

## Young Cards face Spray

"It would be a heck of a junior varsity squad is what it would be," Ione Coach Del LaRue said this week of his young, inexperienced Cardinals.

Ione faces Spray Friday and Mt. Vernon on Saturday. LaRue is making no winning predictions concerning either. The Cards, like on the grid iron, are what LaRue terms a "victim of circumstance." The circumstance is simple. The Cards are young, too young to be contenders in a tough Big Sky Conference.

Eleven men are sitting on the varsity roster. Two of those, freshmen Todd Sherer and Terry Starr, will be suiting up with the varsity, but will be playing full time JV.

The starting positions for Spray could come from "any of the other nine." "We're at the point," LaRue explained, "where I could flip ten coins. The five guys that come up heads could start." He listed tentative starting list.

While the Cards are short (the tallest man, junior Rick Gilbert, is 6-1), they do have some quickness which LaRue says he'll rely heavily on. Quickness, pressing, try to fast break, and making good

use of the jumping ability they have are all part of LaRue's game plan. He said a couple of his players had a 25 inch jump-reach.

The best leaper on the squad is Kevin McCabe, a standout sophomore running back. At 5-8, McCabe can put a couple of inches of hand over the rim, but he's the only man on the team that can touch it.

Ione will work with a 1-3-1 offense against both a man-to-man or a zone defense. Their defense will be man-to-man with a zone press.

Hoping his club will mature fast, LaRue said he thinks the year will be interesting and fun.

The stint of Cardinal experience stops after the name McCabe. Both Kevin, and senior brother Ashley, are the only Cards with any varsity basketball experience.

LaRue's roster lists freshmen Todd Sherer 5-10, Terry Starr 5-8, Dennis Stefani 5-7 and Robin LaRue 5-10. From the sophomore class, Kevin McCabe is 5-8, Danny McElligott 5-8, John Lindstrom 6-0, and Scott Sherer 5-7.

The junior class consists of Dennis Thompson 5-10, Rick Gilbert 6-1, and the lone senior is Ashley McCabe, standing 5-7.

## Tall freshmen open Friday

Dale Holland is eyeing a tall freshmen hoop squad this season in anticipation of their season opener with Riverside here today at 6 p.m.

Holland has narrowed his starting five list to seven that includes some height as well as quickness.

Vying for spots on Holland's frosh squad will be Dale Holland, a 6-1 center and quick Lee McCarl, pushing the five foot mark. At 5-2, Holland said McCarl is "possibly the best ball handler" on the squad.

Joining that unmatched duo could be Jim Parker, 5-11 forward; Steve Marlatt, 6-1 forward; Jody Marlatt, 5-7 guard; and Larry Palmer, 5-7 guard.

Holland will be looking at all 16 of his freshmen players. He'll be looking for good defense and watching his team play set up basketball.

Holland said that the good shot and rebounding would go hand in hand and with his squad's height, they should work fine.

Holland said any weakness that the Mustang frosh might

have would be in inexperience and ball handling technique.

Other players on the frosh roster include Mike Jones, Tim Hedman, Alan Fortenberry, Tim Jones, Dan Nix, Chris Zita, Troy Borst, Tom Dilke and Perry Wilson.

An injured Eric Clow is expected to help the team later in the season.

## Ione Jr. Highers

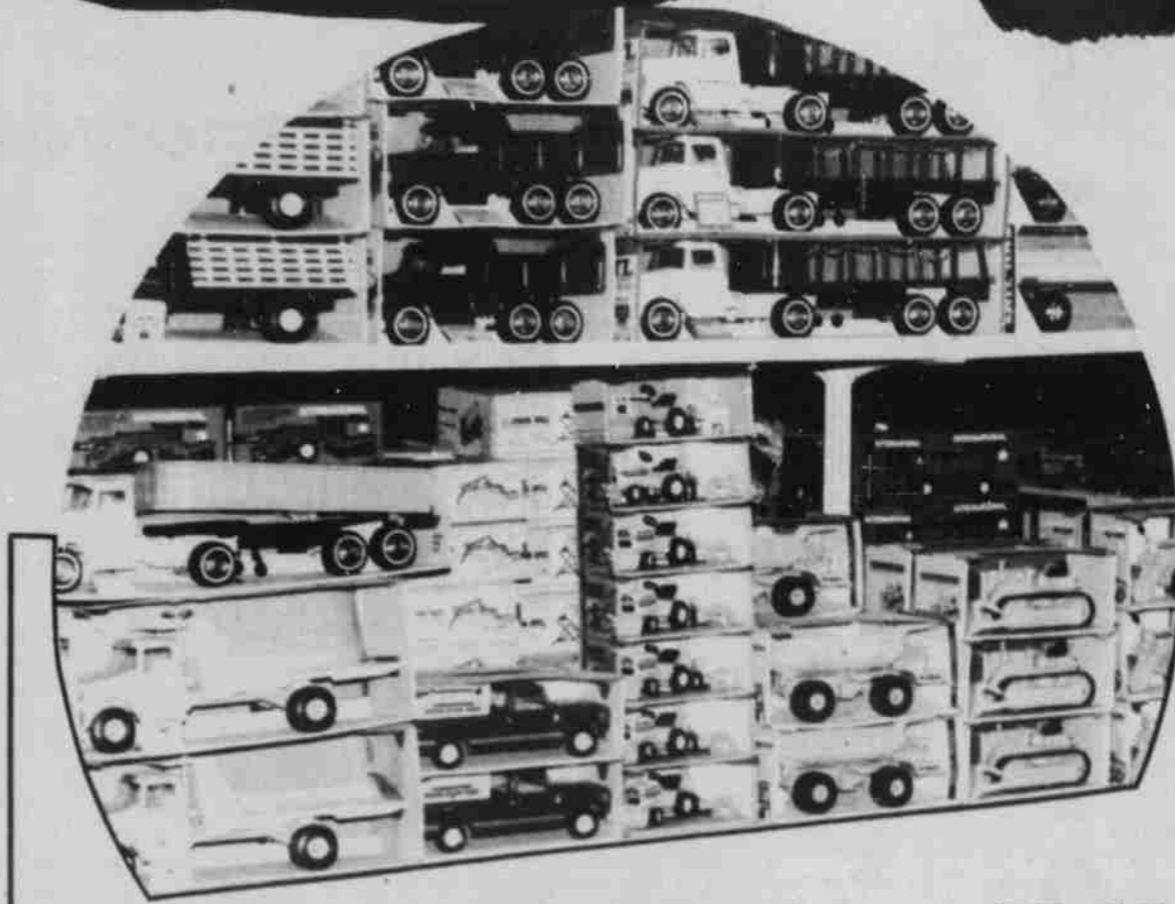
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Ione's junior high basketballers are taking off where they left the football season... winning.

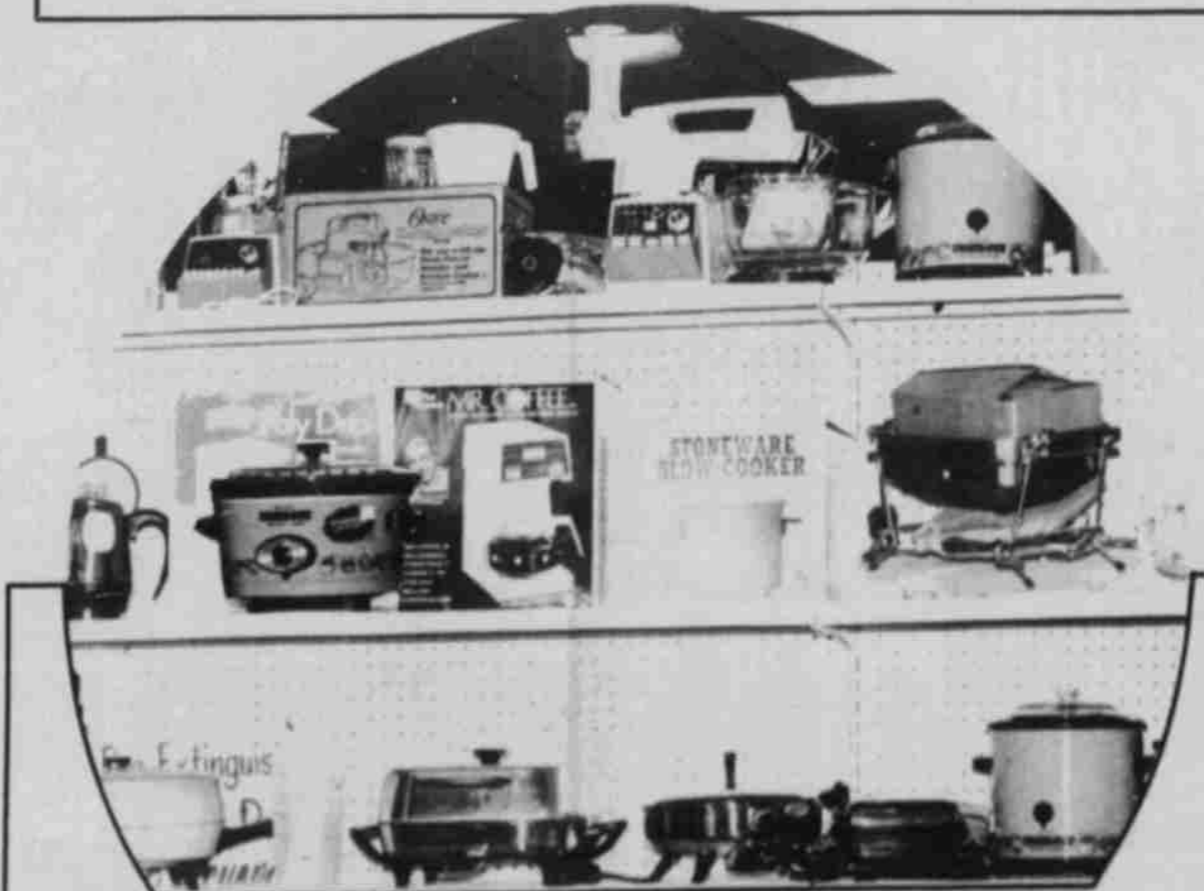
The Ione club bounced a Hermiston eighth grade team last week, 22-19. They play Heppner today at 4 p.m., following a girls game at 1 p.m. and another game at 2:30 p.m.

In the win, Scott Martin led Ione with 8 points, followed by Ralph Morter with six, Gregg Rietmann with three, Shawn LaRue with three and Brett Sherer with two.

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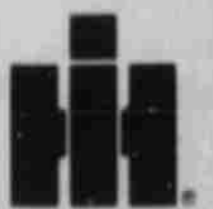
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