

Heppner High School District Track

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HHS District Track: A hot one, but Heppner did well. Marty at the end of the season won the 3,000 and is going to State! Young Heppner boys improving, and giving their best. Girls to the podium many times. Claire Lindsay with javelin placing! Our girls finished 2nd in team standings. All & all it was a good day for Heppner.

Mustang Track & Field OSAA State Qualifiers.

Riley Archer, 800m, **Halle Hisler**, 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x400 relay, **Healy Hisler**, 200m, 400m, 4x400 relay, **Chris Humphreys**, Javelyn, **Marty Medina**, 300m, **Irelynn Kollman**, 800m, 1500m, **Lily Nichols**, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 4x400 relay, **Arianna Worden**, 1500m, 3000m, 4x400 relay, **Hayden McMahon** 100m.

May 16-17th @ Hayward Field, Eugene, Oregon

State Send-off, Wednesday, May 15@ 9:00 am



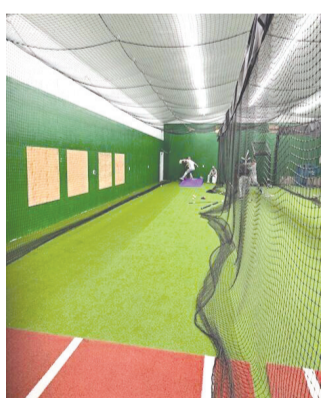
Heppner Diamond Teams Facilities showing results



Heppner High School softball and baseball teams are thriving. The Softball team is ranked seventh in the state with a 15 -7 record. They are 11-3 in league play. The Lady Mustangs defeated the top ranked Weston McEwen TigerScots 4-2 on May 1st.. The Mustang Baseball team is currently 17-5 and ranked seventh. They are playing for the league title Tuesday May 14th against Grant Union.

Their successful seasons can be directly attributed to the upgrade in facilities. The construction of indoor practice facilities for both teams has really helped in this process. "We can get so much more accomplished in the early season with the ability to be inside when it is raining and snowing," said Heppner AD Greg Grant. It is great when both programs can have early season training sessions indoors.

The youth programs have been accessing the facilities to get more training as well. Heppner Softball coaches and players have hosted training sessions, clinics and optional hitting opportunities. High school volunteers and players have been holding two hour hitting sessions on Sundays this spring.



"We have four softball teams sharing one field. Having the facility gives us the opportunity to maximize our time. There can be one team on the field practicing or having a game while another team can have a practice in the facility. The facility also allows us to have meaningful practices when inclement weather hits and doesn't allow us to be on the field." Petra Payne Head Softball Coach.

"Having one full-size field in Heppner can limit the opportunity for practice time, and game time, for kids that want to play baseball, but have aged out of the little league fields. Building the baseball facility is one thing, but the willingness of the baseball program to share what they have built with the younger age groups makes a great difference for those kids that want to play. The opportunity for growth as

young men and as baseball players is outstanding having this facility." Blaine Gibbs- HS assistant and Head Babe Ruth Coach.

These facilities are the culmination of efforts by many people. The softball facility was built in 2019 by Allstott construction. Organizations that contributed to the facility were The Howard and Beth Bryant Foundation, Kelly Hale, Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, Morrow County Grain Growers, Wildhorse Foundation, and the Mike Correa led mafia. (Sam Martin-Floors, Adam Wight- Electric, -John Ellis- Shelves, Jerry Healy-Shelves, Rick Johnston-Nets, John McCabe-Nets, Morgan Correa-everything).

The Baseball facility was built by Silver Creek Construction and finished in February of 2023. Organizations and

individuals that contributed were The Howard and Beth Bryant Foundation, Morrow County Unified Recreation District, Wildhorse foundation, Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, and the Kilkenny Family Foundation. Coaches Tim Wilkins, Hayden Hiatt and Mike George spent many hours painting, putting up nets, installing heat and installing the pitching machine.

"Joe Armato and Kim Coil assisted with the grant writing and helped guide us through the process. We could not have accomplished this without their expertise."Greg Grant HHS AD.

"What a credit to our community and others to provide these facilities to our school and community", stated Superintendent Matt Combe.

WCCC Ladies play day results

There were 7 players in the ladies' game play at the Willow Creek Country Club on May 14th. The weather was warm and sunny. The results are as follows; Low Gross of the field was Virginia grant. Low Net field was Karen

Thompson. Least putts of the field was Jackie Allstott. Flights- Low gross (C) Kris Linder, Low Net (C) Betty Carter, Least putts (C) Karen Smith Griffin. Long Drive (A) Karen Thomson.

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