

Mustang JVs end season with loss to Bucks

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team ended their season with a tough 11-9 loss to the Pendleton Buck frosh team in Pendleton on Thursday, May 11. The Mustangs, who ended up 5 and 6 on the year, were tied with the Bucks at 3-3, going into the fourth of the second game when it was called on account of darkness.

The Mustangs were able to get on the board first in the top of the first when Dalton Wellman led off with a walk, stole second and ended up at third when the throw sailed into centerfield. Justin Archer singled to score Wellman but the Mustangs failed to score anymore as they had runners at second and third with no out and couldn't come through with the clutch hit.

The Bucks tied it in the bottom half and it stayed that way until the fourth when the Mustangs took the lead when Nathan Kennedy doubled and ended up scoring on a Sean Murray fielder's choice. The Bucks came back with two in the bottom half to take the lead, but the Mustangs came back with three of their own in the fifth when Archer singled, Andre Rauch walked, Kennedy walked and Josh Shank cleared the bases with a double to give them a 5-3 lead.

Tigers hold off Mustangs to clinch title

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The Heppner Mustang baseball team rallied with two runs in the top of the seventh but the Stanfield Tigers held on to a 5-3 win on Tuesday, May 9 to clinch the Columbia Basin Conference East title and go into district as the number one seed. The Mustangs, 7 and 3 in the CBC and 9 and 11 overall, could still secure second place with at least a split with the Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday, May 12.

The Tigers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first on a two-out bloop single and it stayed that way until the third when the Mustangs finally go on the board. Quinn Peck reached on an error with two out, Nacho Elguezabal singled and Andre Rauch had an RBI single.

The Tigers scored a run in the bottom of the third and added two more in the

The Bucks cut the lead to one in the bottom half but the Mustangs came back with three more in the top of the sixth when Wellman and Archer singled, Ben McCarl had an RBI single, Archer scored on a balk, Kennedy singled, Shank walked and Murray forced a run home with another walk to make it 8-4.

The Bucks came right back with seven runs in the bottom half to regain the lead but back came the Mustangs in the top of the seventh as Chris Wellington led off with a bunt single, stole second and scored on an Archer double, but the rally ended there and they took an 11-9 loss.

Archer went four for five with two RBI and scored twice. Kennedy went two for three and scored twice, Wellman went two for five and scored twice, Shank had three RBI and Murray had two RBI.

Heppner 100 133 1-9 12 4

Pendleton 100 217 x-11 11 2

Dalton Wellman, Sean Murray (5) and Murray, Wellman (5); Schachtsick, Dietz (5), Perry (6) and Crawford. W- Perry. L- Murray. 2B- Justin Archer, Andre Rauch, Nathan Kennedy, Josh Shank (H); Rowe 2, Schachtsick, Garza (P). 3B- none. HR- none.

fifth before the Mustangs finally got some offense going in the seventh. Dan Basile reached on an error and scored on a Kyle Carlson double. Peck was hit by a pitch and Carlson scored as Peck stole second. The rally ended there though as the Tigers held on for the win.

Three Mustang pitchers, Rauch three innings, Peck two innings and Carlson one, combined on a four hitter striking out six, walking four and allowing just two earned runs.

Elguezabal went two for four for the Mustangs.

Heppner 001 000 2-3 6 1

Stanfield 201 020 x-5 4 3

Andre Rauch, Quinn Peck (4), Kyle Carlson (6) and Robbie Smith; Irving and Smith. W- Irving. L- Rauch. 2B- Dan Basile, Carlson (H). 3B- none. HR-

Mustangs sweep Rockets to earn second

By Rick Paullus

With a 4-3 eight inning win in the first game, the Heppner Mustang baseball team wrapped up second place in the Columbia Basin Conference East division over the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday, May 12. The Mustangs went on to complete the sweep with a 9-1 win in the second game to finish 9 and 3 in the CBC and 11 and 11 overall. The Mustangs were to host the Dufur Rangers, the third place team in the CBC west division on Tuesday, May 16, with the winner advancing to the District 7 tournament in The Dalles on Saturday, May 20.

The Rockets took a 2-0 lead in the top of the third before the Mustangs finally got on the board in the fourth when Tony Bolin doubled and scored on a Quinn Peck double.

The Rockets got that run back in the fifth, but the Mustangs tied it in the sixth when Bolin singled, went to second on a wild pitch, Peck had a two-out RBI single, went to second on the throw home and scored on a Nacho Elguezabal single.

The Rockets were threatening with runners at first and third with two out in the seventh but the centerfielder Cody Hollis mad ea diving catch in the gap to save at least one run and keep the Mustangs in it.

In the bottom of the eighth, Peck was hit by a pitch, Elguezabal had a sacrifice bunt, Andre Rauch singled, Robbie Smith was intentionally walked to load the bases and Nathan Kennedy hit a sharp single to score Peck and give the Mustangs the win.

Peck went all eight innings, giving up two earned runs, striking out four and walking three to pick up the win. He helped himself at the plate going three for three with a double and two RBI. Bolin went two for four with a double and scored twice and Rauch went two

Murray receives early admission to OSU College of Pharmacy

Laurie Murray was notified on April 27 that she has been accepted into the "early admission program" for the Oregon State University College of Pharmacy. The pharmacy program at OSU is a seven-year program requiring three years of pre-pharmacy before admission to the professional four-year program that includes one year at OHSU in Portland.

This year the school of pharmacy had 1000 applicants for 80 positions in the professional program. The early admission

program allowed 20 percent of that class (16 students) to be accepted as incoming freshman. Murray was one of those 16 students and is guaranteed a place in the class as long as academic requirements are met for the next three years at OSU.



Laurie Murray

for four. The second game was anti-climatic as it wouldn't affect the standings either way and after the Rockets scored a run in the top of the first, it was all Mustangs after that. In the bottom half, Bolin reached on an error, Colton Hanson had a sacrifice bunt, Peck had an RBI double, Elguezabal had an RBI single and Rauch scored another run on a fielder's choice.

In the third, Rauch hit a blast to left field into a stiff wind that easily cleared the fence. Kennedy and Smith walked and Bolin scored both with a two-out double. They added three more in the sixth when Bolin and Justin Archer walked, Ben McCarl was hit by a pitch, Bolin scored on a wild pitch, Dan Basile had an RBI single and Josh Shank walked with the bases loaded to score another run.

Rauch went four innings to pick up the win, giving up one hit, walking two and struck out four with Kyle Carlson going three innings, giving up three hits and striking out two.

Basile went two for three with two RBI, Rauch had a homerun and two RBI. Bolin had two RBI and scored twice and Peck had an RBI double.

Game One
Pilot Rock 002 010 00-3 7 0

Heppner 000 102 01-4 8 3

Kit Murry and Chance Bandy; Quinn Peck and Robbie Smith. W- Peck. L- Murry. 2B- Mitch Byrnes (PR); Tony Bolin, Peck (H). 3B- none. HR- none.

Game Two
Pilot Rock 100 000 0-1 4 3

Heppner 303 003 x-9 7 2

Colby Norquist, Snodgrass (3), Hall (6) and Bandy; Andre Rauch, Kyle Carlson (5) and Smith. W- Rauch. L- Norquist. 2B- Peck, Bolin (H). 3B- none. HR- Rauch.

Murray receives scholarship from St. Anthony Hospital

Laurie Murray was awarded a \$500 scholarship from St. Anthony Hospital and the Health Professions Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship funds are contributed by the physician staff members of the hospital and are intended to encourage the youth of the area to pursue healthcare professions and return to the

community in serving the needs of others.

Murray will be presented with the check at a special dinner on May 22 in Pendleton.

Murray, the daughter of John and Ann Murray of Heppner, has been accepted into Oregon State University's College of Pharmacy.

Sixth graders go to Tupper



Sixth graders from Ione and Heppner at Tupper Outdoor School. Photo by Mahaley Huddleston.

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This last week, May 8-11, the sixth graders of Heppner and Ione took a week off of regular school to partake in the annual outdoor school at Tupper. The kids stayed in different houses with counselors that are from the high school. This year the girls were all in one house, but still divided into two groups- Silver Fox or Spotted Fawn. The boys were in two different houses and were either a Roaring Cougar or Soaring Eagle.

During the week the kids had different field studies each day that taught them about weather, soil, wildlife, compass and plants.

On Tuesday night, there was also a surprise astronomy lesson that was put on by Mr. Rice and Mr. Jones, who brought up their

telescopes.

On Wednesday, everyone at Tupper goes to Bull Prairie for the day. At Bull Prairie the kids learn about survival with their survival kits and also about water, the pH levels and what wildlife is living in it. Wednesday is also the last night and usually there is a night hike that evening. It was unfortunate this year though because due to some technical bus problems the night hike had to be called off. S'mores were still served and their was a Tupper Talent Show the next day.

On Thursday, everything was packed up and everyone headed back to either Ione or Heppner. With sunny skies all last week, it was the perfect week to have Outdoor School.

Piano students to hold spring recital

Twenty-three local piano students will present a spring recital on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m. at Christian Life Center in Heppner.

Participating piano students include Alexandra Allen, Rachel Allen, Cameron Anderson, Cade Arbogast, Kai Arbogast, Clyde Britt, Patrick Burch, Jonathan Chen, Morgan Correa, Diana Healy, Rebecca Jepsen, Emily King, Kaelyn Lindsay, Amanda Rea, Emily Rea, Stephanie Schuler, RJ Skaggs, Sarah Stillman, Emily Thompson, Anna Unruh, Bethany Van Cleave, Daniel Van Cleave and Kristen Van Cleave. Teachers of the above students include Cameron

Anderson, Chandra Arbogast, Kristen Van Cleave and Myrna Van Cleave, all of Heppner, and Phyllis Peterson of Hermiston.

In addition to the piano students, Garrett Robinson, a local violin student, will be performing. Robinson is taught by Eric Jepsen of Heppner.

Refreshments will be held following the recital. The public is invited to attend.

Babe Ruth benefit golf tournament to be held

A golf tournament to benefit the Heppner Babe Ruth baseball program will be held Sunday, May 28 at Willow Creek Country Club. The tournament will be an 18-hole 4-person scramble. Auction of the caddies will be held at 8 a.m., with play beginning at 9 a.m.

Cost is \$30 per person, with lunch included. There will also be prizes.

For more information, or to register, contact Rick Johnston at 676-5562.

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