's choice, McCabe walked, Basile scored when Carlson reached on an error who scored when Coil reached on an error.

It stayed that way until the fifth when with two outs Gutierrez and Christman singled and Paullus ended the game with a home run.

Coil went four innings striking out six and allowing three hits to pick up the win with Christman again pitching the fifth inning in relief.

Paullus had four RBI and scored twice, Christman went one for one and scored twice, Gutierrez went one for two and scored twice and Coil went one for three.

Heppner 15, Weston-McEwen 1

Weston-McEwen 001

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Heppner 162 6x-15 13

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Duke, Story (3), Schroeder (4) and Kelty; Josh Gutierrez, Nick Christman (5) and Quinn Peck, Robbie Smith (5). W- Gutierrez. L- Duke. 2B- Gutierrez, Kory Paullus (H). 3B- none. HR- Jode Coil (H).

Heppner 10, Weston-McEwen 0

Weston-McEwen 000

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Heppner 700 03-10 4 2

Schroeder, Greenwalt (4) and Kelty; Coil, Christman (5) and Peck. W- Coil. L- Schroeder. 2B- none. 3B- none. HR- Paullus (H).

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