

Yankees dominate Babe Ruth week three



Darby Spivey puts one in play.
-Photo by Brian Bunch



Dylan Sherrer hits a single.
-Photo by Brian Bunch



Charlie Mullins hits an RBI single.
-Photo by Brian Bunch

By Brian Bunch

The Heppner Hodgen Distribution Yankees (4-1) find themselves at the top of the league after dominating wins over the Pilot Rock Byrnes Oil Mariners (4-1-1) and the Thompson RV Cubs (3-2) in week three of the Babe Ruth season.

The Yankees played host to the Mariners at Bob White Field in Pendleton on Monday, April 28. Matt Wilson got the start on the mound for the Yankees, going 3.1 innings, allowing three runs (one earned) on two hits with one walk while striking out five.

The Yankee offense would stay quiet until the bottom of the third inning, when the Mariners would see their 2-0 lead disappear in an instant with a Darby Spivey double that scored

Kord Dickenson and Matt Darby would go on to score when Brody Ogden reached base on an error to give the Yankees their first lead of the game.

The Mariners would tie it up after a lead-off hit-by-pitch scored on an RBI-single in the top of the fourth, but that would be their last glimmer of hope. Peyton Matheny would give the Yankees a lead-off base-runner after getting on base with an error in the bottom of the fourth, and he would steal home for the go-ahead run to give the Yankees the lead for the last time.

Two triples, a single and an error left the Yankees up 8-3 by the end of the fourth. Charlie Mullins closed the game pitching 2.2 innings, allowing one run on three hits with one strikeout. Kord led the Yankees with two runs on three hits, joined by Matt with two runs on zero hits and one walk with four stolen bases.

By the end of the night the Yankees found themselves up 9-4 with a quality win against one of the top teams in the league.

On Wednesday, April 30, the Yankees visited the Cubs at Bob White Field in Pendleton for a mid-week match-up. The Yankee's hot bats, coupled with defensive struggles for the Cubs, led to a busy night for Yankee runners. Joel Wilson got the start on the mound, pitching 2.1 innings, giving up one run on one hit with five walks and earning six K's along the way.

With four Yankee runs scored off two singles and an error in the top of the first, the Cubs had a steep hill to climb from the drop of the hat. The Cub's lead-off batter would reach base on a Catcher's Interference call. He would go on to score on a wild pitch; however, it was their only run

in the first three innings. The Yankees would tack on two more runs in the second to make it 6-1, by way of a Kord RBI that scored Mason Haugen and a Joel RBI-double that would score Darby after he got on base with a triple.

With the Yankee bats feasting, the Cubs would change pitchers after the second inning, and the Yankees were not ready for the change. The third inning was a 1-2-3 strikeout inning for the Yankee bats.

Through three innings the Yankees had put up six runs on five hits, but the fourth inning would be a different kind of story; they would pull away, adding three runs, on zero hits in the fourth.

JJ McDaniel singled to give the Yankees a lead-off runner in the top of the fifth, scoring when Peyton would reach base on an error. An error put Kord on base, and Darby would hit a single to load the bases for Teddy Bunch. Teddy hit a bases-clearing double to center field to put the Yankees up 13-3.

Two singles and a Josh Montana double later, and the Yankees found themselves up 16-3 before a double play would end the half.

The Cubs needed to score several runs in the bottom of the fifth to keep the game alive, but Yankees closer, Peyton, would have none of that as he would sit them down in order, earning two strikeouts along the way. Peyton finished the game with 2.2 innings pitched, giving up two runs on two walks with three strikeouts.

The Yankees went into week four hosting the Kiwanis Dodgers on Monday, May 5, at Bob White Field in Pendleton. They next visit the Coca-Cola Nationals on Wednesday, May 7, at Bob White Field at 6 p.m.

Yankees explode in blowout wins

By Brian Bunch
Monday's Rout Against the Dodgers

The Heppner Hodgen Distribution Yankees (6-1) kicked off the week with a commanding 21-0 shutout over the Kiwanis Dodgers (0-7) on May 5, hosting them at Bob White Field in Pendleton.

The team's offense erupted for six runs in the first inning, nine in the second, and six in the third, totaling 13 hits.

Kord Dickenson led the charge with four runs on two hits, two RBIs and a walk, while also pitching 2.2 scoreless innings with seven strikeouts. Teddy Bunch added a perfect three-for-three performance, scoring three runs and driving in one. Joel Wilson matched Teddy's hitting, going three-for-three with two runs and two RBIs.

On the mound, Carter Adams closed out the game with 0.1 innings and one strikeout, helping secure

the shutout. The Yankees played error-free baseball, while the Dodgers committed seven errors, contributing to the lopsided score.

Wednesday's Offensive Explosion Against the Nationals

The Yankees continued their dominance on May 7, defeating the Athena Coca-Cola Nationals (1-5) on the road at Bob White Field 21-5.

They scored consistently, putting up five runs in the first, four in the second, one in the third, six in the fourth, and five in the fifth, amassing 12 hits.

Maddex McMasters led the team hitting with three hits, two runs and two RBIs. Matt Wilson led the team with four runs and one RBI on two hits with one strike-out and zero walks, on four plate appearances. Yes, you read that right, the speedy catcher got on base on a dropped third strike.

Charlie Mullins and Joel Wilson joined Matt with two hits a piece, Char-

lie adding two runs and two RBIs with Joel adding three runs and one RBI.

On the mound Maddex got the start and the win, pitching 2.0 innings, giving up four runs (two earned) on two hits with three walks, earning four strikeouts along the way. Carter Adams pitched two innings, giving up one earned run on one hit with three walks, earning three strikeouts along the way.

Tough Week Ahead

The Yankees look to improve on their league-leading 6-1 record and distance themselves from second place as they will visit both 5-1-1 teams tied for second place this week. Monday they will open the week in Pilot Rock visiting the Byrnes Oil Mariners in a 6 p.m. faceoff with weather looming. Then on Wednesday they will visit the Trust Time Padres at Bob White Field in Pendleton for a 5:30 p.m. matchup.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING			
A public meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on May 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Boardman City Hall Boardman, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 as approved by the Morrow County United Recreation District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 188 West Willow Street, Heppner, Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.			
Contact: Katie Siri-Murray		Telephone: 503-504-8508	Email: recdistrict@gmail.com
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2023-24	Adopted Budget This Year 2024-25	Approved Budget Next Year 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,596,858	1,650,000	1,520,000
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges			
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations			
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt			
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements			
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	693,903	312,100	431,280
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	1,700,794	1,713,219	1,701,866
Total Resources	3,891,545	3,675,319	3,652,926
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services			
Materials and Services	2,209,090	2,302,240	2,101,200
Capital Outlay			
Debt Service			
Interfund Transfers			
Contingencies		1,273,079	1,451,726
Special Payments			
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	1,682,455	100,000	100,000
Total Requirements	3,891,545	3,675,319	3,652,926
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE for that unit or program			
N/A			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2023-24	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2024-25	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2025-26
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit per \$1,000)	0.4580	0.4580	0.4580
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds			
Other Bonds			
Other Borrowings			
Total	\$0	\$0	

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