

Mustangs drop two to Bulldogs

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang baseball team had a 5-1 lead in the first game and a 7-2 lead in the second, but couldn't hang on as the Hermiston Bulldog JVs came back to win 7-5 in the first and 12-8 in the second on Friday, May 5 in non-league games in Heppner. The Mustangs, now 7 and 2 in the CBC and 8 and 9 overall, will host Pilot Rock on Friday, May 12 at 1 p.m., for a key doubleheader to end the regular season.

The Bulldogs scored first in the top of the second inning in the opener, but the Mustangs responded with five runs in the bottom half. Andre Rauch doubled, Robbie Smith walked, Dan Basile had an RBI single, Nathan Kennedy singled, Tony Bolin reached on an error to bring home a run, Colton Hanson had an RBI double, Quinn Peck had an RBI double and Bolin scored on a wild pitch.

That was all the offense they could muster though as the Bulldogs came back to tie it in the fourth and took the lead in the sixth to take the win.

Basile and Peck each went two for three and Bolin went two for four.

In the second game, the Bulldogs again took an early lead with a run in the first, but the Mustangs tied it in the bottom half when Bolin led off with a single, stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on an error.

Hermiston scored another run in the top of the second, but back came the Mustangs in the bottom half when Kennedy reached on a fielder's choice, Cody Hollis singled, Bolin was hit by a pitch and Hanson scored two with a single.

In the third, Smith was hit by a pitch, Basile doubled, Kennedy scored

both with a single, Hollis walked, Bolin was hit by a pitch and Peck scored two with a double to make it 7-2.

The Bulldogs scored three in the fourth, but the Mustangs answered with one in the bottom half when with two outs, Kennedy singled and eventually scored when Hanson walked with the bases loaded to make it 8-5.

The Bulldogs came back with six runs in the sixth and one in the seventh to take the win.

The Mustangs out hit the Bulldogs 11-9 for the game, but committed seven errors on defense.

Kenny was two for five with two RBI and scored twice. Hanson had three RBI, Peck had two RBI, Bolin and Hollis each scored two runs and Rauch went two for four.

Game One
Hermiston 012 202

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Heppner 050 000 0-

5 9 2

Baldock and Holt; Quinn Peck, Tony Bolin (6) and Robbie Smith. W- Baldock. L- Bolin. 2B- Kopacz, Edwards (Hermiston); Colton Hanson, Peck, Andre Rauch (Heppner). 3B- none. HR- none.

Game Two
Hermiston 110 306

1-12 9 3
Heppner 124 100 0-

8 11 7

Pollick, Kopacz (4) and Baldock; Kyle Carlson, Nathan Kennedy (7) and Smith. W- Kopacz. L- Carlson. 2B- Pollick (Hermiston); Peck, Dan Basile (Heppner). 3B- none. HR- Morris and Pollick (Hermiston).

Mustangs sweep Tigerscots

By Rick Paullus

Taking advantage of 18 walks, eight hit batters and combining that with 20 hits, the Heppner Mustang baseball team swept the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots 11-2 and 18-1 on Saturday, April 29 in Athena in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, 6-2 in the CBC and 8-8 overall, will host the Hermiston JV team in a non-league doubleheader on Friday, May 5 at noon before getting back into league play at Stanfield on Tuesday, May 9 at 4:30 p.m.

The first game was a pitcher's duel until the second inning as the Mustangs took a 1-0 lead in the first when Tony Bolin singled, went to third as Quinn Peck grounded out and came home on a passed ball.

It stayed that way until the fifth, when Cody Hollis doubled, Bolin reached on an error to score Hollis and later scored on an error.

The Tigerscots got to within 3-2 going into the seventh when the Mustangs broke the game open. Bolin was hit by a pitch, Peck walked, Nacho Elguezabal was hit by a pitch, Bolin scored on a wild pitch, then Robbie Smith blasted a three-run homerun to left center to make it 7-2. They weren't done there though as Nathan Kennedy singled, Dan Basile reached on an error, Hollis walked, Bolin scored two with a single, Colton Hanson walked, Peck walked to force in a run and Bolin came home on a wild pitch.

Peck went the distance on the mound to pick up the win, throwing just 75 pitches, striking out five and allowing zero earned runs.

Bolin went two for four, scoring four runs and driving in two. Basile went two for four, Hollis went one for three and scored twice and Smith went one for three with a homerun and three RBI.

The Tigerscots took a 1-0 lead after one in the second game, but the Mustangs came back with four in the top of the second and wouldn't look back. Smith, Basile and Kennedy all walked and Bolin scored two with a two-out single. Hanson was hit by a pitch, Peck forced in a run with a walk and a balk brought home another.

They added two more in the fourth when Bolin was hit by a pitch, Hanson and Peck singled, Elguezabal walked to force in a run and with two out, Basile walked to force in another run.

The Mustangs broke it open in the fifth, scoring 12 runs on eight hits, five walks and a hit batter as they sent 17 batters to the plate. Hollis, Bolin and Hanson walked. Peck had an RBI single, Elguezabal forced in a run with a walk and Andre Rauch scored two with a single. Ben McCarl singled, Kennedy force in a run with a walk, Hollis was hit by a pitch to force in a run, Bolin scored two with a single, Hanson singled, Peck scored two more with a single, Hanson singled, Peck scored two more with a single and Justin Archer score two more with a single.

Peck was four for four with three RBI and scored three times. Bolin went two for two with four RBI and scored four times. Hanson was two for three, scoring twice. Rauch and Archer each had two RBI and Kennedy and Hollis each scored twice.

Rauch went four innings striking out seven, walking two and giving up just one hit.

Game One
Heppner 100 020 8-

11 9 4

Weston McEwen

000 011 0-2 8 2

Quinn Peck and Robbie Smith; Greenwalt, Fairbanks (7), Webb (7) and J. Schroder. W- Peck. L- Greenwalt. 2B- Cody Hollis (H). 3B- none. HR- Smith (H).

Game Two
Heppner 040 2(12)-

18 11 0

Weston-McEwen

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Andre Rauch, Tony Bolin (5) and Smith; D. Schroeder, Webb (4), Drake (5), Fairbanks (5) and Webb, Kelty (4). W- Rauch. L- D. Schroeder. 2B- none. 3B- none. HR- none.

Over the Tee Cup

Seventeen ladies gathered on May 2 at Willow Creek Country Club for ladies' play.

Corol Mitchell and Pat Edmundson took low gross of the field. Lorrene Montgomery and Bernice Lott took low net of the field. Least putts of the field went to Karen Bishop.

In flight A, Mitchell took long drive and Edmundson took K.P.

In flight B, Betty Christman took low gross; Lois Hunt and Juanita Martin took low net; and Luvilla Sonstegard took least putts.

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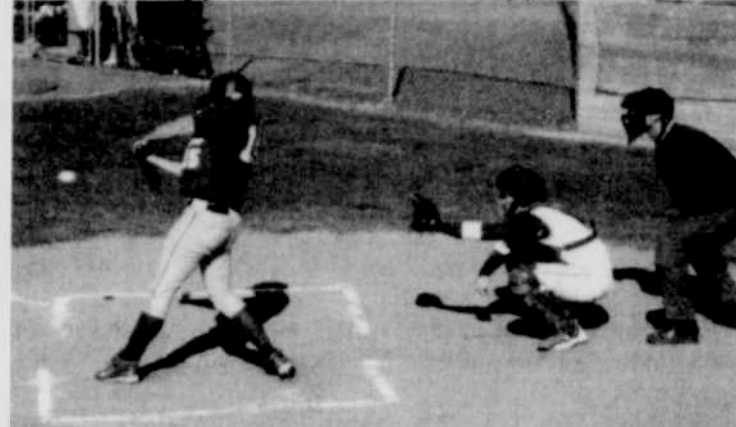
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#15 Senior Dan Basile hits a three-run homerun. Photo by Phil Carlson.



#22 Sophomore Andre Rauch pitches. Photo by Phil Carlson.



#4 Junior Cody Hollis catches a pop-fly in center field. Photo by Phil Carlson.

By Rick Paullus

Seven good innings on the mound by sophomore Andre Rauch and one good inning of offense helped the Heppner Mustangs baseball team shutout the visiting Umatilla Vikings 5-0 on Tuesday, May 2 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, 7 and 2 in the CBC and 9 and 8 overall, have a key doubleheader at home against the Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday, May 12 at 1 p.m., before entering district tournament play.

The Vikings' Marc Estrada had kept the Mustangs in check through four innings before their bats finally woke up in the fifth. Nathan Kennedy led off with a single, Kyle Carlson reached on an infield single and Ben McCarl was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

Mustang JVs lose at Hermiston

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team took one on the chin as they lost to the Hermiston Frosh 12-2 in five innings on Monday, May 1 in Hermiston. The Mustangs, now 5 and 4 on the year, will be at home against Umatilla on Thursday, May 4 and will finish out the year at the Pendleton Frosh on Thursday, May 11 at 4 p.m.

The Mustangs trailed 5-0 before they scored their only two runs in the top of the third when Sam King singled with two out, Ben McCarl walked, both runners moved up on a throwing error and Nacho Elguezabal drove them home with a single.

The Mustangs had

Tony Bolin reached on an error to score Kennedy and Colton Hanson laid down a perfect squeeze bunt to score Carlson before Dan Basile blasted a three-run homerun to center field to make it 5-0.

Rauch took care of the rest as he finished with four strikeouts, one walk and allowed just two hits for the complete game win.

Kennedy went two for three, Basile was one for three with three RBI and Bolin went one for three with a double.

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Estrada and Creason; Andre Rauch and Robbie Smith. W- Rauch. L- Estrada. 2B- Tony Bolin (H). 3B- none. HR- Dan Basile (H).

the bases loaded in the fifth, but couldn't come up with the key hit when they needed it.

Justin Archer went two for three to get the Mustangs other two hits as they could muster just four hits for the game.

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Hermiston 321 42-

12 10 2

Josh Shank, Dalton Wellman (5) and Wellman, Sean Murray (5); Humphrey, Fischer (5) and Rosales. W- Humphrey. L- Shank. 2B- Boylen, Garcia (Hermiston). 3B- none. HR- none.

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