

Cascade Locks top Ione

Turnovers and defensive mistakes turned Ione into Homecoming fodder for Cascade Locks as the Pirates breezed to a 44-24 win and knocked the Cards out of contention for a Big Sky Conference crown.

Cascade Locks jumped to a 24-0 lead in the first half before the Cards could get their game untracked. The contest was much closer on paper than it was on the field with Cascade Locks totaling 347 yards for the game to Ione's 341. Combining for the Cards 158 rushing yards were Terry Starr with 63 yards on seven attempts, Gari Gaustad with 53 yards on five attempts and Kevin McCabe with 49 yards on 13 rushes. Quarterback Dennis Stefani connected on 13 of 18 passes for 183 yards.

Defensively, the Cards were led by Starr who recorded 13 assists and four tackles. Robin LaRue added 10 assists and two tackles. Gaustad had nine assists and two tackles. McCabe turned in six assists and three tackles while John Lindstrom contributed six assists and two solo stops.

Ione got off on the wrong foot by fumbling the ball on their third play from scrimmage. Cascade Locks quickly broke loose on a 45-yard scoring run and the conversion pass put the Cards in a hole, 8-0. The Pirates doubled their lead by recovering an onside kick and scoring several plays later on a 16-yard run by Tim Anastasio.

Following the kickoff, the Cards started moving with a Stefani to Danny McElligott to Greg Rietmann flea flicker for 15 yards. With Stefani hitting his receivers on short

patterns and Gaustad picking up yards on the ground, Ione moved to the Pirate 10 before a turnover killed the drive.

The Card defense then held Cascade Locks to one first down but a fumble after the punt gave the Pirates another chance. Stefani came up with an interception as the quarter ended but McCabe was forced to punt on fourth down.

After Anastasio's 75-yard TD run was called back on a penalty, Dave McClure hit Matt Covert on a long scoring pass and a 24-0 Pirate lead.

Starr and Gaustad moved

the ball into scoring position and Stefani hit McCabe for Ione's first points of the game. Another 75-yard scoring play by Anastasio was recalled by offsetting personal fouls as the half ended.

After being pinned deep in their own territory by a Cascade Locks punt, the Cards moved from the one yard line as Gaustad, Stefani and LaRue picked up first down yardage. A Stefani to McCabe scoring pass closed the margin 28-16 but Cascade Locks came right back with a 55-yard TD sprint by Anastasio.

Early in the fourth quarter, neither team was able to move the ball. Bruce Millman covered a Pirate fumble but a Cardinal miscue ended in a 14-yard loss bringing up another punt. Danny McElligott got the ball back for Ione on an interception and the Cards drive was capped by Starr's 12-yard scoring run.

Cascade Locks added one more touchdown to its total and sent Ione home with their second league loss and a 4-3 overall record.

Meyers, "Too many mistakes."

Playing in their second straight Homecoming game this week the Ione Cards are hoping the familiar surroundings will be more to their liking than the Cascade Locks turf.

Last week the Cards dropped a 44-24 decision to the Pirates in a game that Coach Gordon Meyers said had "too many mistakes for the seventh game of the season."

"We played like we did in the opening game of the year," Meyers said. "Those kinds of mistakes shouldn't be made this far along in the year."

Ione fumbled the ball six times in the game, losing four of them and defensive breakdowns gave the Pirates several long scoring plays.

"It just was not a good day," Meyers said. "We can't turn the ball over like that and expect to win. Their defense

applied the pressure and we just couldn't handle it."

Meyers said part of the problem was the over confident attitude the players took into the game.

"I think they went over there thinking they were going to walk away with an easy win and by the time they realized they had a ball game on their hands it was too late," Meyers said.

The Pirates racked up a 24-0 lead and put the Cards "in a hole they couldn't get out of."

"We moved the ball pretty well in the second half and the stats for the game were about even but that big lead at the start was too much to handle," Meyers said.

With the Cascade Locks loss behind them, Ione is now preparing for their own Homecoming Friday night against a tough Arlington team. The Honkers won big last week

and are in the thick of the conference title race.

"It won't be a case of over looking them like we did against Cascade," Meyers said. "We know we've got a big ballgame ahead of us."

Last week's loss dropped the Cards league record to 1-2 while Arlington and Culver are both unbeaten in league play.

"We're out of contention for the championship so from here on out it will be playing for pride," Meyers said.

Fillies split pair

The Heppner Fillies tuned up for upcoming district volleyball play by splitting a pair of matches with Ione and Riverside last week.

On Tuesday Heppner scored a straight game win over Ione with Maureen Healy's 11 points pacing the Filly scorers. Healy, named player of the week, credited with eight sets, five spikes and two dinks in the match as Heppner won the games 15-7, 15-13. Jackie Mollahan was also cited for her overall play as she contributed seven sets and four spikes.

The Filly junior varsity team also took their match in two games 18-16 and 15-4. Sandi Hudson and Wendy Myers were top servers in the match while Jana Steagall had eight sets and a combination of six spikes and dinks.

On Thursday, the Fillies traveled to Riverside where they lost in straight games

Pheasant hunters in Columbia Basin counties may want to skin their birds and trim away fat deposits, advises the Fish and Wildlife Department.

Periodic sampling of pheasants and other birds in Umatilla, Morrow, Sherman, and Wheeler counties has found that some birds contain levels of the pesticide heptachlor exceeding the maximum 0.3 parts per million amount allowed by the Food and Drug Administration in human food.

Highest levels were found in fat deposits with only a few birds sampled containing more than 0.3 ppm in muscle tissue. In most instances nearly all traces of the chemical can be removed with the skin and fat.

Birds apparently get the heptachlor from eating seed coated with the pesticide to control wire worm, a threat to wheat growers in the Columbia Basin.

There is no serious danger to human health from eating pheasants with levels of heptachlor found in the sampling, according to Dr. Edward Press, State Health Officer, but the pesticide is cumulative

and over a long period of time could build up to potentially hazardous levels. The threat can be virtually eliminated by avoiding consumption of skin and fat.

Ranchers and the Pendleton

Grain Growers Association are aware of the problem and have begun educational efforts to eliminate seed handling practices that might make the seed available to pheasants and other wildlife.

At the national level, a ban on all use of heptachlor is being considered and alternate solutions to the wire worm problem are being sought.

Jr. Cards finish strong

Showing steady improvement throughout the season, the Ione Junior High football team came on to win its final three games of the year and finish with a 3-3 mark.

Quarterback Jeff Hams and running back John Murray both scored touchdowns as the Junior Cards defeated Wasco County 20-16 to wrap up the year. The team also recorded wins over Condon and Arlington after losing earlier contests to Oregon Trail, Riverside and Heppner.

With only four players returning from last year's team, Coach Jerry Martin said he was pleased with the teamwork and steady progress shown by the players.

"Each member contributed to a fine team effort," Martin said. "I think it was a very successful year."

Team members include eighth graders; John Murray, Jeff Hams, and Chris Rietmann, seventh graders; Den-

ny Starr, Tim Patton, Craig Gutierrez, Vince McElligott, Jim Jenson and manager Roger Childers, sixth graders, Steve Millman, Darrin Padberg, Scott Barnett, Craig Hams, Howard Leavitt and Larry Sullivan.

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