



Lori Rhea (22) fires up a shot in the opening round of last week's district tournament as Diane Holland (34), Maureen Healy (30) and Janice Healy (20) keep a close watch on the ball. Heppner stopped Wasco County but lost to Pilot Rock in the finals.

Pilot Rock claims championship

# Fillies finish second at district

For the first 2 1/2 quarters of the district championship final, it was anybody's ballgame. Heppner's Fillies ignored the fact they were playing a team that had twice beaten them in regular season play as they led Pilot Rock throughout the first half and took a four-point lead at intermission.

Then in the third period, the Rockets began to show the Pendleton Armory crowd why they are the class girls team of the Columbia Basin Conference this year. A Pilot Rock press started to rattle the Fillies, forcing turnovers and mistakes. At the end of the third quarter, Heppner was four points down and from there the Rockets coasted into the state tournament with a 53-40 win.

"We went into the game with a 'nothing to lose' attitude," said Filly coach Sherri Brock. "In the second half when it looked like we had a chance to win, the girls got a little scared."

Despite the loss, Brock said it was one of the Filly's better games of the year and she credited her team with determined play at both ends of the court. In addition to bringing home the district second place trophy, the Fillies also picked up the girls Sportsmanship Award, based on overall performance of team members, coaches, cheerleaders and spectators.

The Fillies hit only 23 per cent of their shots from the floor against the Rockets but they found the range on eight of 16 free throws. Lori Rhea and Maureen Healy both scored 12 points to lead Heppner while Jackie Mollahan had five and Janice Healy added three. Mollahan and the two Healy's handled most of the rebounding for Heppner with each collecting half a dozen.

In Thursday's opening round of the tournament, the Fillies again proved that season records can be tossed out the window when it comes

to post-season play. Heppner earned its trip to the finals with a come from behind 42-37 win over Wasco County—a team that had earlier beaten the Fillies in their only regular season matchup.

Heppner needed a big fourth quarter to top the Redsidies after they entered the final frame trailing by a point.

Maureen Healy hit six fourth quarter points and both Jackie Mollahan and Janice Healy added four to help the Fillies outscore Wasco 16 to 10 and seal the win.

For the game, Mollahan ended with 11 points, Maureen Healy had 10, Janice Healy seven, Lori Rhea six, and both Julie Grieb and Diane Holland

had four points. Heppner commanded a 25 to 11 advantage on the boards with Maureen Healy taking nine and Janice Healy seven rebounds.

In team shooting, the fillies hit 16 hoops in 54 attempts for a 30 per cent mark and connected on eight of 14 free throws.

Helix, Umapine fall

## Ione grabs tourney slot

Friday, the Cards moved a step closer to a slot in the district tournament by dropping Helix 53-46 and the following night they clinched the berth by outshooting Umapine 79-61.

Ione outscored the Grizzlies in each of the first three periods and built up a 12-point cushion. The Cards toned down their shooting from the earlier season match with the

Grizzlies in which they fired up 71 attempts, but still, hit 21 buckets on 68 attempts for a 36 per cent clip. Helix totaled five less baskets in 70 shots for a 23 per cent effort.

"We didn't take as many shots as I like us to but I think we made up for it at the line," said Card coach Del LaRue. Ione canned 11 of 14 free throws for a hot 79 per cent.

Dennis Stefani led three

Cards in double figures, hitting 18 points. Kevin McCabe scored 12, Robin LaRue 10, Dan McElligott nine and Rick Gilbert four.

LaRue pulled down 14 rebounds, McCabe had 11 and McElligott grabbed eight as the Cards matched Helix's board total of 42.

Stefani was credited with six steals and McElligott picked up four assists for Ione.

In Saturday's game with Umapine, spectators were ready to call the city fire department when both teams opened up with a sizzling first quarter shooting spree. Dennis Stefani hit six of seven opening period jumpers and Ione as a team hit 12 of 18 shots for 66 per cent.

The Cards' 25-point quarter score was one point short of the season high and staked Ione to a nine point lead. Still hot in the second period, Ione chalked up 23 more points and upped their lead to a 17-point margin.

"It was our best shooting game of the year," LaRue said of his team's 34 for 77, 44 per cent performance.

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### Sorority to sponsor bowling tournament

Alpha Theta Sorority of Epsilon Sigma Alpha will sponsor a benefit Scotch Doubles bowling tournament with proceeds going to the Easter Seal Hospital and Training Center.

The tournament will be held at Heppner Bowl on consecutive Saturdays, March 4 and 11. Sessions will begin both

days at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

In Scotch doubles, men and women bowlers team up, with the woman rolling the first ball and the man attempting to pick up the leftovers. Two dollars from each of the \$5 per couple entry fees will go to the Easter Seal Hospital.

For further information and alley reservations, contact LaRae Kindle at 676-5223.

## Lady Cards nail down No. 1 seed

Ione used a big third quarter Friday to get the jump on Helix and put a lock on the top seeding in upcoming district tournament play. The 29-22 defeat of the Grizzlies was the lady Cards' fourth win in Big Sky play against one setback.

"It wasn't an outstanding game for the shooters, but we had good movement with and without the ball and that was the key to the win," said Card coach Martha Doherty. Ione hit only 12 of 53 shots for 23 per cent but still outshot Helix and also came out on top in almost every other statistic department.

The Cards controlled the ball both off the glass and on the floor, outrebounding the Grizzlies 49 to 35 and turning the ball over eight fewer times than Helix's 30 miscues.

The game was tied after the first period at six apiece when

Natalie Tews came off the bench to spark Ione to a four point lead at halftime. The Cards stretched the margin to nine after three quarters and went on to beat the Grizzlies for the second time in two meetings this year.

Darcy Rea led a balanced scoring attack for Ione, collecting eight points while both Tews and Susan Thompson had six, Carol McElligott four, Janet McElligott and Grace McElligott two and Michelle McElligott one. Thompson led

the Cards in rebounding, grabbing nine boards. Janet

McElligott added eight and Tews had five.

The Cards will play their last regular season game before the tournament Friday when they travel to Helix.

Earlier in the week, Ione played a rare girls junior varsity game and rolled to a 24-5 win over Condon. All five of the varsity non-starters saw action with Natalie Tews hitting ten points, Martha McElligott, Michelle McElligott, and Margaret Kincaid four, and Lori Edwards two points.

## Alley crown goes to BPOE team

The BPOE bowling team of John Ledbetter, Bob Campbell, Archie Munkers, Bob Hubbard and Dean Hunt rolled to a first place finish with 2,829 pins at the Heppner Bowling Association's 7th Annual Bowling Tournament held Jan. 20-22 and Jan. 27-29 at Heppner Bowl. The tourney was termed a big success, drawing 11 five-man teams, 36 doubles teams and 112 singles bowlers.

The doubles combination of Bob Greene and Micky Kindle proved a winner, with the pair racking up a total of 1,154 pins to take home the first place doubles' trophies.

Jamie Sands gained a first

place finish in both singles competition, with a series score of 610, and an all-events total of 1,748.

Heppner Bowl finished second in five-man competition with 2,781 points, followed closely by the Bucknum's team with 2,745 points.

Finishing a close second in the doubles event were Jim Ackley and Ed Hiemstra, with a 1,149 score, followed by Al Bunch and Norm Diggins, 1,129 points and Ted Toll and Ernie McCabe, 1,112.

Bob Krein finished second behind Jamie Sands in singles competition with a 609 score, missing the first place trophy by only one pin. The top two

were followed by Mike Sweeney, 601; Walt Pilgrim, 599; Rick Johnston, 593; Gene Doherty, 589; and Larry Heath, 586.

Jim Ackley and Norman Diggins placed second and third in all events bowling with respective scores of 1,743 and 1,730.



Members of the BPOE bowling team defeated 10 other teams in the Annual Heppner Bowling Association Tournament last month to take home first place trophy. Team members include, standing, Bob Campbell, left, and John Ledbetter; kneeling, Bob Hubbard and Archie Munkers. The fifth bowler on the team, Dean Hunt, was not available for a photograph.



Micky Kindle, left, and Bob Greene combined forces to earn first place doubles trophies in the Annual Heppner Bowling Association Tournament, defeating 55 doubles teams.

Jamie Sands, not available for a photograph, won first place in the singles competition over 111 bowlers, and also gained the top score in all-events.

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- \$17 PER COUPLE
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10 a.m.—REGISTRATION at the Elks Lodge Hall...Elks and out-of-town guests only...Cards will be checked.

1:30 p.m.—CHAMPAGNE TEA for the Ladies...Pinochle, Bridge and Ognib will be played...door prizes for lucky ticket-holders.

2 p.m.—LODGE & RITUAL with officers of Condon Elks performing Ritual...Initiation for 40 new members.

6-8 p.m.—DINNER is served for 81st Annual guests.

9-1:30 a.m.—DANCING for your pleasure with The Leonnigs upstairs and the Jim Ackley Band playing downstairs.

2-4 a.m.—BREAKFAST is served at the Lodge Hall.

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### Elks Calendar

Thursday, February 23 Lodge 8:00 p.m.	Tuesday, February 28 Senior Citizens Dinner 4:30
Friday, February 24 Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. Dinner 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Wednesday, March 1 Senior Citizens 4:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 25 ELKS ANNUAL 10 a.m. registration 1:30 p.m. Ladies Tea, Cards, ognib 2:00 p.m. Lodge & Initiation Dinner 6:00-8:30 Dance 9:00-2:00 Two Big Bands	Thursday, March 2 P.E.R. Night Ladies Night Dinner 6:00-7:30 p.m. Lodge 8:00 p.m.

Elks and out-of-town guests only.

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