

Mustang JVs drop two at Riverside

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team ended their season by dropping a pair of games to the visiting Riverside Pirates by scores of 3-1 and 15-6 on Monday, May 9 as the second game was called after four innings by darkness and rain. The Mustangs ended their season with a 9 and 2 record.

The first game was a pitchers' duel between the Mustangs' Nathan Kennedy and the Pirates' Joey Parrish as runs or hits were hard to come by. The Pirates scored a run in the top of the first but the Mustangs came back with one of their own. Kennedy led off with a single, Cody Hollis sacrificed him to second, went to third on a passed ball and scored as Andre Rauch was thrown out after striking out.

The Pirates scored single runs in the third and fourth and held on for the win.

Kennedy allowed just three hits, struck out five, walked two and gave up two earned runs in going the distance.

Robbie Smith was two for three, Kennedy was two for four and Hollis went one for two for the Mustangs.

The night cap was a different story as both teams' pitchers had trouble finding the strike zone.

The Pirates again took an early 1-0 lead, but the Mustangs responded in the bottom of the first with four runs of their own. Hollis was hit by a pitch and Rauch followed that up with a home run to centerfield. Nacho Elguezabal was hit by a pitch, Colton Hanson

reached on an error, Justin Archer reached on an error, Elguezabal scored on a wild pitch and Sean Murray had an RBI double.

The Pirates scored two in the second but the Mustangs came back with two of their own when Hollis reached on an error and scored on a single by Rauch who ended up scoring on an Elguezabal fielder's choice.

The wheels came off for the Mustangs as their control problems led to the Rockets scoring seven runs in the third on one hit and five more in the fourth on two hits.

The Mustangs hurt themselves with 17 walks and three hit batters while leaving 10 runners on base.

Rauch went two for two with three RBI and two runs scored. Murray went one for two with a double and Hollis scored twice.

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Joey Parrish and Riley Hancock; Nathan Kennedy and Robbie Smith. W- Parrish. L- Kennedy. 2B- Norling (R). 3B- none. HR- none.

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Corpus, Norling (2) and Hancock; Andre Rauch, Cody Hollis (3), Justin Archer (4) and Smith. W- Norling. L- Rauch. 2B- Corpus (R); Sean Murray (H). 3B- none. HR- Martin (R); Rauch (H).

Mustangs blank Tigers 6-0

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Needing just two more outs for a win against the Stanfield Tigers before the rains came in to wash away a 6-2 lead on Tuesday, May 10, the Heppner Mustang baseball team picked up where they left off in taking a 6-0 win on Thursday, May 12 over the visiting Tigers in Columbia Basin Conference play.

The Mustangs, 7-3 in the CBC and 16-5 overall, picked up their sixth win in a row were to be at Pilot Rock on Saturday for a key CBC doubleheader to determine play-off positions for the chance to play at the district tournament in Pendleton on Sunday, May 21.

The Mustangs broke a scoreless tie in the second inning getting singles from Kory Paullus, Quinn Peck an RBI single from Matt McCabe and one from Sloan Keithley to take a 1-0 lead.

They got some breathing room in the third when Jode Coil was hit by a pitch, Nick Christman singled and Paullus hit a home run to make it 4-0.

The Mustangs did some two-out damage in the fourth when Colton Hanson singled, Coil doubled and Josh Gutierrez singled them home to make it 6-0.

Three pitchers combined on the shut-out as Gutierrez went two innings, striking out five and allowing no hits. Coil went three, striking out six, hitting two, walking one and allowing two hits to pick up the win and Christman went the last two, striking out two to pick up the save.

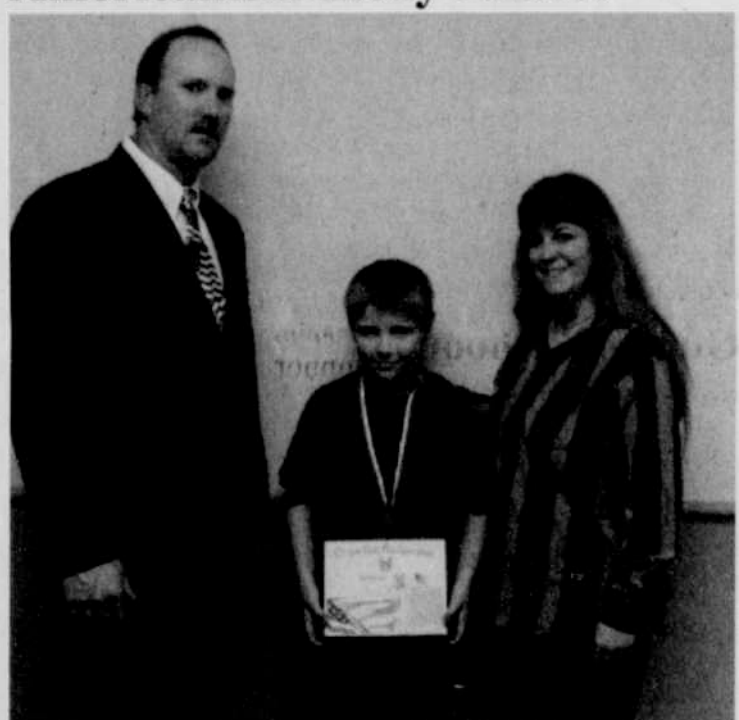
Coil went three for three with two doubles and two runs scored, Paullus went two for two with the home run and three RBI, Peck went two for three and Gutierrez had two RBI.

The Mustangs collected 12 hits as a team, with eight of the nine getting at least one hit. Even they were missing two starters and had players moved to different positions. The Mustangs had no errors with Hanson making a tough play behind second base and Peck playing well behind the plate.

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Taylor, Challis (6) and Smith; Josh Gutierrez, Jode Coil (3), Nick Christman (6) and Quinn Peck. W- Coil. L- Taylor. S- Christman. 2B- Smith, Taylor (S); Coil 2 (H). 3B- none. HR- Kory Paullus.

Local youth wins statewide Americanism Essay contest



Shane Smith (center) of Heppner displays the certificate, medallion and \$100 savings bond he received for winning the Oregon Elks 2005 State Americanism Essay contest. With him are his mother Jymme Franzwa (right) and Tony Clement (left), Exalted Ruler of Heppner Elks Lodge #358.

The Heppner Elks Lodge is pleased to announce the 2005 Oregon State Elks Americanism Essay first place award winner. Shane Smith of Heppner took top honors with his essay on "What Old Glory Means to Me."

Smith earned a \$50 savings bond for placing in the local competition and an engraved medallion combined with a \$100 savings bond for his win at the state level. His essay will be forwarded to the national Elks competition.

Smith is the son of Jymme Franzwa of Heppner and a sixth grade student at Heppner Elementary School.

The annual program is open to all sixth through eighth grade students and is sponsored by the Elks. Participants had to write a one-page essay on this year's topic, "What Old Glory Means to Me."

"There were some really excellent essays," said Lindsay Kincaid, local committee chair. "I'm very proud of all our local students who participated, they really put some thought into these essays."

Karen Smith-Griffith of HES and Dean Robinson of Ione Elementary provided classroom support.

Mustangs sweep Rockets, finish second

By Rick Paullus

By sweeping the Pilot Rock Rockets in a Columbia Basin Conference doubleheader on Saturday, May 14, the Heppner Mustang baseball team moved into second place in the CBC east division. Both games were shortened to five innings by the 10-run rule as the Mustangs won 12-2 and took the second game 12-1. The Mustangs, who finished the CBC season with a 9 and 3 record and moved to 18 and 5 overall, were to host Dufur on Tuesday, May 17 with the winner to move on to the District Tournament in Pendleton on Saturday, May 21.

The Mustangs broke open a scoreless first game in the top of the third when Matt McCabe led off with a double and scored when Kyle Carlson hit a long home run to left-centerfield. Then with two out, Josh Gutierrez singled, Nick Christman walked and Kory Paullus hit a home run to left field to give the Mustangs a 5-0 lead.

They added another run in the fourth when Carlson hit another bomb in almost the exact spot his first home run went to, making it 6-0.

The Mustangs put the game away in the fifth when Quinn Peck singled, Dan Basile doubled and McCabe scored both with a double. Sloan Keithley walked, Carlson hit into a fielder's choice, Jode Coil had an RBI double and Gutierrez scored two on a single. Paullus reached on an error and Peck reached on another error to score another run to make it 12-0.

The Rockets scored two runs in the bottom half and had runners at first and third, but the Mustangs were able to get out of the jam and end the game.

Gutierrez went four innings scattering five hits, striking out three, walking one and allowing no runs to pick up the win. Christman pitched the fifth, allowing two runs on two hits while striking out two.

Carlson went two for three with two homeruns, three RBI and scored three runs. Basile went two for three with a double. Gutierrez went two for four with two RBI and two runs scored. Coil and Peck each

went two for four and Paullus had a home run and three RBI as the Mustangs had 13 hits as a team.

The Mustangs again scored first in the second game when Basile, McCabe and Carlson all walked to load the bases and Coil hit a sacrifice fly to score Basile in the top of the second.

In the third, Paullus led off with a home run, Peck doubled and ended up scoring on a wild pitch to make it 3-0.

They scored four more in the fourth when Coil singled, Gutierrez reached on an error, Christman had an RBI single on a wild pitch and Basile had an RBI double.

The Rockets got one back in the bottom half, but back came the Mustangs in the fifth with five more to put the game out of reach. Matt Kenny and Carlson singled with Kenny eventually scoring on a wild pitch. Coil was hit by a pitch, with two out Paullus was intentionally walked, Peck walked to force in a run and Basile and McCabe reached on errors to score three more runs to make it 12-1.

Coil went the distance to pick up the win striking out eight, allowing just two hits, two walks and no earned runs.

Peck went two for three with three RBI and scored twice. Coil was one for one with two runs scored. Paullus went one for two with a home run and scored three runs and Basile, Kenny and Carlson each went one for two.

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Josh Gutierrez, Nick Christman (5) and Quinn Peck; Murry, Severe (3), Ellis (5) and Perrine. W- Gutierrez. L- Murry. 2B- Matt McCabe 2, Jode Coil (H); Byrnes, Severe (PR). 3B- none. HR- Kyle Carlson 2, Kory Paullus (H).

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Jode Coil and Peck; Byrnes, Norquist (5) and Perrine. W- Coil. L- Byrnes. 2B- Peck, Basile (H). 3B- none. HR- Paullus (H).

Heppner Schools busy as end of school year nears

As the school year draws close to an end, numerous activities are being seen at Heppner Schools.

The Heppner High School Celebration of Excellence will be held Monday, May 23, with a community barbecue beginning at 6 p.m., dessert at 6:45 p.m. and awards presented at 7 p.m.

Spring concerts will be held this coming week, with Heppner Elementary School's concert at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 24 and

HHS's concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 26.

HHS will also be presenting the mystery, "Nine Girls," on Wednesday, May 25 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 28 at 7 p.m.

There will be no school on Monday, May 30 due to Memorial Day. Students will then attend Friday, June 3. However, the last day for seniors is Thursday, May 26.

HHS graduation will be held on June 4 at 2 p.m.

Methodist Church to host guest speakers

The United Methodist Church will be hosting Clare Kennedy and her husband from Fossil. They took a trip to Honduras to do a mission project for the church. They built fences, painted and took part of the community they were serving.

The Kennedys will be sharing their pictures and comments during the regular worship service at the United Methodist on Sunday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Come and see how the church functions in Honduras.

Mustang softball ends with loss to Stanfield, Echo



Senior Emily Bergstrom slides into third base safely. Photo by Hal Bergstrom.

The Heppner Mustang softball team ended their season with a loss at home, Saturday, May 14 against a combined Stanfield and Echo team.

Babe Ruth baseball golf tournament to be held

A Babe Ruth Baseball golf tournament will be held on Sunday, May 29. The tournament will be an 18-hole, four man/woman scramble. For more information call Rick Johnston at 676-5562.

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative has hired South-eastern Reprographics (SRI) to conduct a complete GPS field inventory as part of our new mapping program.

This will require that SRI visits each pole, meter and pad-mounted device on the CBEC system. SRI will be using pickups and ATVs with CBEC markings on them for inventory. Please direct any questions to Slater Mitchell, 676-9146.



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