



Wildlife commission sets 1977 opening dates

The Fish and Wildlife Commission, which met in Portland Saturday, set opening dates for major 1977 hunting seasons. The opening dates are as follows:

October 1—Mule deer, blacktail deer, and chukar partridge.
October 15—Pheasant season.
October 29—Rocky Mountain elk season.
November 12—Roosevelt elk season.

The opening dates have been set for the benefit of those who must plan their vacations well in advance. Season lengths, bag limits, and other regulations will be set at public meetings later in the year after field studies are completed.

The Commission discussed the question of hunter numbers and of quality in big game hunting and announced it would consider a number of possible steps in future meetings dealing with those subjects, among them:

Restriction of hunters to use of a single weapon of their choice (conventional rifle, muzzle loading rifle, or bow and arrow) for deer and elk hunting each year.

Restricting deer hunters to hunting bucks or does, but not both in any one season.

Restricting mule deer tag holders to application for a mule deer controlled season hunt and blacktail tag holders to blacktail controlled hunts.

For elk hunting, the Commission will be considering such possible steps as refuges, branch antler rules, a tag sale cutoff date before the season opens, multiple seasons with hunters limited to one choice, and a permit drawing season for all elk hunting.

had a good feeling."

The game was won at the charity stripe. Riverside made eight fielders to Ione's six, but didn't make a gift toss. Ione made eight of 19 while Riverside suffered, zero for 14.

Ione 117 11 20
Riverside 086 418
Ione: Grace McElligott 7, Lisa Martin 4, Susan Thompson 3, Debora Palmer 2, Carol McElligott 2, Donna Palmer 1, Robin Leavitt 1.

Riverside: Stubblefield 10, Monjay 6, Hellberg 2.

Grace McElligott led the board battle with nine and Leavitt added seven in the 36-32 board win for Ione.

Card girls club Riverside, 20-18

Ione's girls capped a two game losing streak with a 20-18 victory over Riverside Tuesday. The win followed back-to-back losses to Arlington, 17-10, and Wasco County, 49-5.

Tuesday, Ione used an 11 point fourth period rally to come from behind for the triumph. Grace McElligott paved the way with seven

Ione took a slim, 1-0 edge after a period, but trailed, 9-2 at halftime. In the third, Ione whittled the gap to five at 14-9, then outscored Riverside, 11-4, in the final eight minutes.

"We finally got it together," Martha Doherty, Ione coach said following the game. "We

DEALER'S CHOICE: STEFANI 23, McCABE 20

Cards deal Umapine loss

They did it! It took nine weeks and 16 games to do it, but Ione's Cardinals put their foot in the win column Saturday, dusting back a stubborn Umapine, 59-57.

It was the Cards' first win and improved their record to 1-15.

The Cards led by as much as ten points in the second half, but Umapine closed the gap with the minutes ticking away.

"We've never been ahead before," Card Coach Del

LaRue said. "We play like we're trying to catch up even when we're ahead."

LaRue said the game was played with "not much control," but the Cards took a 16-12 first period lead and had a six point halftime edge.

Kevin McCabe broke a long scoring slump to pop 20 points. It was freshman Dennis Stefani, though, that sparked the Card attack with a 23 point performance.

McCabe was nine for 18 from the field and pulled down 12 rebounds. Stefani, firing

eight for 17, and seven for 10 from the line, scored 11 points in the second period, eight in the third and four in the fourth.

Ione's 32-26 intermission edge turned to a three point mark after three periods and to one in the fourth as Umapine shaved the mark.

Both teams canned 13 free throws, Ione making 13 of 26 and Umapine 13 of 21. From the field, Ione was 23 for 63 for 36 per cent. Umapine hit 22 of 73 attempts for a lowly 30 per cent.

Ione was outrebounded, 45-35, despite a 12 carom effort by McCabe and seven from John Lindstrom.

Ione 16 16 14 13 59
Umapine 12 14 17 14 57
Ione: McCabe, K. 20, McCabe, A. 4, LaRue 8, Stefani

23, Thompson 4. Field goals: 23-63; free throws: 13-26; turnovers: 17.

Umapine: Key 8, Leaser 9, Pock 7, Estes 13, Halm 70, Halm 3, Tochoke 7. Field goals: 22-73; free throws: 13-21; turnovers: 19.

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Sports Slate

Thursday, Feb. 3:

Hep. girls var. & JV vs. Hermiston here, 6 p.m.

Ione Jr. High vs. Riverside, at Ione, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4:

Hep. var. & JV vs. Pilot Rock here, 6 and 8 p.m.

Ione var. & JV vs. Helix there, 6 and 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5:

Hep. var. & JV vs. Condon, there, 6 and 8 p.m.

Hep. frosh vs. Condon, there, 4 p.m.

Hep. Jr. High vs. Condon, here, 1:30 p.m.

Ione var. & JV vs. Arlington, here, 6 and 8 p.m.

Ione girls var. & JV vs. Arlington, here, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8:

Hep. frosh vs. Pilot Rock, there, 6 p.m.

Ione girls vs. Condon, there, 6 p.m.

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SPORTS



Tiger Scots stay no. 1, bounce sparse Mustangs

Kevin Haguewood couldn't breathe, Jerry Cutsforth was sick in bed, Wayne Seitz played on a sprained ankle and Chris Borgen's win prediction was swallowed up by Weston-McEwen, 88-57.

Two starters were out and Seitz, playing with a bad leg, hampered the Mustang style. Heppner was outshot from the field, 35-22. Still, Heppner

canned their highest percentage this season, making 22 of 51 tries for 43 per cent.

But Weston-McEwen was healthy and jumped out to a 24-12 first period lead and never looked back. By halftime, the number one Tiger-Scots had produced 55 points to the Mustangs' 30.

Weston-McEwen mellowed out in the second half and

added 33 points to their side of the board, outscoring Heppner by six.

Ken Grieb had a hot night, hitting seven of 12 field tries and led Heppner with 14 points. Sophomore Dennis Peck added 12.

Tere King blasted the Mustangs with a 26 point performance while Alford added (continued on page 8)



by Wil Phinney, sports editor

A QUESTION OF WINNERS

To most, junior high school basketball can never mean more than junior high basketball. But to some, like Heppner Coach Chris Borgen and Ione Coach Del LaRue, it means more.

It's "invaluable" to Borgen and a deterrent to LaRue. And it's two different situations with funny side lines to each story.

At Heppner, junior high basketball, coached at the eighth grade level by Jim Ackley and in seventh grade by Jerry Defore, is an integral cog in Borgen's future machine.

And Ackley is part of that machine. There is a definite correlation between the junior high and varsity programs, from fundamentals throughout the program.

That's where the two differences begin. LaRue says there is "no correlation" between the two lone schools. Jerry Martin, Ione junior high coach, echoes that statement.

LaRue said the two coaches don't run the same programs. He said Martin does "whatever he wants to" and that there is "not much carryover." Martin agrees. "There is no mutually

eight play junior varsity and some varsity ball.

"These freshmen don't have any idea how to run our offense or defense," LaRue said. One reason for that is that junior highs in the area have an agreement not to play zone defense. But that doesn't stop a team's foe from across the conference. And it doesn't help LaRue, who runs a different style than Martin.

"There has been no attempt at correlation," LaRue admits. And he calls it a "handicap for kids. They don't have the skills they should have when they come up. Some of the kids don't know how to shoot."

Martin says "participation is the key." He teaches fundamentals and considers that to be the important thing.



Pony Coach Jim Ackley discusses strategy with players at halftime of recent contest. (Gazette-Times photo)

Martin prides himself that he "ends up with the same number of kids who started."

He stressed the fact that the "kids don't get discouraged and drop out." Martin said he liked to "involve every kid in one way or another" and "keep everybody interested. It's up to me to work out the best program."

One can only wonder, looking at LaRue's 1-15 Cards and Martin's 7-1 junior high, if the two wouldn't work better in a unified manner, both teaching the same basic concepts to renew continuity.

One can only wonder if there has been some attempt at correlation of the two teams; and that perhaps a little bullheadedness might be the stumbling block. One can only wonder.

And one can only wonder about the records, which Ione already said should carry no bearing on this problem. Nor should the fact that Ione junior high beat Heppner junior high, 32-19.

It's not a question of having winners at the junior high level, it's that high school varsity level that is asked.

Heppner frosh Coach Dale Holland is handed the group of eighth graders in Heppner's next stop. Junior varsity is the next stop for many of Ione's eighth graders and two of them,

These freshmen don't have any idea how to run our offense or defense.

Dennis Stefani and Robin LaRue, are regulars on the varsity. Holland believes that "by the time they (eighth graders) get into high school, they should be fundamentally sound defensively and shooting."

And Holland throws a different curve ball toward the bucket. "Most kids learn to shoot at home," he said, but added that there is "not as much time spent on back alley basketball as there used to be."

One only has to drive through town to NOT NOTICE basketball hoops on garage fronts like they used to. Five to ten years ago, that was different.

Some things in today's life have probably hampered basketball as much as things like the lighted tennis courts have helped. Like television and a variety of hobbies and more school activities.

And even though that threesome could be bad for basketball, who is to say that that is bad? Certainly not me.



Ione strategist Jerry Martin explains second half tactics to group of junior high roundballers. (Gazette-Times photo)

"Everything has to be organized," Holland said. "Kids have trouble playing their own game. That's not good. Kids should do more on their own."

Holland, who said the program had dwindled for awhile in the junior high, said Ackley was putting it back on its feet.

Borgen agrees. "Jim has done a heck of a job for us," the HHS mentor said. "He has taught what we feel is necessary."

Heppner has a unified program, one that starts junior high players in the same mold Chris Borgen wants his varsity. Coaches have flexibility, but they have a basic plan, too.

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Ione does not have that mutual program. Because of a small upperclass roster, Del LaRue has had to rely on young frosh on his varsity and JV. "They don't want to shoot the ball. They're afraid or something. I have to start over."

A complete junior high program can't be weighed in a year. As Borgen puts it, the "little kids will show dividends in a few years."

It seems in the long run that that would be the wise choice. But it's still strange to see Ackley talk to his unit, explain the plan; and Martin bark out orders from the bench; and see Ione beat Heppner.

But like I said, it's not records on the mark here; it's future Cardinal winners and future Mustang winners. With a combined record of 2-28, Ione and Heppner can't afford not to look to the future.



Maureen Healy, this week's Player of the Week, blocks a shot against a jumping Riverside girl here. The Columbia Basin Conference rebound leader pulled down 13 caroms and had 16 points Tuesday. (Gazette-Times photo)

Fillys climb up; slap WM, 59-52

In a must win, Heppner's Fillys busted Weston-McEwen Tuesday night, 59-52, insuring themselves of at least second place in the Columbia Basin Conference front running. Pilot Rock stayed on top of the five team league.

The Fillys won the see-saw battle with Maureen Healy leading the way with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Jackie Molahan raced for 12 points.

A big key to the win was the play of Deb Holland. Holland came off the bench in the fourth period and sparked the Fillys with nine points in three minutes. She helped close off the fighting Tiger-Scot girls, who trailed by a single field goal heading into the fourth quarter.

Liz Cahill was Ms. Everything for WM. Although she (continued on page 8)

Eckman takes lead

With a convincing, 44-22 win, Eckman took over sole ownership of Heppner city league basketball action Sunday night.

Rebounding was the key to the Eckman win, who took a 22-8 halftime lead and coasted home for the win. Sands was without two leading rebounders.

In other contests, Ball beat Greenup, 46-42, in overtime to move into a tie for second with Sands at 2-1. Greenup fell to 1-2, tied with Ernst, who knocked off Pointer, 46-36.

In Sunday's action this week, Greenup meets Eckman at 6 p.m.; Sands plays Ernst at 7 p.m. and Pointer meets Ball at 8 p.m.