

It's been a long season

It's been a long season for Ione's winless Cardinals. It stands to get longer.

Needless to say, the Cards would like to pin a win to their 0-6 record Friday against Cascade Locks. And the CL boys might just be the ones that relinquish the loser grip.

While Ione continues to falter, the first losing season in 12 years, fans, coaches and players alike must not help see the future.

Biding all the players stay in Ione, the Cardinals could have an exceptional group of talent in 1978.

Remember the year of 1969. Gordon Myers' Cards fielded just a 4-4 season. But two years later in 1971 they had improved greatly and in 1972 won the title and ended second to Alsea in the state.

In 1969, Myers had the same problems as this season. His men are inexperienced, young and small. But in three years, who knows?

Look at the backfield. At the signal calling quarterback spot, a small, but quick Dennis

Stefani holds the reigns. He is small but agile with a passing arm that would put many of his conference adversaries to shame.

Gari Gaustad has proved his

Terry Starr, a husky man in the backfield, is known in the conference not just for his will not to go down, but for his blocking as well. Starr, when handed the football, can pick

small line cannot: blocking.

Kevin McCabe is the exceptional back on the squad. As a sophomore, and the oldest man in the backfield, McCabe has been saddled with

be gone. He also serves as one of Stefani's receivers, along with Scott Sherer, a young, lanky freshman who can catch the football.

On the line, Myers' size dwindles fast. The players know it, but that doesn't stop the Cardinal will. The small line he has puts out an extra effort each game even when they knock heads with a team like Culver that outweighed the young cards by 40 pounds a man.

That Card spirit must continue and in a couple years, the Ione Cardinals will reap the benefits.

Remember 1969?

Myers' Cards were 4-4.

Three years later they were second in the state.

worth in the backfield, incorporating a run over, bulldozer type of running with a possible scoring threat in good open field running.

up a needed eight or ten yards up the middle consistently if he gets the blocks. When he's not called on, he offers Stefani something that at times, the

the grid general tasks. He has taken them in stride.

McCabe is an excellent runner in company, and when he steps out the door, he can

Cards look for first win

After six losses, Ione's leading ground gainer, Kevin McCabe, fields a five yard per carry average. His 295 total yards on 59 carries is tops for the Cards.

Gari Gaustad is next in line, gaining 181 yards in 42 carries for a 4.3 yard average. Terry Starr has gained 58 yards in 35 carries for a 1.6 yard average.

In the passing department, Dennis Stefani has completed 46 per cent of his aeriels for 582 yards. He is 57 for 122 with 15 interceptions and four touchdowns.

On the receiving end, Scott Sherer leads the Cards, catching 21 passes for 214 yards, a little over 10 yards per catch. Robin LaRue is next, pulling down 13 passes for 121 yards. After that, McCabe has nine catches for 93 yards; Todd Sherer has nine catches for 68 yards; Gaustad has four catches for 15 yards and Starr has one catch worth six yards.

McCabe is averaging 40.6 yards per punt, including two punts that had to be hurried for only seven yards apiece. His 27 punts have traveled 1,097 yards.

Ione is 0-6 and faces Cascade Locks Friday at 2 p.m.

Bruce Millman

No. 69

Fr.

140 lbs.



Beecher's Cafe

Ione

422-7496

Dennis Stefani

No. 12

Fr.

130 lbs.



Gardner's Mens Wear

Hepner

676-9218

John Lindstrom

No. 60

So.

160 lbs.



Peterson's Jewelry

Hepner

676-9200

Robin LaRue

No. 20

Fr.

140 lbs.



Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders Supply

Hepner

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