

# Nichols breaks 800m school record in Buck Classic



Lily Nichols at the Buck Track Classic last Friday. -Photo by Susan Hisler



Hallee Hisler (L) Owyhee Harguess from Enterprise (R)-Photo by Susan Hisler



Marty Medina. -Photo by Susan Hisler

Heppner junior Lily Nichols led the Mustangs at the Buck Track Classic in Pendleton on May 9, breaking the school record in the 800 meters with a time of 2:22.76. The previous record of 2:24.52 was set by Hannah Finch in 2022. Nichols also placed second in the 1500 meters and participated in Heppner's 4x400 relay team's runner-up finish alongside Riley Archer, Healy Hisler and Hallee Hisler.

Hallee Hisler won the 200-meter race and took second in the 400-meter race. In the 200 meters, she surpassed her grandmother Susan Healy Hisler's personal best of 26.2 seconds from 1972, matching Steph Payne's 26.0-second mark to become the second-fastest ever at HHS in the event. Hallee is now aiming to break her great-aunt Maureen Healy's school record of 25.8 seconds in the 200 meters. She is currently ranked #2 in the state for the 200 meters.

Healy Hisler finished third in both the 100 and 400. Healy Hisler sprinter, ranked 3rd in league 400m

On the boys' side, Chris Humphreys earned second in the javelin with a personal-best throw of 54.03 meters and seventh in the shot put. Marty Medina posted personal bests in both the 800 and 1500, finishing sixth and seventh, respectively.

The Heppner girls earned multiple top-10 finishes across sprints, distance, hurdles and field events, continuing a strong late-season push.

On Tuesday, the team traveled to the WM invite. They next head to John Day for the Grant Union Invitational this Friday, May 16, their last meet before 2A Special District 4 Championships in Prineville May 23.

Full results from the Buck Track Classic were:

### Boys Results

**100 Meters** - 5. Hayden McMahon, 11.97a.  
**200 Meters** - 7. Hayden

McMahon, 24.33a SR.  
**800 Meters** - 6. Marty Medina, 2:08.56a PR.  
**1500 Meters** - 7. Marty Medina, 4:30.47a PR.  
**110m Hurdles** - Joseph Albitre, DNS.  
**4x100 Relay** - 9. Heppner (Medina, Albitre, Wenberg, McMahon), 47.98a.

**Shot Put** - 7. Chris Humphreys, 12.04m PR; 10. Gage Heideman, 11.23m PR; 20. Nick Wenberg, 10.24m PR; 27. Lucas King, 10.01m PR; 28. Landon McMahon, 9.98m.  
**Discus** - 15. Gage Heideman, 30.84m PR; 38. Austin Willis, 22.96m PR; 49. Lucas King, 20.50m.  
**Javelin** - 2. Chris Humphreys, 54.03m PR; 38. Gage Heideman, 29.03m; 46. Austin Willis, 25.17m; 49. Landon McMahon, 22.68m.  
**High Jump** - 2. Joseph Albitre, 1.78m.  
**Long Jump** - 9. Joseph Albitre, 5.49m.

### Girls Results

**100 Meters** - 3. Hallee Hisler, 13.00a; 9. Healy Hisler, 13.76a; 24. Teagan Kelton, 14.83a; 37. Laia Puelles, 15.20a; 43. Ashli Paullus, 15.47a SR; 44. Samantha Lamb, 15.53a.  
**200 Meters** - 1. Hallee Hisler, 26.05a PR; 6. Healy Hisler, 27.35a PR; 22. Teagan Kelton, 30.17a PR; 33. Samantha Lamb, 31.53a PR; 39. Ashli Paullus, 32.05a SR.  
**400 Meters** - 2. Hallee Hisler, 58.40a PR; 3. Healy Hisler, 1:02.64a SR; 27. Loren

Trujillo, 1:23.51a SR.  
**800 Meters** - 1. Lily Nichols, 2:22.76a PR; 5. Riley Archer, 2:39.44a SR; 15. Loren Trujillo, 3:18.93a SR.  
**1500 Meters** - 2. Lily Nichols, 4:48.68a PR; 7. Brooklyn Hendricks, 5:43.51a.  
**3000 Meters** - 3. Riley Archer, 11:46.82a; 4. Brooklyn Hendricks, 12:31.55a.  
**100m Hurdles** - 12. Laia Puelles, 18.72a PR.  
**300m Hurdles** - 3. Lily Nichols, 50.02a; 19. Laia Puelles, 58.17a PR.  
**4x400 Relay** - 2. Heppner (Archer, H. Hisler, Nichols, Ha. Hisler), 4:13.70a.

**Shot Put** - 37. Avia Boutefuhr, 7.11m.  
**Discus** - 40. Avia Boutefuhr, 16.81m.  
**Javelin** - 25. Avia Boutefuhr, 24.10m PR; 37. Teagan Kelton, 21.62m; 40. Loren Trujillo, 20.60m.  
**High Jump** - 15. Natalie Piper, 1.28m.  
**Long Jump** - 41. Ashli Paullus, 3.41m.

Next meet is the Grant Union invitational this coming Friday.



Brooklyn Hendricks -Photo by Susan Hisler

# Mustangs power Past Rockets with 8-5 home win

Heppner splits doubleheader with Grant Union



The Mustangs celebrate after Avree Lathrop's homerun. -Photo by Carmen Wilson



Katie Spivey makes a diving catch. -Photo by Carmen Wilson



Kadie Henrichs swings for a base hit. -Photo by Carmen Wilson

Heppner's softball team earned a solid 8-5 victory over the visiting Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii Rockets on Tuesday, May 6, using timely hitting and strong pitching to secure the win.

Ciciley Stefani opened the scoring in the first inning with a solo home run to center field. The Mustangs took control in the third when an error by the Rockets allowed two runs to score, giving Heppner a 3-1 lead.

The momentum continued into the fourth inning, when the Mustangs added four more runs on six hits. Katie Spivey launched a solo homer to left, Stefani delivered a two-run double, and later scored herself on a tag-up, extending the lead.

Maya Payne went the distance in the circle for Heppner, allowing nine hits and five runs—three of them earned—while striking out five and walking four over seven innings.

Spivey led Heppner's

offense with a perfect 3-for-3 day at the plate. Stefani went 2-for-4 with three RBIs, while Payne and Avree Lathrop also recorded multiple hits. Heppner finished with 14 hits overall and turned one double play on defense.

The Heppner softball team battled hard in a home doubleheader against Grant Union on Friday, May 9, dropping the first game 4-2 before storming back with a dominant 20-13 win in game two.

In game one, a back-and-forth contest remained tight until the Prospectors pulled ahead in the sixth. After trading runs in the fourth and fifth innings—highlighted by an Avree Lathrop solo homer for Heppner—Grant Union used a pair of hits and a walk to plate two late runs. Maya Payne pitched all seven innings for the Mustangs, allowing 10 hits and four runs, three of them earned, while striking out

two. Delaney Stefani led the offense with two hits, while Lathrop and Kadie Henrichs each drove in a run.

The Mustangs bounced back in explosive fashion in the second game, riding a huge offensive performance from Isabel Payne, who hit two home runs and drove in eight runs. After falling behind early, Heppner tied the game 11-11 with an eight-run fifth inning that included a three-run blast by Payne. She homered again in the sixth to cap a four-run inning that secured the Mustangs' win. Heppner pounded out 18 hits in the game, with multi-hit efforts from Payne, Maya Payne, Katie Spivey, Ava Gerry, and Avree Lathrop. Spivey also homered, and Gerry added two doubles.

Maya Payne pitched into the seventh and earned the win despite allowing 13 runs, only four of them earned, while striking out four. Heppner's bats and patience at the plate proved the difference, with the team drawing seven walks.

The Mustangs returned to action at home on Tuesday for a matchup with Weston-McEwen. They will host Elgin/Imbler for a doubleheader May 20.

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