

# Ione, Riverside Slate Title Game

Ione High school's 8 man football team overcame a stubborn Weston team, 39 to 7, on the Tigers' field Friday, and Riverside High's Pirates barely edged Helix, 6 to 0. The victories set the stage for the climactic game of the season, which will

be Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. on the Riverside High field at Boardman.

Ione and Riverside, both undefeated in league play, will battle for the Umatilla-Morrow 8-man championship. It will be a case of "winner takes all."

The Pirates lost two pre-season games, to Dufur and Arlington, but have vanquished all opposition since. The Cardinals record is unblemished and they have been running with an offensive average of about 40 points per game through the season.

Winner of the big contest Friday will head for the state playoffs.

While the 39-7 score seems lopsided for Ione over the Weston gridders Friday, Coach Gordon Meyers' boys found that they had their hands full.

The first quarter ended 0-0 after each team had stopped the other close to paydirt, and at the halftime the count favored Ione, 13-0. In the third period, however, the Cardinals broke away for three touchdowns and headed into the final period leading, 32-0.

In the fourth, Ione was knocking at the Weston door again when Larry Turner of Weston intercepted a pass in his end zone and ran it all the way back 101 yards to score. Randy Bonifer passed to Sam Tucker for the extra point, and Weston was on the scoreboard with 7.

The Cards came up with one more touchdown late in the game for the final 39-7 margin.

At the start of the game, Ione kicked off to Weston, and the Tigers fumbled. The Cards recovered and went to the two-yard line on an ensuing drive.

But they couldn't get in. Weston then started a march of its own and went to the Ione one, but were held by the Cards' defense. The quarter ended 0-0.

In the second quarter, the Ione squad drew first blood when Bob Ball broke away on an end sweep and romped 58 yards to score, getting two fine blocks enroute. Eddie Sherman ran the extra point, and it was 7-0.

After Weston took the kickoff the Tigers tried a couple of plays, then passed. Frank Halvorsen intercepted and went 20 yards to score, making it 13-0. The point try failed. This was the score at halftime.

Starting the third period, Weston tried an inside kick, but alert Earl Pettyjohn grabbed it on the midfield stripe, broke a tackle and ran 50 yards to score. The point was missed, and the count was 19-0.

Later in the quarter, Ione marched downfield to the one-yard line. Halvorsen boomed over from there. The point was missed, and it was 25-0. The Cards still had another score in the third, Halvorsen running 31 yards to get this six-pointer. Pettyjohn ran the extra point, and it was 32-0.

At the start of the fourth, the Tigers gained their only score on Turner's 101-yard ramble, and the extra point came on the pass play, making it 32-7.

Final touchdown for the victors came when Ball broke away on another sweep, running nine yards to paydirt. Sherman ran the point, and the final count was 39-7.

The Cards had the statistical margin, making 279 yards on 251 from rushing and 28 from passing. Weston had a total of 219 yards, 136 on rushing and 83 on passing.

Halvorsen intercepted four passes in the game, the one resulting in a TD.

Ione is still without the services of one of its better ball players. Jim Swanson is still sidelined with his knee injury suffered in the Arlington game. Coach Meyers said that it is very doubtful that he will be ready to go against Riverside.

In regard to the championship contest Friday, Coach Meyers said, "I know they are going to be laying for us. They are fast and have someone who can go all the way in this little Peterson. We are going to have to play as good as we have played all year to win."

The Riverside-Helix game was an even-stevens affair until the fourth quarter, with 30 seconds remaining, the Pirates connected on a pass, Dave Schmeder to Bob Skoubo, good for 20 yards and the only score. Riverside had the edge in yardage, piling up 187 yards to 120 for the Grizzlies.

Scores:

|           |   |    |    |      |
|-----------|---|----|----|------|
| Ione      | 0 | 13 | 19 | 7-39 |
| Weston    | 0 | 0  | 0  | 7-7  |
| Riverside | 0 | 0  | 0  | 6-6  |
| Helix     | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0-0  |



CHOSEN AS outstanding Heppner football players this week are (from left) Steve Munkers, John Hall and Dave Wright. Fourth one chosen was Dean Kindie, who was also named last week. His picture was in the last issue of the G-T. (HHS Photo).

## Fired-up Rockets Defeat Heppner For League Win

By PAT KILKENNY

Their Homecoming proved to be a happy one for Pilot Rock as they dumped the Heppner High Mustangs 18-13 in a football game Friday night on the Rockets' field.

The Mustangs played in their traditional style, starting slow and finishing with a second half explosion. In the first half the Rockets penetrated the Mustang defense time after time, twice good for a score.

After the halftime ceremonies Heppner came out fired up and ready to spill the Rockets. During the third quarter they scored twice after fumble recoveries. Heppner's pass defense again proved defective when Pilot Rock scored their third and final time on a 70-yard pass play in the last quarter.

Top performers for the Mustangs were Dean Kindie, who, as he's done so many times before, played brilliantly on offense and also did a nice job on defense. John McCabe, who performed in his usual cool manner, played a fine game. Lee Huson, Dave Wright, and John Hall performed commendably on defense.

Pilot Rock received the opening kickoff. Bill Quaempts, starting at the quarterback role for the Rockets called on Ken Sloan on the opening plays of the game but failed to get the first down. Heppner failed to capitalize on its first series of downs and was forced to kick.

The Rockets took the ball first down and ten at their own 40-yard line. On first down Shelly Wendler took the ball 30 yards to the Mustang 20-yard line. A pass from ace quarterback Bill Quaempts to Larry Mathews was good for the score. The PAT attempt failed.

Heppner took the ball on its own 40-yard line, first and ten. Kindie carried the ball for 35 yards but the run was nullified by a holding penalty against the Mustangs. On fourth down with 17 yards to go for the first down, Dean Wright faked a punt, but was short of the first down by a mere two yards.

Pilot Rock then took the ball to the Mustang three-yard line. They went in for the score but it was nullified because a penalty was called against them. The ball was then situated at the 18-yard line. The Quaempts-

Mathews pass combination was again good for a score. The PAT attempt again failed. This ended the scoring in the first half, with the midway tally standing Pilot Rock 12, Heppner 0.

Heppner received the kick in the second half. Dean Kindie carried for two first downs in a row, McCabe carrying for another. With the ball situated on the Rocket eight-yard line the Mustangs fumbled with the Rockets recovering. Pilot Rock managed to hang on to the ball for only one play as they repeated the Mustangs' feat of fumbling on their 10-yard line.

Heppner took over after Hal Berzstrom's fumble recovery. John McCabe then took the pigskin in for a six-pointer. The PAT was no good.

After the Mustangs kicked off, the Rockets managed to hang on to the ball for only one play, again fumbling with Heppner taking over.

The Mustang "11" then exemplified their fire with Dean Kindie taking the ball across a few plays later. The PAT was good, with the score then standing Heppner 13, Pilot Rock 12. This ended the scoring in the third quarter.

With seven minutes left in the game Heppner had the ball on its own 30. The boys picked up two first downs. McCabe carried the ball to the Rocket 30. Disaster then struck with a Mustang fumble.

Pilot Rock took over on the

## 4 Players Named As Outstanding

Again drawing honors for being one of the most valuable Heppner players in the Pilot Rock game last Friday night was Dean Kindie, who was named outstanding back and also tied for honors with John Hall for outstanding defensive back. Steve Munkers was named top offensive lineman and Dave Wright was selected as the star defensive lineman for the week.

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