

Mustangs lose in the seventh Heppner Mustangs rally twice to sweep Stanfield Tigers to La Grande

By Rick Paullus

They say the third out is the toughest out to get and it was never more true as the visiting LaGrande Tigers scored seven runs with two outs in the top of the seventh inning to break a 3-3 tie and beat the Heppner Mustang baseball team on Tuesday, March 20, in a non-league game. The Mustangs, 0-2 on the young year, will play their final two non-league games at Colfax on Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31.

The Tigers took a 1-0 lead after one but the Mustangs tied it in the second when Nathan Kennedy walked and ended up scoring on a ground-out by Robbie Smith. The Mustangs took a 3-1 lead in the third when Chance Day singled and scored on a triple by Quinn Peck, Nacho Elguezabal then scored Peck on a ground-out.

The Tigers scored a run in the fourth and tied it with a run in the sixth before the disastrous seventh inning.

LaGrande 100 101 7-10 11 2
Heppner 012 000 0-3 4 3

Knudsen and McKay; Quinn Peck, Nathan Kennedy (4), Drew Johnson (7) and Robbie Smith. W-Knudsen. L-Kennedy. 2B Linman 2, A. Nice, Z. Nice, Wright (L). 3B - Peck (H). HR-none.

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The Heppner Mustang baseball team had to come back twice to sweep the Stanfield Tigers on Saturday, March 24, by scores of 9-5 and 12-8 in Stanfield to open special District 5 play. The Mustangs, 2-0 and 2-2 overall, have two non league games this weekend in Colfax before getting back into league play with a home game against Dufur on Tuesday, April 3, at 4:30 p.m.

The Mustangs took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning in the first game when Chance Day singled, stole second and with two outs scored on an Andre Rauch double. Nacho Elguezabal followed that up with another RBI double but the Tigers came back with a run in the bottom half and added four more in the third to take a 5-2 lead.

The lead was short lived though as the Mustangs would regain the lead in the fourth when Nathan Kennedy walked, Drew Johnson singled, Robbie Smith had an RBI single, Bryan Holland scored two with a single, Day reached on a fielders choice, Colton Hanson reached on an error and Quinn Peck scored a run with a sacrifice fly to make it 6-5.

The Mustangs added one run in the sixth when Day tripled and scored on a Hanson single and two more in the seventh when Elguezabal walked and Josh Shank came in to pinch run, Johnson singled and Smith scored both with a single.

Rauch went the distance scattering six hits while striking out four to get the win.

Smith went 2-3 with three RBI's. Elguezabal went 2-3 with two doubles, Johnson went 3-4 and scored twice, Day went 2-5 and scored three times and Holland had two RBIs.

In the second game, the Mustangs found themselves behind 7-0 after four before they got their bats going in the top of the fifth. Brent Eckman reached on catchers interference, Day was hit by a pitch, Hanson walked, Rauch had a two-out two RBI double, Elguezabal walked, Kennedy had an RBI single and Holland had an RBI single to cut the lead to 7-4.

The Tigers answered with a run in the bottom half but the Mustangs came back to take the lead in the top of the sixth when Eckman was hit by a pitch, Day walked, Peck scored both with a double, Rauch had an RBI single, Elguezabal reached on an error, Kennedy had an RBI single and Holland had an RBI single to make it 9-8.

They added three more in the top of the seventh when Eckman walked, Day reached on an infield hit, Hanson scored both with a double and Elguezabal had a two-out RBI single.

Peck went the distance to pick up the win striking out four and went 2-4 at the plate with two doubles and



Nacho Elguezabal makes his move toward home during the second game of a double-header against Stanfield on Saturday, March 24. The Mustangs won both games 9-5 and 12-8.

-Photo by Autumn Morgan

two RBIs. Rauch went 2-5 with three RBIs. Elguezabal went 2-3, Holland went 2-2 with two RBIs, Kennedy went 2-5 with two RBIs, Hanson had two RBIs and scored twice, Day scored three times, and Eckman scored twice.

Game One
Heppner 200 401 2-9 12 3
Stanfield 104 000 0-5 6 2

Game Two
Heppner 000 045 3-12 12 7
Stanfield 021 410 0-8 9 1

Quinn Peck and Smith; Irving, Grabeel (6) and Sobotta. W-Peck. L-Grabeel. 2B-Peck 2, Rauch, Colton Hanson. 3B-none. HR-none.

HHS softball team takes on the Pendleton JVs



Taylor Kempas slides into third base at the Mustang softball game against the Pendleton JV team on March 23. Heppner lost 10-2.

-Photo by Sandy Matthews

HHS loses to Pendleton JVs



Pitcher Nathan Kennedy takes a loss against the Pendleton JV in Heppner on March 20.

-Photo by Sandy Matthews

Over the Tea Cup Ladies golf season to begin

The Over the Tea Cup ladies will start the golf season on Tuesday, April 3, with breakfast at 9 a.m., prepared by the officers.

There will be a meeting followed by a scramble play at 10 a.m.

Thursday evening, April 26, ladies play will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Local student named Oregon Geographic Bee semifinalists

By Brittnee DesBouillons



Kevin LaRue

School-level winners then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. In each of the 50 states and in the territories, the National Geographic Society invited the students with the tops 100 scores to compete at the state level.

Kevin LaRue could go on to be the state winner and represent Oregon in the national finals at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington D.C., May 22-23, 2007. The state winner will receive \$100 and the trip to Washington D.C. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Fair Board meeting to be held

The Fair Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 2, at 6 p.m. in the fair office at the fairgrounds.

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Road Bowling a hit once again

Tension filled the air and they were ready. On Sunday, March 18, Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland Celebration was drawing to a close with the highly competitive Sheepdog Trials on the Thompson Ranch and the enormously dog-eat-dog Road Bowling event on Gale Street.

The "Road Rovers," the "Misfits," the "O'Rheas," the "Shoneys." They were all, along with five other teams that showed up at 1:30 p.m., eager to challenge last year's Road Bowling champions from Redmond.

This second year of the bowling activity started as soon as the thirty participants had read the "guidelines and rules," signed on the dotted line, paid their entry fees, and grabbed their bowls, rugs, and chalk.

Leading off with the oft' heard warning "Bowling!" were last year's winners, Kirk and Lottie Holcomb, and their four-person team. As they neared the end of Gale Street, they demonstrated the one hazard on the course by missing the Willow Creek Bridge and not stopping the bowl before it landed in the creek. Since "a real Irishman never loses his bowl," a team member hastened after a magnetic metal detector, which was attached to a long handle for successful retrieval of the bowl.

In the meantime, the other eight teams learned from the Holcomb's miscalculation and tossed their ways over the bridge, around the Union-Street loop, and on down Riverside to the Canyon-Road intersection. They were not far ahead of the Holcomb team, time wise, but had added up their tosses and anxiously guarded them from one another while they waited for last year's winners to finish the course.

Players admitted to a few surprises as the bowls veered one way or another or covered a shorter or longer distance than anticipated by the players. The most common number of tosses on the 1.3-mile course was twenty-seven. (The Road Rovers demanded a senior division next year after noting the difference between their score of thirty-seven and the winning score of twenty-four.)

Teams comprised of two, three, and four players participated in the afternoon event, and a team of two took home the prize. Matthew and Darren Van Cleave won \$75, which was half of the entry fees, and their names will be engraved on the Road Bowling trophy, which will be on display at City Hall.

Since this second year in Heppner for the road bowling competition saw nine teams participate, after only three teams last year, the St. Pat's Committee hope that road bowling has found a permanent spot in the weekend schedule, at least until the trophy fills up with names.

Date change for Willows Grange April meeting

On account of Easter falling on the second Sunday of April, the Willows Grange will not hold their regularly scheduled meeting, but will instead meet on Sunday, April 15, at noon for a potluck meal and the meeting to follow.

HHS Booster Club meeting to be held

A Booster Club meeting will be held Wednesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at Heppner Junior/Senior High School.