



Big drive

Robin LaRue drives the lane in heavy traffic as Jim Parker (21) goes for the check. The Mustangs kept the Cards away from the basket for most of the night during their 42-22 win.

Mustangs kick Ione in opening

Power basketball by center Dale Holland propelled Heppner to a 10-2 first quarter lead and from there the Mustangs cruised to a 42-22 season opening win over Ione Friday.

Holland, a 6'1" sophomore, hit three inside field goals and collected several key rebounds in the opening frame as Heppner connected on five of 14 shots while Ione made only one of 13 shots from the floor. Heppner's man-to-man defense forced the Cards to stay outside most of the game resulting in an eight for 44 shooting night.

Dennis Peck and Jerry Cutsforth led the Mustang scorers with eight points each while Holland totaled 11 rebounds and Jim Parker grab-

bed nine. For the Cards, Robin LaRue led with 12 points followed by Kevin McCabe with five and John Lindstrom with three. McCabe was Ione's leading rebounder with 10.

The Mustangs only suited eight players for the game and first-year coach Tom Day said he was pleased with the contributions made by each of the team members.

"It was a good team effort, especially for the first game of the season," Day said. "We were able to run our plays fairly well until they started sagging on the picks. Once we adjusted to the overplay we started to take advantage of the back door opportunities they gave us."

For coach Del LaRue's

Cards, one of the bright spots was the pressing defense which forced several turnovers late in the game.

"The press worked well but we hadn't practiced it much so I was reluctant to go with it earlier," LaRue said. "We had some problems dropping back into the man-to-man coverage after coming out of the zone press."

LaRue said his team had trouble reacting to the situations at hand and capitalizing on the opportunities.

"They just weren't able to relax at all and when the first few shots didn't drop, things just got worse," LaRue said. "But it wasn't totally discouraging, the defense was working well at times."

led by Margaret Kincaid with four points followed by Lori Edwards with three, Shelley Connor with two and Paula Lindstrom with two.

With both teams hitting five field goals—Heppner shot five for 32 and Ione was five for 43—the difference was at the

foul line where the Fillies connected on three of seven free throws.

Payne cited Abrams, Hammond and Connor for good work under the boards and credited Lynn Dee Devin with good defensive play, including numerous steals.

G T SPORTS

Four Cards named Big Sky All Stars

Four Ione Cardinals were named to the Big Sky Conference All-Star team announced last week.

Robin LaRue, a 150 pound sophomore, was picked as the first team offensive end while Terry Starr, a 155 pound sophomore, received first team linebacker honors.

Sophomores Dennis Stefani and Gari Gaustad both were selected for the second team all-star rosters. Stefani was named to the offensive backfield and Gaustad was picked as second team defensive guard.

60 turn out for city basketball

With 60 players on the rosters of six teams, the city league basketball schedule will officially open this Sunday. Team matchups and game times are:

Watkins vs Summers 6 p.m.
Eckman vs VanMarter 7 p.m.
Greenup vs Galbraith 8 p.m.

The gym will be open at 5:45 for warm ups.

Elks freethrow shoot set Saturday

Basketball sharpshooters ages 8-13 are invited to take part in the annual Elks Shoot on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Heppner and Ione gymnasiums.

The competition—25 shots from the foul line—is open to all boys and girls in the specified age group and participants can sign up on the day of the contest. Activity will get underway at 10 a.m. at both locations.

Trophies will be awarded in six categories: boys 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13; and girls 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Winners will advance to District competition in Hermiston scheduled for January.

Ione gals drop bid at Condon

Ione girls varsity dropped their second game of the season 38-13 Saturday at Condon as turnovers and fouls continued to plague the Cards.

Coming off a Friday night loss to Heppner, Card coach Martha Doherty said her team didn't really get into the game until the fourth quarter and by that time it was "too little too late."

Darcy Rea was the leading scorer with eight points and Arletta Aldrich scored four. Rea and Susan Thompson were the leading rebounders for the Cards.

Doherty said Carol and Michelle McElligott turned in good defensive performances.

Fillies take opener



Heppner's varsity Fillies utilized a tight team defense to record a 30-22 season opening victory over Ione Friday.

The Fillies maintained a four to six point lead throughout most of the game, never allowing the Cards to close the gap. Shooting 28 per cent from the floor, the Fillies were paced by Maureen Healy's 12 points and Diane Holland's seven. Healy grabbed 16 rebounds and Wendy Myers contributed ten.

Grace and Janet McElligott both scored six points and led the Cards in the rebounding department. Ione coach Martha Doherty said her team has shown a lot of improvement over last year but added that the Cards were still hurt by fouls and turnovers.

"Being a short team and fairly scrappy, we tend to foul quite a bit," Doherty said, noting that Heppner went to the foul line 21 times in the game, converting on only two free throws. "We stopped their fast break much better than last year and I was pleased that we managed to stay close."

Easy up

Jackie Mollahan leaves Ione defender Carol McElligott behind as she eyes two points. The Fillies beat the Cards on Ione's home court 30-22.

Ponies take Pilot Rock, 30-25

Heppner Junior High's 8th grade Ponies opened their season last week with a 30-25 defeat at the hands of Pilot Rock.

Doug Holland popped in 10 points and Dorian Forrar, Robert Bier and Mark Launer each added four points as the Ponies connected on 12 of 48 shots from the field.

Coach Jim Ackley said the

Ponies showed some good team rebounding but added that turnovers and poor passing, especially in the first half, led to several breakaway Pilot Rock baskets.

"We need to work on developing more aggressiveness, particularly on defense," Ackley said.

Other players on the team

include Pat Parker, Rick Klaus, Don Lott, Cliff Dougherty, Mike Wallingham, Kelly Crewse, Harry Groshens, Joe Struthers, Jeff Sumner, Andy Gorman, Earl Hammond, Jody VanCleave, Darrel Miles, Buddy Marlin, Steve Groce, Doug Garrett and Lee Rice. Pony managers are Mike Nolan and Terry Grey.

Fillie JV's top Ione in low-scoring opener

Inexperience and first-game jitters kept the point totals low but the Heppner junior varsity girls pulled out a 13-11 victory over Ione Thursday.

Only one member of Filly coach Les Payne's team had seen any basketball action prior to this season and Card coach Martha Doherty said three of her girls were playing in their first game also.

Alice Abrams, the only returning Filly, scored four points as did Kellie Hammond. Ann Van Schojack added three points and Deann Connor scored two. Ione was

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