

Mustangs sweep Knights

By Rick Paullus

Senior Quinn Peck led the way at the plate going 6-8 with three home runs and 10 RBIs as the Heppner Mustang baseball team swept the visiting Irrigon Knights 12-2 and 13-1, both games ending in five innings, on Saturday, April 7, is special District 5 play. The Mustangs, 5-0 in SD5 and 6-3 overall, continue league play with a doubleheader at home on Saturday, April 14 against Weston-McEwen and at South Wasco on Tuesday, April 17.

The Mustangs got on the board early in the first game as Colton Hanson walked, Peck singled, and Andre Rauch had an RBI single. Peck then scored on an error to make it 2-0 in the first. They added four more in the second when, with two outs, Josh Shank walked, Chance Day singled, Hanson scored both with a double, and Peck followed up with his first homerun of the day to make it 6-0.

The Knights scored two runs in the third but the Mustangs answered with one as Day reached on an error with bases loaded. They scored two more in the fourth when Peck and Rauch went back-to-back with solo homeruns. The Mustangs ended the game in the fifth when Shank singled, Day doubled, and Peck hit his third homerun of the game to make it 12-2.

Rauch went three innings to pick up the win with Day pitching two scoreless innings in relief.

Peck went 4-4 with six RBIs and scored four times, Rauch went 2-3 with two RBIs, Hanson scored twice and had two RBIs and Shank and Day each scored twice.

The Mustangs picked up where they left off in the second game as Day

reached on an error, Hanson walked, Peck had an RBI single, Rauch walked, Elguezabal scored two with a single, and Dennis Kenny had an RBI single as they took a 5-0 lead after one.

They left no doubt in the second as Rauch doubled, Elguezabal singled, Kenny had an RBI single, Justin Archer hit a three-run homerun, Wacy Coil tripled, Kennedy reached on an error to score Coil, Day singled, and Peck reached on a fielder's choice to make it 11-0.

The Knights scored their only run in the third but the Mustangs scored two more in the fourth when Day walked, Hanson doubled, and Peck scored both with a single.

Kennedy picked up the win going three innings, striking out four, and allowing one hit. Drew Johnson went two innings in relief, striking out three and allowing no hits.

Peck went 2-4 with four RBIs, Elguezabal went 2-3 with two RBIs and scored twice, Kenny went 2-3 with two RBIs, Coil went 2-2 with a triple, Kennedy had two RBIs, and Hanson and Day each scored twice.

Game 1:
Irrigon 002 00-2 2 4
Heppner 241 23-12 10 0

Harris, Osborne (3) and Munkers; Andre Rauch, Chance Day (4) and Wacy Coil. W - Rauch. L - Harris.

2B - Munkers (1); Colton Hanson (H). 3B - none. HR - Quinn Peck 3, Rauch (H).

Game 2:
Irrigon 001 00-1 1 2
Heppner 560 24-13 12 0

White, Griffin (2) and Munkers; Nathan Kennedy, Drew Johnson (4) and Coil. W - Kennedy. L - White. 2B - Hanson, Rauch (H). 3B - Coil (H). HR - Justin Archer (H).

Mustangs rally then hang on to beat Rangers

By Rick Paullus

For the second straight special District 5 game, the Heppner Mustang baseball team fell behind 7-0 early, but rallied to take the lead, hanging on to beat the visiting Dufur Rangers 10-9 on Tuesday, April 3. The Mustangs, 3-0 in SD5 and 4-3 overall, will be at home for a doubleheader against Weston-McEwen on Saturday, April 14 and will be at South Wasco on Tuesday, April 17.

The Rangers scored five runs in the first and two more in the second before the Mustangs got things going in the bottom of the third scoring six runs. Colton Hanson walked, Quinn Peck singled, Andre Rauch walked to load the bases, and Nacho Elguezabal and Nathan Kennedy both walked to force in two runs. Josh Shank had an RBI single, Bryan Holland walked to force in another run and Chance Day scored two more with a single.

The Rangers added a run in the fifth but the Mustangs answered with four of their own to finally take the lead. Shank and Wacy Coil walked, Day reached on an infield single, Hanson walked to force in a run, Peck scored two with a double and Elguezabal reached on an error to score another run.

The Mustangs held on from there as the Rangers scored one in the sixth, but could not get any more.

Peck went 2-4 with two RBIs, Day went 2-5 with two RBIs, and Hanson and Shank each scored twice.

The Mustangs had eight errors as a team but took advantage of 12 Ranger walks.

Dufur 520 011 0-9 9 3
Heppner 006 040 4-10 6 8

Reed, Tyler (3) and Forrest; Quinn Peck, Nathan Kennedy (2), Andre Rauch (5) and Wacy Coil. W - Rauch. L - Tyler. 2B - Peck (H). 3B - none. HR - none.

Mustang JV takes two from Condon-Wheeler

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The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team scored 39 runs on 23 hits in taking two games from the visiting Condon-Wheeler Knights on Friday, April 6 by scores of 17-7 in six innings and 22-1 in five. The Mustangs, now 4-0, will be at Pilot Rock on Monday, April 16.

In the first game, the Knights took a 1-0 lead in the first but the Mustangs responded with five of their own in the bottom half. Chris Lien singled, Justin Archer walked, Dennis Kenny had an RBI single, Sam King reached on an error to score one, Jared Huddleston scored two with a single, and Mark McCabe had an RBI single.

The Knights came back with five runs in the second to regain the lead but the Mustangs tied it at 6-6 when Lien walked, Archer singled and Kenny had an RBI single.

The Knights regained the lead in the fourth by scoring a single run but the Mustangs exploded for seven runs in the fifth to take control of the game. McCabe, Keenan Jack, Quinn Chick, and Lien all walked to force in a run to tie it. Archer reached on an error to score one, Drew Johnson reached on an error to score another, and Huddleston walked to force in one. McCabe reached on a fielders choice to score one and Sean Murray singled to score two more and make it 13-7.

Game 1:
Condon 150 100-7 4 4
Heppner 510 074-17 12 2

Russell Thompson, Evens (5) and Harold Stevens; Justin Archer, Chris Lien (2) and Jared Huddleston, Sean Murray (3). W - Lien. L - Thompson. 2B - Thompson (C-W); Sam King (H). 3B - none. HR - none.

Game 2:
Condon 001 00-1 4 7
Heppner 867 01-22 11 2

Stevens, Logan (2), Phillips (4) and Pike; Huddleston, Bryan Holland (4) and Murray. W - Huddleston. L - Stevens. 2B - Logan (C-W), King 2, Murray, Keenan Jack (4). 3B - none. HR - none.

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Little League umpire training classes to be held

The Willow Creek Little League will be holding an umpire training class on Saturday, April 14 at 9 a.m.

for any interested parents. This informative training is free of charge and will be held at the Condon little league field.



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Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group meeting changed

The May meeting of the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group has been changed from Wednesday, May 2, to Wednesday, May 9. The meeting will be at 9 a.m. at Heppner City Hall.


Heppner JV baseball

April 13 - Weston at Heppner at 4 p.m.
April 16 - Pilot Rock at Heppner at 4:30 p.m.



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Tiana Camarillo and Teonna Vandever, on either side of coach Jim Raible, show their first place medals from the district Speech and Debate Tournament.

The Ione Speech and Debate team competed at the District Tournament on Thursday, March 22, at Hermiston High School. District IX is comprised of Hermiston, Vale, Pine Eagle, and Ione.

Ione took twelve students, who competed in two different debate styles, as well as nine different individual events. The team members included William Wehrli, Irina Chekmezova, Dalton Campbell, Teonna Vandever, Tiana Camarillo, Brenna Rietmann, Sarah Stillman, Tyree Svetich, Mikey Raible, Alex Carlson, Brianna Peterson, and Gunner Jessen. Wehrli placed third in Dramatic Interpretation; Chekmezova placed fourth in Radio Commentary, Campbell and Rietmann placed third in Public Debate; Peterson placed fourth in Humorous Interpretation; Raible placed third in Impromptu and second in After Dinner Speaking; Carlson placed third in Prose Reading and second in Original Oratory; Stillman placed second in Dramatic Interpretation, Rietmann placed first in Extemporaneous Speaking; and Vandever and Camarillo placed first in Public Forum Debate. By virtue of their first or second place finishes, Vandever, Camarillo, Rietmann, Stillman, Carlson, and Raible qualify for the state tournament in Monmouth, April 19-21.

Senior Center lunch menu

United Methodist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, April 18. The menu consists of spaghetti with meat balls, green salad with assorted dressings, garlic bread, and ice cream.

Senior Center News

Tenants at St. Patrick's Senior Center enjoyed candy brought to them by Murray's Drugs. They appreciated the thoughtfulness this Easter season. Baskets were put out and filled with some of the chocolates so friends and visitors could also enjoy the sweet treats.