

## Ponies top Cards 36-30

Heppner jumped to an 8-1 first quarter lead and weathered a final period rally by Ione to record a 36-30 win in Junior High 8th grade boys basketball action Thursday at Heppner.

At one point, the Ponies held a 16 point advantage in the second half but the Cards came back to close the gap to six points by the buzzer.

Leading the Ponies was Doug Holland with 12 points and nine rebounds. Mark Launer tossed in six points and pulled seven boards while Dorian Farris racked up eight points and three rebounds. Also contributing to the winning effort was Rick Klaus' five points and a five rebound performance by Don Lott.

For the Cards, John Murray was high point man with 15 followed by Denny Starr with six, Roger Morter with four, Craig Hams with three and Craig Gutierrez with a pair.

Heppner ruled the boards as they hauled in 37 rebounds to

20 for the Cards. The Ponies connected on 16 of 44 shots from the floor for a 36 per cent afternoon and canned half of their eight foul shot attempts. Ione was 12 of 40 from the field—30 per cent—and 6 of 14

from the line. Pony coach Jim Ackley called the game a good team win and added that his squad showed much more aggressiveness than in previous games this season.

## Cougars stop lady Cardinals

Traveling to Ukiah for the tail end of a home and away series with the Cougars, the Ione varsity girls ran into some size problems—the opponents were big and the court was small—and the result was a 33-26 defeat for the Cards.

Using three girls in the 5'11" range, Ukiah controlled the boards in the contest, taking a 30-20 edge in that department. The Cards were also troubled by the smaller than regulation court at the Ukiah gym. Ione got off to a slow start in the

game, scoring only two points in the opening quarter and trailing by a 23-10 margin at halftime. In the second half, Ione came back to tighten the game but ended up losing by seven.

Leading the Card scoring attack was Grace McElligott with eight points, followed by Janet McElligott, Carol McElligott and Susan Thompson with four each.

The split in the Ukiah series left the Cards with a 3-5 mark on the season.

# G T SPORTS

## Ione jvs roll past Ukiah 62-25

Everybody got into the act Friday as the Ione junior varsity rolled to a 62-25 win over Ukiah in a game that was never close.

The Cards led by a 16-2 margin after the first quarter and all 12 members of the team saw at least two periods of action. Ione threw up 88 shots in the game and although they hit only 25 of them for 29 per cent, it was more than enough.

Mark Patton and Ralph Morter both scored 12 points and Greg Rietmann added nine for Ione. Tim Holtz was the leading rebounder with nine and Morter collected five boards.

Ione outrebounded the Cougars 38 to 30 and committed 17 turnovers to 29 for Ukiah.

The result the next night was much the same as the Cards picked up another win

over the Cougars by a 62-39 margin.

Card coach Gordon Meyers said his team shot better than on the previous evening and added that all 12 players registered in the scoring column.

Les Thompson led the way with 11 points while both Patton and Holtz picked up eight points. The Cards took a slight 26-25 rebounding edge with Morter and Shawn LaRue both grabbing four.

Meyers said the team had practiced several times during the week in the smaller grade school gym to prepare for the game on Ukiah's undersized court. The preparation paid off as the Cards notched their second win of the year against four setbacks.

## Cards cop a pair

...crush Cougars at home

Leading from start to finish and controlling the game in all departments, the Ione Cardinals posted their first win of the season, 53-29 over Ukiah Friday at Ione.

Only in the third period did the visiting Cougars reach double figures with 11 as they were held to four, eight and six points in the remaining quarters. The Cards jumped to a 14-4 lead and the margin never diminished the rest of the way.

Robin LaRue hit 10 of 19 shots including 6 of 8 in the second half to total 21 points and lead all scorers. Dennis Stefani added 11 for Ione.

For one of the few times this year, the Cards out rebounded their opponents, collecting 33 boards to Ukiah's 22. LaRue grabbed eight followed by Kevin McCabe with six.

In team percentages, Ione shot 36 per cent—23 of 64 from the floor—while the Cougars were 14 of 44 for 32 per cent. Ione hit an impressive 71 per cent from the line, canning five of seven attempts while Ukiah got one point from four trips to the line. Ione also

came up with fewer turnovers in the game, losing the ball 16 times to 21 for Ukiah.

"It's always good to get that first win behind you," said

Card coach Del LaRue. "We got some good contributions from the bench and coming out on top in rebounding is a real switch for us."

## ...late burst sinks Ukiah again 48-34

Ione made it two straight against Ukiah Saturday but the Cards had a little harder time pulling it off than they did the previous night.

The Cougars were in the lead with four minutes to go when Ione put on a scoring burst to take a 48-34 victory. After moving ahead, the Cards went into a delay type offense and capitalized on 15 trips to the foul line in the fourth quarter by racking up eight points.

Leading the Card scorers was Dennis Stefani with 17, Robin LaRue with 16 and Danny McElligott with 12. Ione was unable to penetrate for most of the game and was forced to resort to outside

shooting which resulted in a 12 of 62—32 per cent—team shooting performance.

Ukiah collected 40 rebounds in the game while Ione's total of 34 included 14 by LaRue and six by Kevin McCabe.

A zone press used by the Cards caused 24 turnovers for the Cougars. Ione turned the ball over 14 times.

Card coach Del LaRue said the lack of penetration hurt his team but he added that they showed good composure towards the end of the game by keeping control of the ball and converting free throws.

The back to back wins boosted Ione's season mark to 2-6.

## Seventh grade Pony boys even season record at 2-2

Heppner Jr. High 7th grade boys team overcame a four point halftime lead held by Ione to post a 23-18 win over the Cards Thursday.

The win evened the Ponies season record at 2-2.

Mike Currin led all scorers with 14 points and Andy Samples added four points to the winning margin as 12 Ponies saw action in the game.

Roger Morter paced the Cards with eight points followed by Vince McElligott, Roger Childers, Darrin Pad-

berg, Craig Hams and Troy Lindstrom with two points each.

Ione was blanked in the first period while the Ponies notched three points but the Cards roared back in the

second period to score 12 points and take a four point cushion into the intermission. Behind the shooting of Currin, the Ponies came back in the second half to overtake the Cards and ice the win.

## City League Action

Twelve points by Dave McLaughlin and eight by both Jim Lankford and Carl Harrison paced Eckman to a 39-33 win over Greenup in Sunday's first game of city basketball action. Charlie Sumner's seven points topped a balanced scoring attack by the losers.

In the closest game of the evening, Karmon Bjella popped for 14 points and Gary Watkins added 13 to lead Watkins over Galbraith 56-55. Chuck Ernst scored 16 and both Mike Schwartz and Bob Krein had 14 for Galbraith.

Thirteen points by Tom Day and nine by both Tom Pointer and Marvin Lane helped Summers come from behind to beat VanMarter 52-42. LaVern VanMarter scored 14 points for his team and Bill Kolb added 10.

This week's schedule will be:  
6 p.m. Watkins-VanMarter  
7 p.m. Summers-Greenup  
8 p.m. Eckman-Galbraith

## 8th grade Ione girls post win

Michelle LaRue tossed in ten points and Mary Kincaid added seven to lead the Ione Jr. High 8th grade girls team to a 35-25 win over Heppner Thursday.

The junior Cards recorded the win, their fourth of the year against no losses, despite the fact that three of the girls were carrying four fouls in the final quarter. The game was tied 12-12 at halftime but it was Ione's full court zone press that kept the Ponies off balance and out of scoring position for the rest of the game.

Darcie Holloman totaled 14 points and Sandra Ward scored six for the Ponies.



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