

Mustangs beat Rangers early

By Rick Paullus

A 13-run first inning helped the Heppner Mustang baseball team to a 20-4 win over the visiting Dufur Rangers on Tuesday, May 17 in a Columbia Basin Conference sub-district tournament game. The Mustangs, now 19-5 on the year, advanced to the CBC District Tournament in Pendleton on Saturday, May 21 to play the Pilot Rock Rockets. The winner of that game will play the loser of Stanfield-Sherman County for the number two seed to the OSAA/US Bank/Les Schwab Tires State Tournament.

After falling behind 1-0 on a solo home run, the Mustangs came back with a vengeance as Jode Coil and Josh Gutierrez singled and Nick Christman reached on an error to load the bases. Kory Paullus scored two with a double and Quinn Peck followed that up with a home run to make it 5-1. Dan Basile singled, Matt McCabe doubled, Coil had an RBI single, Gutierrez had an RBI single, Christman again reached on an error and Paullus and Basile each had RBI singles as they took a 13-1 lead before the Rangers finally got the third out.

The Rangers came back with a run in the top of the second, but the Mustangs answered with two more as Coil singled, Gutierrez doubled and Christman scored them with a single.

A two-run home run

brought the Rangers to within 15-4, but the Mustangs left no doubt about the outcome with a five-run bottom half of the third. McCabe singled and came around on a Sloan Keithley home run. Kyle Carlson reached on an error, Coil was hit by a pitch, Christman walked to load the bases and Paullus cleared them with a double to make it 20-4.

Carlson pitched the final three innings in relief of Gutierrez to pick up the win.

Paullus led an 18-hit attack by going three for four with two doubles and six RBI with Coil going three for three with a double and four runs scored. McCabe went three for three with a double and two runs scored. Basile went two for three and scored twice. Gutierrez went two for four and scored three times and Christman scored three runs and had two RBI. Peck had a home run and three RBI, Keithley had a home run and two RBI and Carlson scored twice.

All but two of the Mustangs who batted had a least one hit.

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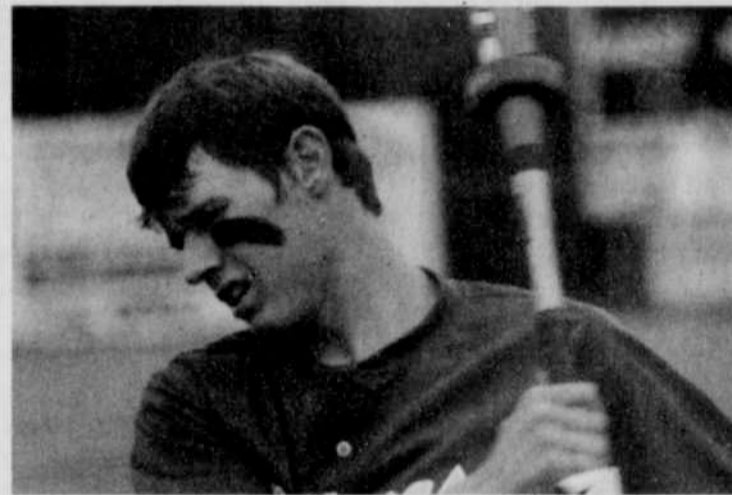
Pullen, Tibbetts (3) and Reed; Josh Gutierrez, Kyle Carlson (3) and Quinn Peck, Robbie Smith (5). W- Carlson. L- Pullen. 2B- Christoph (D); Kory Paullus 2, Jode Coil, Matt McCabe (H). 3B- none. HR- Pullen 2 (D); Quinn Peck and Sloan Keithley (H).

Four players receive baseball all star awards



Nick Christman, Jode Coil, Kory Paullus and Josh Gutierrez received all-star awards for baseball in the Columbia Basin Conference East Division.

Photo by Phil Carlson.



Kory Paullus warms up to go to bat

Photo by Sandy Matthews



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Mustang baseball team with trophy

Neiffer and Halvorsen receive Crystal Apple award



(L-R): Cathy Halvorsen, Ione library technician and Linda Neiffer, Ione 1st and 2nd grade teacher received the Crystal Apple award.

Ione Elementary School first and second grade teacher Linda Neiffer and Ione Schools' library technician Cathy Halvorsen received the Umatilla-Morrow ESD Crystal Apple award for the service to education. The awards were presented May 11.

Neiffer was honored for her work both in her class and throughout the school even to the high school level. Her passion lies in teaching reading and she strives to see that all children have books appropriate to their reading skills. She is also very active

with many school committees.

Halvorsen was honored for her work in the Ione Schools library. After the former library technician resigned during the 2003-2004 school year, both the elementary and high school libraries were combined and Halvorsen had the task of making them flow together. She was active in updating and displaying materials and in promoting literacy by helping to start the Accelerated Reader and STAR programs.

Mustangs win two at District to take second



Sloan Keithley just beats the throw for the winning run against Pilot Rock.

Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang baseball team had to rally twice to take two wins at the Columbia Basin Conference District Tournament and get the second seed at the OSAA/US Bank/Les Schwab Tires Class 2A championships.

Senior Jode Coil drove in Sloan Keithley from first base with two out with the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to give the Mustangs a 5-4 win over Pilot Rock in the first game. Senior Josh Gutierrez hit a two-out two RBI single in the top of the seventh to tie the game, then Coil and Gutierrez each had two RBI singles in the ninth to put the Mustangs ahead, helping them to an 18-10 win over the Sherman County Huskies and the second place trophy. The Stanfield Tigers had scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat the Huskies 3-2 and take the district championship.

The Rockets took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning and it held up until the third when the Mustangs finally got going. Gutierrez singled, Nick Christman walked, Kory Paullus had an RBI single, Christman scored on a wild pitch, Dan Basile walked and Matt McCabe scored two more with a double to give the Mustangs a 4-2 lead.

The Rockets came back to score one run in the sixth and one in the seventh to tie it up and set up the dramatic ending. Keithley reached on an error and with two out, Coil hit a bomb to the fence in right-center and Keithley just beat the throw for the winning run.

Coil pitched six strong innings, striking out eight, allowing four hits and two earned runs. Gutierrez pitched the seventh and picked up the win.

Coil went three for five, Paullus two for four and McCabe had two RBI.

Against the Huskies, the Mustangs broke a scoreless tie in the top of the fourth when Basile reached on an error, McCabe had an RBI single, Keithley walked, Kyle Carlson was hit by a pitch and Coil scored two with a two-out single to make it 3-0.

The Huskies came back in the bottom half with a grand slam homerun to go up 4-3, but the Mustangs came right back with four runs of their own in the fifth. Christman led off with a

double, Paullus reached on an infield hit, Peck reached on an error to score Christman, Basile scored two with a double and scored on a single by Carlson.

The Huskies again came back with two runs in the bottom half, but the Mustangs added one in the sixth when Gutierrez and Christman singled and Paullus reached on a fielder's choice to score one and make it 8-6.

The Huskies scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a 10-8 lead, but again the Mustangs came back as McCabe singled, Keithley walked, Coil was hit by a pitch and Gutierrez singled to score two and tie the game at 10-10.

It stayed that way until the ninth when the Mustangs broke the game open. McCabe walked, Keithley singled, Carlson walked, Coil and Gutierrez each had two RBI singles, Paullus reached on an error, Peck reached on another error, Basile walked as Paullus scored on a wild pitch and McCabe scored two more with a single to make it 18-10.

Coil went the final two innings, striking out two and giving up one hit to pick up the win. Gutierrez started and went five innings, giving up six runs on six hits, while striking out five.

Gutierrez went four for six with four RBI. McCabe went three for five with three RBI and scored three runs, Coil went two for six with four RBI, Christman went two for six with a double, Paullus had two RBI and scored twice, Basile scored three runs and had two RBI and Keithley scored three runs.

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Mitch Byrnes, Kit Murry

(5) and Phil Perrine; Jode Coil, Josh

Gutierrez (7) and Quinn Peck. W-

Gutierrez. L- Murry. 2B- Perrine 2

(PR); Matt McCabe (H). 3B- Coil

(H). HR- none.

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Gutierrez, Nick Christman

(6), Coil (8) and Peck; Evan

Kaseberg, Derek Wood (6), Doug

McKinney (9) and Eliot Kaseberg.

W- Coil. L- Wood. 2B- Christman,

Dan Basile (H), El. Kaseberg, Wood

(S). 3B- none. HR- Ryan Sharp (S).

Babe Ruth baseball golf tournament to be held

A Babe Ruth Baseball golf tournament will be held on Sunday, May 29. The caddy auction will be held at 8 a.m., with golf beginning at 9 a.m. The tournament will be an 18-hole, four man/woman scramble.

Cost for the tournament is \$30 per person, with lunch included. Proceeds from the event

benefit the Babe Ruth Baseball program.

For more information, call Rick Johnston at 676-5562.

Heppner Prom Court 2005



Heppner celebrated its 2005 Prom on April 30. The prom court included (Back Row L-R): Princes Brandon Seitz and Aaron Delveaux; (Middle Row L-R): Princess Madison Bailey, King Francisco Escalante, Queen Cara Kennedy and Princess Shanna Rietmann; and (Front Row L-R): Prince Robert McElligott, Princess Blair Keithley, Princess Chelsea Britt and Prince Kyle Huddleston.

Wedding Tables

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Joli Hill and Ryan Munkers
Wedding - Saturday, June 4th

Melissa Cutsforth and Olaf Pedersen
Wedding - Saturday, June 18th

Tricia Coe & Jon Lorence
Wedding - Saturday, June 25th

Kari Morgan and Chad Robie
Wedding - Saturday, June 25th

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Wedding - Saturday, July 2nd

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