

Third straight win

Cardinals roll past Mt. Vernon

Combining some stylish execution with an explosive offensive attack, the Ione Cardinals turned on a drenched home crowd in posting their third consecutive win, 42-28 over Mt. Vernon Friday.

The Cards never trailed as they accumulated 393 total yards—184 on the ground and 209 passing—and scored on breakaway plays and sustained drives alike.

Kevin McCabe led the ground attack as he picked up 95 yards on 12 carries and also added three touchdowns. When quarterback Dennis Stefani left the game with a knee injury, McCabe filled in with 78 yards on five completions in eight attempts. Stefani later returned to complete seven of 12 passes for 131 yards in the game.

Gari Gaustad contributed two more touchdowns on the ground and Scott Sherer grabbed a TD pass to round out the scoring.

Mt. Vernon tested the Card defense early, taking the opening kickoff and mounting a 12-play drive before Ione dug in to force an unsuccessful field goal attempt from the 15. The defense was again called on when Stefani was intercepted on Ione's third offensive play and this time Todd Sherer came up with a Bear fumble at the Card 35.

Using a Stefani to Robin LaRue to McCabe flea flicker and a 30-yard burst by Gaustad, the Cards pushed the ball to the Mt. Vernon two where Gaustad went across on fourth down. LaRue took the two point conversion pass for

an 8-0 lead.

The Bears came right back with a 75-yard scoring play to close the gap to 8-6 but Ione again got some breathing room with the help of LaRue's 59-yard kickoff return to the Bear 20. McCabe took it over

from the one for Ione's second score.

Late in the second quarter, Mt. Vernon tied the game on a 25-yard pass play. The clock ran out on Ione's next drive which included another big flea flicker—this time McCabe

to LaRue to Gaustad and a 30-yard McCabe aerial to Marvin Johnson which was brought back by a penalty.

In the second half, Ione was faced with a fourth and six at the Bear 25 and McCabe picked up more than enough with a 15-yard run off tackle. Terry Starr added five more before Sherer caught Stefani's two-yard scoring pass.

Gaustad upped the margin to 28-14 with a 10-yard scoring run after the Cards got the ball with excellent field position. Still in the third quarter, Mt. Vernon got back in the game with a 30-yard TD run but that was the closest the Bears were to come.

Stefani found McCabe on a 47-yard TD pass play made possible by a fine downfield block by LaRue. Ione then stretched its lead to 42-20 on a 32-yard scoring run by McCabe.

Mt. Vernon again found a hole in the Card defense as they closed the scoring with a 64-yard TD pass. Standouts for the Ione defenders included Gaustad with five tackles and 12 assists, McCabe with five tackles and seven assists, Danny McElligott with four tackles and two assists and John Lindstrom with two tackles and seven assists.



No further

Ione Cardinal's Gari Gaustad and Todd Sherer team up to stop a Mt. Vernon runner in his tracks. The Cards remained unbeaten after last week's 42-28 win.

Players of the week

Kevin McCabe
Ione

(not pictured)
Marie Yocom
Heppner

Grace McElligott
Ione

Dennis Peck
Heppner

(not pictured)
Kathy Monjay
Riverside

Bill Griffin
Riverside

Meyers, "...better every week."

Nearing the end of last year's long 2-7 season, Ione coach Gordon Meyers was heard saying, "Just give me two years with this team..."

It seems his wishful thinking has been realized a year early—as evidenced by the team's 42-28 win over Mt. Vernon Friday—because the 1977 Cardinals have arrived. Ione put on a well-rehearsed offensive show and the Card defenders held ground when they had to as the team remained unbeaten in three games.

"We're getting hold of our offense," Meyers said. "The option is improving each week." Meyers has had his team

adopt a new offensive system this year with few elements of last year's play book still used.

The team unveiled an effective flea flicker in the second game win over North Powder and used the play successfully four times against Mt. Vernon.

"The Mt. Vernon defense allowed it," Meyers said. "They split the defenders wide leaving a perfect slot for the pitchback."

Meyers said the team still experienced some defensive breakdowns, but added, "Overall the defense handled themselves pretty well."

Shoring up the secondary

and pass rush will be of prime interest this week in practice as the Cards prepare to host Mitchell this Friday.

"They have a good quarterback and a good passing game," said Meyers. "We need to apply more pressure so they won't have all day to throw."

Meyers said Ione will also need to work on ball control to keep Mitchell from using its offensive weapons.

The win Friday over Mt. Vernon came at the expense of Marvin Johnson, who reinjured his knee and could be lost for the season. Otherwise, Meyers said, the Cards are in good physical status for the Mitchell contest.

Junior Cards win two

The Ione Jr. High volleyball teams extended their season mark to 2-0 with victories over Oregon Trail and Riverside.

The Jr. Cards A team topped Oregon Trail in a Sept. 15 match with game scores of 2-15, 15-10 and 15-5. Kathy Cheney was the leading scorer

with 10 points, followed by Ann Murray with seven and Liz McElligott with six.

The B team recorded straight game wins with scores of 15-1 and 15-0 as Sharon Crowell led all scorers with 19 points.

Ione continued its winning ways against Riverside on Sept. 22 with game scores of 15-2 and 15-0. Kathy Cheney scored 14 points in the second game win. The B team followed suit with wins of 15-6 and 15-5 as Ann Murray scored seven points.

PEERLESS PICKS

Earl "The Pearl" Pettyjohn walked away with the honors in last week's Peerless Picks with nine correct predictions against two incorrect. Jerry Healy and Mike Sweeney hit the 8-3 mark and G-T staffers Jim Summers and Terry Hager filled the cellar with 6-5 and 5-6 marks

respectively. This week's guest prognosticators are Lyle Lowe of First National Bank and Gene Pierce of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. The Peerless Picks are just for fun, but you can take a look at their predictions, then make your own and enter the Football Contest on this page, with weekly cash prizes.

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WSU at Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal
Oregon at Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford
Washington at Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
OSU at Tennessee	OSU	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
Georgia at Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Indiana at Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Arizona at Wyoming	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Wyoming	Wyoming
Weston-McEwen at Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Weston-McEwen	Weston-McEwen	Weston-McEwen
Riverside at Sherman Co.	Sherman Co.	Riverside	Sherman Co.	Sherman Co.	Sherman Co.
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