

Cardinals Finish In Fifth Place; McEwen Nabs Tourney Title

Ione High school's basketball team missed the championship and high placings in the district 7-B tournament at Pendleton Thursday through Saturday, but it threatened to go all the way. The two teams who defeated the Cardinals—McEwen of Athena, the eventual champions, and the Weston Tigers—had to call forth all out efforts to subdue the Ione basketweavers.

After defeating Monument, 62 to 42, Thursday, the Cards lost to Athena in a stirring battle, 55 to 44, and then bowed in consolation to Weston after leading through most of the contest, 58 to 56.

The big test of the tournament was against McEwen, champions of the Umatilla-Morrow B league, Friday. The Cards had thumped them in the last regular game of the season and were bent on doing it again. They almost did.

The Cardinals jumped to a 17-11 lead by the end of the first quarter, and a ding dong battle ensued in the second period before the Umatilla county five pulled into a halftime tie, paced by Bob McMillan and Mike Shields, at 29-29.

In the third period, the Scotties started to edge away, and went into the last period with a seven point margin, 42 to 35, holding the lead the rest of the distance.

Ron Crabtree, the tournament's second high scorer with a total of 54 points, drilled seven field goals and two free throws for 16 points for Ione, one of three Cards in double figures. Jim Martin had 12, and the Rollie Ekstrom, third high scorer for the

Ione Wins Trophy For Sportsmanship

Although they lost two heartbreaking games that would have meant the district 7-B championship, Ione High school was judged the best in sportsmanship at the tournament at Pendleton Thursday through Saturday. The school received the sportsmanship trophy, given by the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce.

The Award was presented by Earl Ferguson, Weston, tournament director, to Tass Morrison, student body president. Ferguson complimented all schools and participants for the sportsmanship they displayed.

meet with a total of 50 points, had 10.

McMillan, the McEwen floor ace, had 17 for game high honors, followed by Shields with 13 and Coppock with 10.

The battle for third place was one of the tournament's most thrilling games and proved to be a heartbreaking loss for the Cardinals. Weston had been upset by Riverside, and Ione had lost to Athena. The losers met in the game just before the championship contest Saturday night, and the Cards were out to skin the Tigers. Through three periods they held the lead, but Weston fought back in the fourth quarter to tie the count, and the game winning basket, fired by Walt Clark, was in the air as the final horn sounded.

With Crabtree and Ekstrom blazing away at the bucket at better than .500 percentages,

Ione dominated the first half, leading at the end of the first quarter, 17-9, and at intermission, 31 to 23. Weston outpointed them in the third period, however, 16 to 11, and went into the fourth quarter trailing by only three.

The winners were behind as much as 12 points at one time during the game, but with one minute to go in the last quarter they tied it at 55-all when Jim Hutchinson hit from the floor. He made it a three-point play when he sank a free throw. An Ione free throw knotted the score at 56 each, and it looked as if it would go into overtime until Clark put up the shot that went through the hoop as the horn went off.

Crabtree was high point man in this one with 22 on eight field goals of 15 attempts and six free throws. Ekstrom also had eight on 15 tries from the floor, but only had two chances on the free throw line and made one good. Vaughn Darrow led Weston with 18, firing nine field goals.

Ione, which had placed third in the league standings, opened the tournament with a decisive win over Monument, 62 to 42, winning all quarters and steadily surging ahead. The winners held halftime lead of 28 to 20. Sam Howell of Monument, however, was high scorer with 24, followed by Ekstrom's 23. Crabtree had 16.

In capturing the tournament, Athena downed Mt. Vernon, Ione and Riverside, winning over the Pirates in the finals, 52 to 34, for the championship. Coach Ted Talbot's Pirates proved to be the darkhorses of the tournament as they reached the finals and played fine basketball.

Prairie City won fourth place in consolation, beating the Mt. Vernon Bears, 59 to 39.

Walt Clark of Weston topped the scoring in the tournament with his 66 points, followed by Crabtree at 54 and Ekstrom at 50.

Athena will face Lowell in the first round of the state B tournament at Bend on March 14.

Although the result of the tournament was somewhat disappointing for Ione because of the two close losses, it capped an excellent year for the Cardinals who came on strong through the season after getting off to a slow start in league play. Climax was their defeat of Athena in the last game of the regular season, the only loss the Scotties suffered by a B school.

Scores:	16	12	18	16	62
Ione	12	8	9	13	42
Monument					
IONE 62					
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp	
Martin	2	2	3	6	
Ekstrom	8	7	5	23	
Crabtree	5	6	4	16	
Klinger	1	2	2	4	
Heimbigner	1	2	3	4	
J. Halvorsen	1	0	0	2	
Akers	2	0	2	4	
Padberg	1	1	3	3	
Mrogan	0	0	0	0	
Totals	21	20	22	62	

Totals	17	12	6	44
IONE 44				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Capon	2	0	3	4
Gienger	3	2	2	8
Enright	0	1	3	1
Howell	11	2	4	24
Vandetta	1	1	5	3
Fleming	0	1	2	1
Harris	0	0	3	0
Chittock	0	1	0	1
Totals	17	8	22	42

Totals	17	12	6	44
IONE 44				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Martin	5	2	0	12
Ekstrom	4	2	4	10
Crabtree	7	2	3	16
Klinger	1	0	3	2
Heimbigner	1	2	2	4
Padberg	0	0	0	0
Akers	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	8	12	44

Totals	17	14	11	16	56
IONE 56					
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp	
Smith	4	2	3	10	
Coppock	6	1	1	13	
Shields	7	3	1	17	
McMillan	3	2	2	8	
Whitney	0	0	0	0	
Morash	0	0	0	0	
McEwen	0	0	0	0	
Kellar	0	0	0	0	
Totals	23	9	12	55	

Totals	17	14	11	16	56
IONE 56					
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp	
Martin	2	1	3	5	
Ekstrom	8	1	3	17	
Crabtree	8	6	2	22	
Padberg	0	0	2	0	
Akers	3	2	3	8	
Heimbigner	1	0	1	2	
Klinger	1	0	3	2	
M. Halvorsen	0	0	0	0	
Totals	23	10	17	56	

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WESTON 58					
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp	
Lieuallen	1	0	3	2	
Darrow	9	0	3	18	
Hutchinson	2	2	0	6	
Sloan	0	0	3	0	
Clark	4	6	1	14	
Turney	3	4	1	10	
Meier	1	2	4	4	
Benzel	1	0	0	2	
Laurence	1	0	0	2	
Totals	22	14	15	58	

Only one family in our New York neighborhood lives within its income. They borrow money to do it.

Ione Church Sets Auction June 8

Members and friends of the Ione Community church are making plans for an auction to be held Saturday, June 8. Among items that may be sold are furniture, tools, machinery, household items, sporting equipment, canned foods, baby furniture, electrical appliances, good usable clothing, books, yarn or yarn scraps, yardage, toys, jewelry, sewing equipment, musical instruments, records, camera equipment, children's outdoor play equipment, garden tools, lawn furniture, livestock and miscellaneous items.

The committee is seeking to develop a tentative list of items to be auctioned as soon as possible. Those who have usable items they would like to have picked up should call Mrs. Bill Rietmann (phone 422-7296).

The auction will be in Ione, and there will be a barbecue held on the same day. There will also be a snack bar open during the auction.

Don Winks of Hermiston will be auctioneer. Committee chairmen are as follows: John Jepson, arrangements; Glenn Biehl, publicity; Mrs. Norman Nelson, snack bar.

Other members of the planning committee are Bob Jepson, Mrs. Bill Rietmann, Mrs. Garry Tullis, Jack Barak, Omar Rietmann, Mrs. Ella Burgoyne, Melvin Melena and Mrs. Markham Baker.

Relatives Travel Here

Several out-of-town relatives and friends were here last week for the funeral services of James O. Hager on Wednesday, February 27.

A daughter, Mrs. C. A. (Harriet) Shaw, came by train from Washington, D. C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Hager were here from Hermiston. Others here for the day were Scott McMurdo, Corvallis, and Ted McMurdo, Portland, both nephews; Mrs. Frank McKenzie, Hermiston, a cousin; Mrs. La Grande Gullid, Snohomish, Wn., a niece; Mrs. A. S. Shaw and Mrs. Otis Hampton, both of Pendleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monahan, Condon.

Mrs. Shaw stayed at the Hager home for the week-end. Mrs. Hager and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo accompanied her by train to Portland the first of the week. On their return to Hinkle Station Wednesday, she continued on east and Mrs. Hager and Mrs. McMurdo completed their trip home by car.

Needy Children Grants Increased

Federal grants of approximately \$5,770,900 for aid to Oregon's needy children and aged, blind, and disabled adults in the quarter beginning January 1, 1963, were announced today by F. W. Hunter, Regional Director of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in San Francisco.

By program, the Federal grants are: old-age assistance, \$2,672,000; aid to families with dependent children, \$2,258,500; aid to the blind, \$63,000; and aid to the permanently and totally disabled, \$777,300.

The amount of grants is based on Oregon's estimates of how much it will spend in the current quarter. Over and under payments will be adjusted in future grants. The Federal share is determined by a formula involving States' per capita income. Remaining costs are paid from State and local funds.

Federal grants to all states for this quarter amounted to \$673,426,000, an increase of about \$44 million over the same quarter one year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra, Lexington, left by car Wednesday for Tucson, Arizona, where they expect to spend at least three weeks vacationing. With added tours in the south, they plan to be away five or six weeks.

Night Phone Toll Reduction Coming

A plan providing new, lower long distance rates on station to station calls within Oregon between 9 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. was announced Friday by Pacific Northwest Bell, Dale Slusher, manager in Pendleton, said. The night time calling plan was filed with Oregon Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill Friday, to become effective on April 1.

Slusher said the plan will mean reductions of from five cents to 45 cents on station calls in Oregon. The lower rates apply on station calls 91 airline miles or more placed between 9 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.

For example, a night station call from Heppner to Baker now costs \$.55 for the first three minutes. New charges for the same call would be \$.50. A night station call from Heppner to Medford now costs \$.95 for the first three minutes. New charges for the same call would be \$.65.

The phone company also filed with the Public Utility Commissioner minor revisions in both day and night person to person long distance charges within Oregon.

These adjustments will mean small decreases in some person to person call charges, no changes in others, and small increases in others, manager said. Money receipt books in duplicate and triplicate are on sale at the Gazette-Times.

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