

Mustangs end season at Warrenton

By Rick Paullus

The 2005 baseball season for the Heppner Mustangs came to an end at Warrenton as they lost to the Warriors 10-0 in the first round of the OSAA/US Bank/Les Schwab Class 2A baseball playoffs. The Mustangs ended a very successful season with a 21 and 6 record and said goodbye to four seniors in Josh Gutierrez, Jode Coil, Kory Paullus and from Ione, Nick Christman.

The Warriors scored a run in the first and added four more with two out in the second and held the 5-0 lead through four-and-a-half innings, as the Mustangs couldn't get anything going. They added five more in the fifth to put the game away.

The Mustangs were held to five hits with junior Dan Basile getting two of them. Christman had a

double, Coil a single and sophomore Quinn Peck picked up the other hit.

Other members of the team included: juniors, Kyle Carlson, Sloan Keithley and Matt Kenny; sophomores, Robbie Smith, Nathan Kennedy, Colton Hanson and Cody Hollis; and freshmen, Matt McCabe, Nacho Elguezabal and Andre Rauch. The Mustangs were coached by Rick Johnston with Rick Paullus, John McCabe and Jim Kindle assisting.

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Jode Coil, Nick Christman (6) and Quinn Peck; Anderson and Gautenbein. W- Anderson. L-Coil. 2B- Christman (H); Anderson, Miller (W). 3B- none. HR- Anderson.

Local fiddlers win at Oregon State Fiddlers championships

Two local fiddlers, Eric Jepsen and Alex Carlson, recently joined some 80 fiddlers from around the state to compete for cash prizes and awards in the 40th annual Oregon Old Time Fiddle State Championships held at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

On Saturday night, May 20, Carlson teamed up with Amanda Tullis from Pendleton to play in the twin fiddling competition. In this competition, one player has the melody and the other the harmony part. There were 13 pairs of fiddlers of all ages in the competition this year and Carlson and Tullis received fifth place awards for their efforts.

In the junior division of the competition, for ages 13-17, there were 15 contestants. The fiddlers were required to play a round consisting of three tunes: a hoedown, a waltz and a tune of their choice. There was a four-minute time limit to complete their round. Five judges were in another part of the building and could hear the contestants via a sound system, but could not see them or know who was playing. Contestants were only identified to the judges by a contestant number. They were also allowed up to three back up musicians. Peter Willis of Salem and Dan Emert and Alan

Feves of Pendleton played backup guitar and string bass for the boys. Both Jepsen and Carlson were among the top five finalists in their age division after the first round. They had to play another round of three different tunes in the finals on Saturday night, May 21.

Winners were then chosen based on their total points from both rounds. Jepsen took first place and Carlson finished third. They plan to continue on and compete in the junior division of the National Oldtime Fiddle Championships, which will be held in Weiser, ID, the third week of June. Jepsen, as a state winner, will perform in the Certified Competition Winners' Contest as well.

Soccer signup to be held

Registration for A.Y.S.O. soccer will be held at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, June 2 from 5-7 p.m. and June 3 from 4-6 p.m. To participate, children must be 4 prior to Aug. 1 and no older than 11 by Aug. 1. If the child hasn't played before, a birth certificate needs to be presented at registration. Cost for soccer will be \$35 for the first child and \$30 for each additional child.

For more information, contact Jessica Lehman at 989-8571.

Ione High School competes in state track finals



Back Row (L-R): Amy Jepsen, Kyle Svetich, Julie VandenBrink, Dan Long, Kelly Thompson, Kim Morris and Ashley Grams; and (Front Row L-R): Kayla LaRue, Kaylee Palmateer and Emily Rietmann.

By Nancy Jepsen

The Ione High School track team concluded its season by having eight athletes qualify at the district level to compete in the OSAA IA State Track Championship Competition held at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, May 20 and 21.

Kelly Thompson, a junior, went on to claim medals at the state championships in three events. Thompson finished third in a photo finish with the second place winner in the 200-meter race with a time of 23.86 seconds. He also finished third in the 400-meter run with a time of 51.27 seconds and was fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.02 seconds.

Thompson also set a new school record for Ione in the 400-meter run during the district track meet. His new record is 51.24 seconds. The old record was held by Andrew Rietmann.

Ione junior Dan Long claimed the fifth place medal in the shot put competition with a throw of 45 feet 1-1/4 inches. It was a personal best for Long.

Both the girls relay times came very close to placing, but ended up getting ninth in both relays. Running the 4x100 relay for Ione was: Kyle Svetich, Julie VandenBrink, Kaylee

Palmateer and Ashley Grams. Their time was 55.30 seconds.

Finishing ninth in the 4x400 relay was: Grams, Emily Rietmann, VandenBrink and Svetich. Their time was 4 minutes 40.14 seconds.

Kim Morris and Kayla LaRue traveled along as alternates for the relays.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Grams was eleventh with a time of 19.11 seconds. She was tenth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 51.34 seconds. Her time in the 300-meter hurdles this year was faster than last year when she finished fifth in the state, but the competition in hurdles was tougher this year.

VandenBrink came in twelfth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2 minutes 39.90 seconds. Just the week before at the district track meet, VandenBrink had run 2 minutes 35.92 seconds and almost broke the Ione school record with that time.

In the 3000-meter run, Amy Jepsen finished ninth with a time of 13 minutes 5.86 seconds. The time was a personal best for Jepsen by 14 seconds.

The track team only loses one senior, Kim Morris and coach Del LaRue is looking forward to an even better season next year.

Piano students complete adjudications

Twelve piano students from Heppner recently completed syllabus adjudications with the Oregon Music Teachers Association. The adjudications were held in Hermiston and Pendleton.

The students and their completed levels are follows: Diana Healy, Level I audition; Bethany Van Cleave, Level I evaluation; Stephanie Schuler, Emily Thompson and Daniel Van Cleave, Level II evaluation; Devin Robinson and Mindy Wenberg, Level III evaluation; Rebecca Jepsen and Heidi Wenberg, Level VI evaluation; Eric Jepsen and Kristen Van Cleave, Level VII evaluation; and Cameron Anderson, Level VIII evaluation.

Students completing evaluations are required to perform three or four memorized pieces in addition to musicianship skills. Musicianship skills include scales, chords, arpeggios, sight reading and ear training. Students completing auditions may perform any combination of pieces and musicianship skills.

Teachers include Amy Jepsen, Kristen Van Cleave and Myrna Van Cleave, all of Heppner and Phyllis Peterson of Hermiston.

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Ione Middle School holds successful track season



(Front Row L-R): Marco Juarez, Heather Wiggers, RJ Ramos, Matt Hams, Gunner Jessen, Kevin LaRue, Alex Rietmann and Tanner Rietmann; (Second row L-R): Manager Shelby Wiggers, Stephanie Archer, Brianna Peterson, Matt Coleman, Alex Carlson, Beth Morter, Mary Gates and Luke Bradford; (Third Row L-R): Tori Heagy, Tiana Camarillo, Brenna Rietmann, Stormy Kendrick, Tim Clay, Mikey Raible, Cory Peterson and Clay Morter; and (Back Row L-R): Assistant Ryan Rudolf, Whitney Meulink, Tyree Svetich, Mariah Bradfield, Sarah Stillman, Eric Jepsen, Thomas Holland, Kara Clay and Coach Dean Robinson. Not pictured: Christian Muller.

By Nancy Jepsen

Thirty-two students in grades six through eight turned out for the Ione Middle School track team this spring. They were coached by Dean Robinson and competed in six meets. The final championship meet was held at the new track in Stanfield on May 6. There were 10 teams competing: Ione, Heppner, Irrigon, Umatilla, Riverside, Stanfield, Athena-Weston, Echo, Helix and Pilot Rock.

Four Ione runners claimed individual championships: Eric Jepsen was the seventh grade champion in the 400-meter run. Tiana Camarillo was the eighth grade champion 300-meter hurdler. Cory Peterson won the 100-meter dash and Clay Morter was the top high jumper for the eighth grade boys.

The eighth grade girls' medley relay team, 4x200-meter, also claimed top honors. The team consisted of Tiana Camarillo, Beth Morter, Tori Heagy and Sarah Stillman.

Winners and their placings are as follows:

6/7th Grade Girls: discus: Brianna Peterson, fifth; javelin: Stephanie Archer, fourth; long jump: Beth Morter, third; Triple Jump: Sarah Stillman, fourth; 4x100-meter relay: Stephanie Archer, Brianna Peterson, Tyree Svetich and Beth Morter, fourth; Medley Relay 4x200-meter relay: Stephanie Archer, Brianna Peterson, Tyree Svetich and Mariah Bradfield, fifth. Team standing: fifth overall with 31 points.

6/7th Grade Boys: shot put: Eric Jepsen, seventh; javelin: Matt Hams, fifth; triple jump: Tanner Rietmann, fourth; 300-meter hurdles: Eric Jepsen, second; 100-meter hurdles: Alex Rietmann, fourth; 400-meter relay: fourth for Team #1-

8th Grade Girls: shot put: Kara Clay, fifth; triple jump: Brenna Rietmann, sixth; 300-meter hurdles: Tiana Camarillo, first, 52.87 seconds; 100-meter hurdles: Tiana Camarillo, third; 4x100-meter relay: Tiana Camarillo, Brenna Rietmann, Tori Heagy and Sarah Stillman, fifth; 800-meter run: Kara Clay, fifth; Medley Relay 4x200-meter, Tiana Camarillo, Beth Morter, Tori Heagy and Sarah Stillman, first, 2 minutes 9.98 seconds. Teams standings: fifth with 41 points.

8th Grade Boys: long jump: Cory Peterson, second; high jump: Clay Morter, first, 5 feet 4 inches; triple jump: Paul Hams, seventh; 100-meter hurdles: Clay Morter, third; 4x100-meter relay: Christian Muller, Eric Jepsen, Clay Morter and Cory Peterson, third; 100-meter dash: Cory Peterson, first, 12.46 seconds; and 200-meter dash: Cory Peterson, third.

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For more information, contact Sarah Carlson or Kathy Halvorsen.

The next project will be making quilt tops to

Tanner Rietmann, Alex Carlson, Gunner Jessen and Alex Rietmann and seventh for Team #2- Marco Juarez, Kevin LaRue, Thomas Holland and Tim Clay, 1500-meter run: Gunner Jessen, sixth; 400-meter run: Eric Jepsen, first, 1 minute 4:34 seconds; 800-meter run: Gunner Jessen, eighth. Teams standings: third overall with 46 points.

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