

Cards fall 24-22

Ione saw its three-game unbeaten streak come to an end Friday when Mitchell pushed across a two-point conversion with 1:30 left on the clock to break a tie and pull out a 24-22 victory over the Cards.

Trailing throughout most of the game, Mitchell remained in striking distance and tied the score on a 10-yard Keys to Keys pass—with brother Jim pitching and brother Pat catching. The go ahead points dropped the Cards to 3-1 on the year and ended the pre-league portion of their schedule.

The Cards carried a 10-0 lead into the intermission with the help of a tight defense and some breakaway running by Gari Gaustad. The soph. back picked up 160 yards on 10 carries in the game as Ione totaled 210 yards of offense to 290 for Mitchell. Ione's passing attack was limited to 32 yards as quarterback Dennis Stefani completed five of 14 passes for 32 yards and three interceptions.

The defense, which became a bit more porous in the second half, was anchored by Kevin McCabe who was in on 17 tackles including four solo stops. Terry Starr was credited with 11 assists and five tackles while John Lindstrom racked up seven assists and three tackles. Robin LaRue was in on 10 tackles including six unassisted plays and a quarterback sack in the end-zone for a safety.

The Cards took the opening kickoff but on a fourth and three situation Stefani was intercepted. A 40-yard Logger pass play put the ball in scoring position when Stefani

covered a fumble at the Card 31. Gaustad broke loose for a 60-yarder to the Mitchell 5 before Stefani carried for the score from two yards out. McCabe grabbed the conversion pass from Stefani for an 8-0 lead.

After an exchange of punts, LaRue nailed Keys in the endzone and Ione carried a 10-0 lead at halftime.

Mitchell took the second half kickoff and marched 70 yards before Gaustad ended the drive with an interception in the end zone on fourth and five. On second down another Stefani aerial was intercepted and returned to the one where a TD plunge and conversion closed the gap to 10-8.

Gaustad got the Cards moving again with a 50-yard burst to the Logger 19. On fourth and one from the ten Stefani kept the ball for a first

and goal at the seven and then went over from the two for Ione's second touchdown.

Mitchell came back to tie the score on a short run after the Loggers returned the kick 50 yards to the Card 32.

Putting on a drive of their own, the Cards moved to the Logger 25 as Gaustad ran for 30 and Stefani hit McCabe for eight. A penalty gave Ione a first down at the 12 and on fourth and eight, Stefani rolled to his right and found Danny McElligott in the end zone for a 22-16 lead.

The Loggers moved quickly downfield with a couple of long passes, and a penalty gave Mitchell a first and goal at the 10. The Keys brothers then did their thing and Eric Clark carried on a sweep for the conversion which saddled Ione with its first loss of the season.

Meyers, "Quite a scare."

A couple of key defensive errors and an untimely interception cost Ione their fourth straight victory in a game that Card Coach Gordon Meyers said was a tough one to lose.

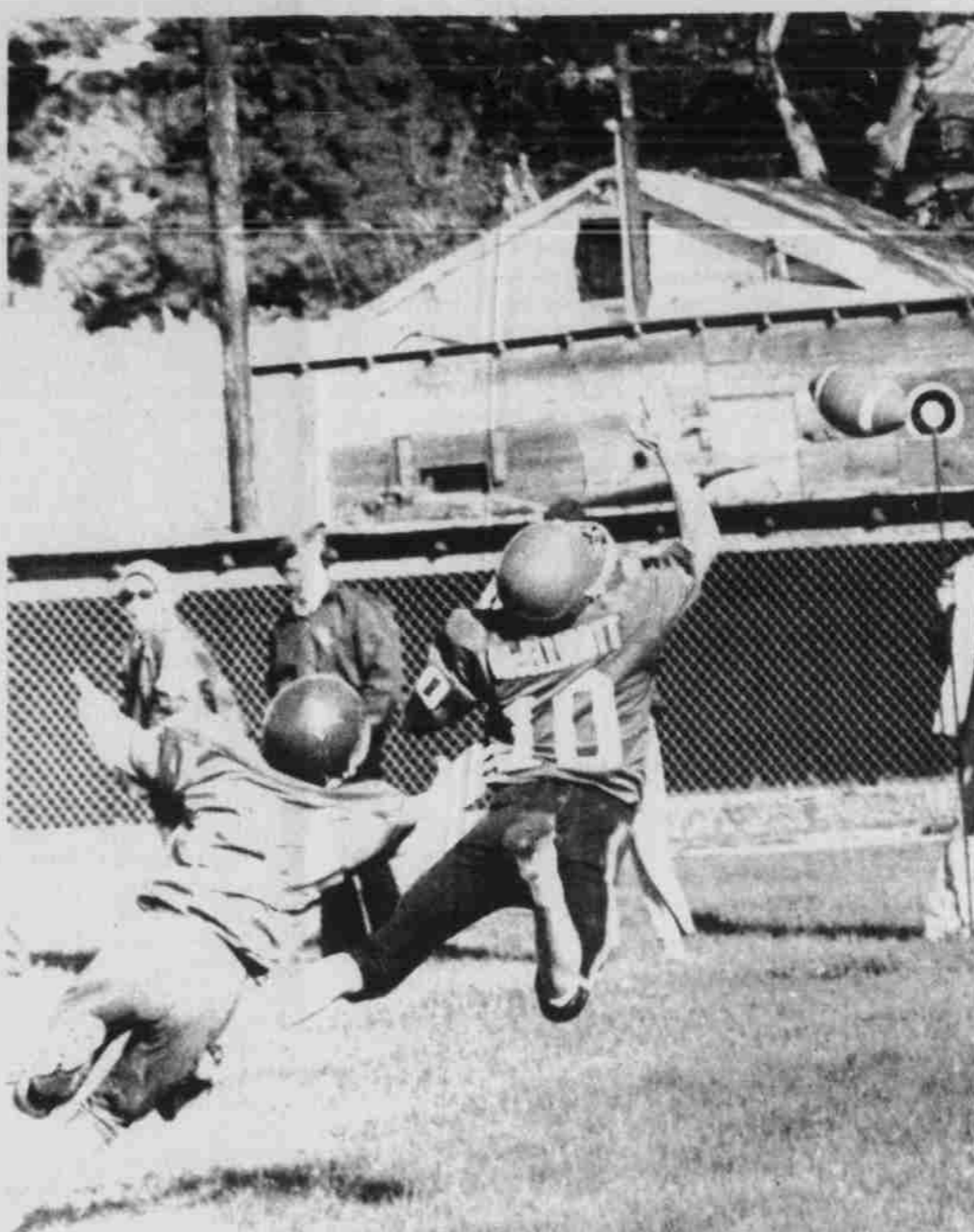
"They played as well as they could on that particular day, but it simply wasn't quite good enough," Meyers said of his team's 24-22 loss to Mitchell Friday.

Meyers said one area where the Cards needed work was their passing game which managed only 32 yards for the game.

Summing up the effort, Meyers said, "We lost a little of our snap in the fourth quarter but I think we gave Mitchell quite a scare."

Despite the loss, the Cards will carry a clean slate into league play as they travel to Wheeler this Friday for the team's first night game of the year. Wheeler is winless in three starts but Meyers said the Cards can't afford to take them lightly.

"They are a young team, just like us," Meyers said. "They look like a hard hitting team."



Close....

Danny McElligott's attempt for a diving catch comes up short as the ball glances off his fingers. Mitchell handed the Cardinals their first loss of the season Friday, 24-22.

38 percent successful

10,000 hunters zero in

Taking advantage of excellent weather conditions and an abundant game population, hunters from across the state poured through Heppner last week for the Saturday opening of deer season.

Game biologist, Glenn Ward, estimates the Heppner Big Game Management Unit will see a 30 per cent increase this season over last year's total of 7,500 hunters. He said the anticipated 10,000 hunters should up the total buck take to 3,200—some 700 more than last year.

For the opening weekend, Ward said hunters experienced a 25 to 38 per cent success

rate, depending on location. Larger bucks were taken mainly in the higher elevations but deer were considered to be in good physical condition throughout the unit.

From a legality standpoint, Ward said the hunters were fairly orderly although three bulls, two spikes and one doe were taken illegally and several trespassing and restricted vehicle complaints were reported.

Overall, Ward said the large number of animals turned the opening days of the season into a "leisurely operation" as hunters were able to locate game near their camps with-

out too much tracking.

The outlook for the remainder of the season looks good since recent rains have started a new growth of forage. Ward said if the winter feed continues to grow, the game should improve their physical condition as the season progresses.

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Ione spikers hit the skids

The Ione volleyball team found the ball bouncing the wrong way for them last week as the Cards lost two matches and finished third among four teams at the Riverside Invitational Saturday.

The Cards started the week with a straight-game loss to Sherman County. Darcy Rea was leading scorer with seven points as Ione lost the games 15-3 and 15-7. Earlier, the JV Cards lost two close games, 15-12 and 16-14. Robin Leavitt

was leading scorer with nine points.

On Thursday, Ione lost to Arlington 15-6 and 15-0 while the JVs dropped two games 15-7 and 15-12. Leavitt led the Cards with 10 points in the JV match.

Traveling to Riverside on Saturday, Ione lost matches to Umatilla and the host team before beating the Umatilla JVs for a third place finish. Grace McElligott was the leading Card scorer with 15 points for the tournament.

Riverside second in tournament

Riverside got on the winning track with a straight-game victory over Wasco County before coming home to finish second in their own Invitational volleyball tournament Saturday.

Marilee Hellberg led the way against Wasco, scoring on 12 of 13 serves while Kathy Monjay had a 10 for 10 day at the serving line. Riverside won the match with game scores of 15-4 and 16-14 as Dawn Johnson contributed five sets and Marchelle McGuire added three spikes.

Riverside's B team lost their match as did the C team which was paced by Jyl Hobb's nine points.

PP&K contest Saturday

Youngsters aged 8-13 are reminded that Saturday, Oct. 8, is the day for the punt, pass and kick competition to be held at the Hermiston Jr. High football field beginning at 9:45 a.m.

In the Saturday tournament, Riverside beat Ione and Umatilla B team in straight games before losing the championship match to Umatilla A team. Kathy Monjay led the hosts with 23 points for the tournament as captain Cheryl Stubblefield added 17 points and Dawn Johnson scored 13.

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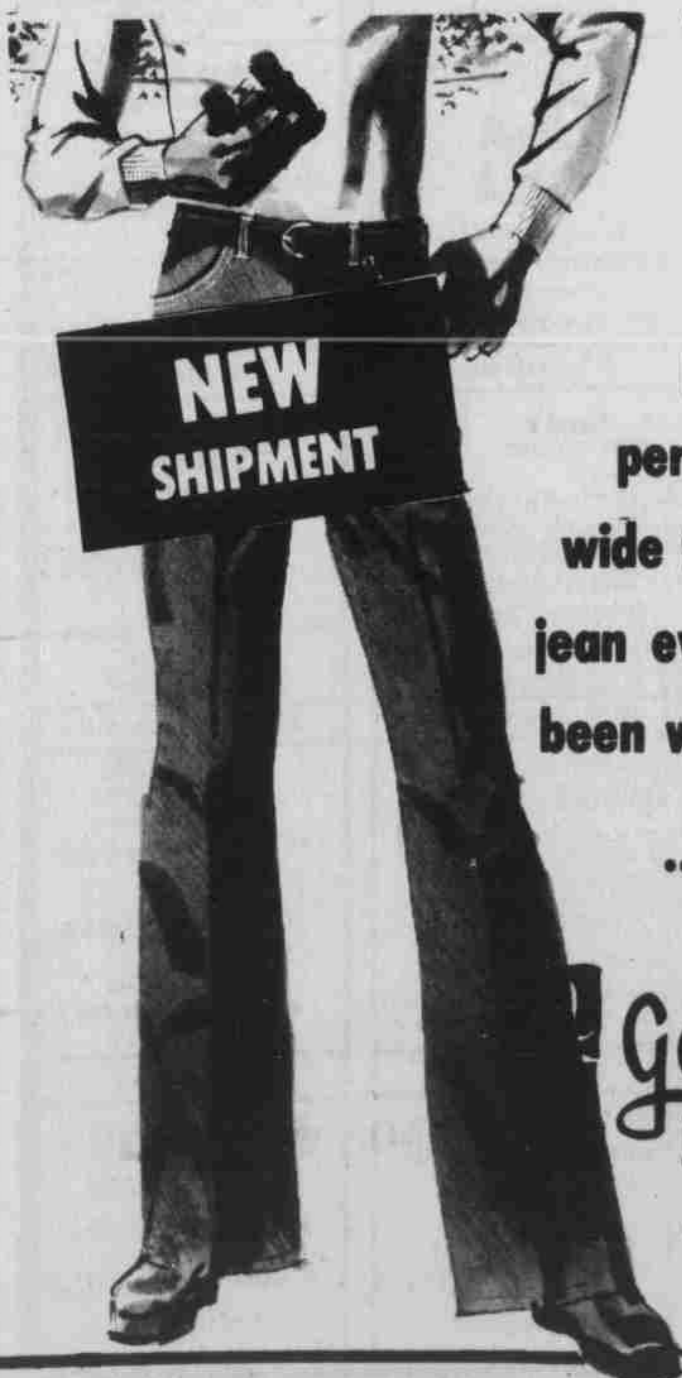
Friday, October 7
Riverside at Wasco County, 7 p.m.
Ione at Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.
Heppner at Sherman County, 8 p.m.

Girl's volleyball

Thursday, October 6
Hermiston at Heppner, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, October 11
Condon at Riverside, 5 p.m.
Wasco County at Ione, 5 p.m.
Sherman County at Heppner, 5 p.m.

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Monday, October 10
Pilot Rock at Riverside, 6 p.m.



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