

Beat Powder Valley 28-22 'Cardiac Cards' score second comeback victory

"You're flirting with danger anytime, with a comeback victory," said lone head football coach Gordon Meyers, following the Cardinals' 28-22 win over North Powder last Friday.

Friday's win marked the second time this season that the Cards flirted with fourth-quarter danger to post last-minute wins over opponents.

During Friday's contest with Powder Valley, the Cardinals found themselves down 22-20 in the closing 90 seconds of the contest.

A drive to recapture the lead had stalled when, in a desperate attempt to make first-down yardage, lone quarterback Dennis Stefani attempted a pass to Danny McElligott. A Badger defender was called for interference, giving the Cards and their hometown fans new hope in the form of a first down on the Badger nine yard line. As the clock ticked down, the Cards moved the ball to the four yard line, setting up a quarterback sneak by Stefani to regain the lead.

A Stefani to McCabe pass iced the victory cake for two conversion points, making it lone 28, North Powder 22.

"Though the Badgers got only 20 yards to our 55 yards in penalties, they got theirs at that critical point," said Meyers. "We picked it up and went on to score."

The Cardinals had led the Badgers by a 20-6 margin at halftime. The redbird scoring began midway in the first quarter, when Stefani carried the pigskin a full yard to paydirt. Eight plays later, Greg Rietmann rushed a half yard to add another six points. Rietmann pulled in a Stefani pass to score the two extra points.

The middle of the second quarter found the Cards at their own 15 yard line on fourth down, when Stefani unleashed a pass to Kevin McCabe, who put on a daring exhibition of broken field running to advance the ball a record 61 yards, three plays later, the Cards capitalized on a 10 yard Stefani to McElligott pass, leaving lone with what appeared to be a comfortable, 14 point lead at halftime.

But the North Powder team came on strong midway in the third quarter with a 15-yard TD rush by quarterback Terry Boessel. Coby Moulton rushed for a two-point Badger conver-

sion, closing the gap to 20-14. With Badger momentum continuing to roll in the fourth quarter, Boessel broke loose for a 30-yard touchdown run, followed by a successful conversion rush, putting Powder Valley ahead by two points.

That's when the come-from-behind Cards took over to put the game away.

The dynamic Stefani-McCabe duo was very much in evidence during Friday's game, with Stefani connecting on 15 of 24 passes for 149

yards, and McCabe picking up 109 yards on the ground.

"The kids are all doing a great job these last two weeks," said Meyers. "Coming from behind and winning instead of giving up hope shows a lot of character."

"These come from behind victories are going to have to stop," joked assistant coach Del LaRue. "I'm too old for ulcers."

On Friday, lone will travel to Long Creek for a 1 p.m. game.

Stefani and McCabe show

The Stefani-McCabe scoring duo swings into action during Friday night game against Powder Valley. Lone Quarterback Dennis Stefani, number 12, hands off to Kevin McCabe, who rushed for 109 yards during the game. Stefani connected for 15 pass completions, good for 149 yards.

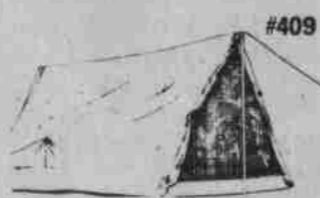


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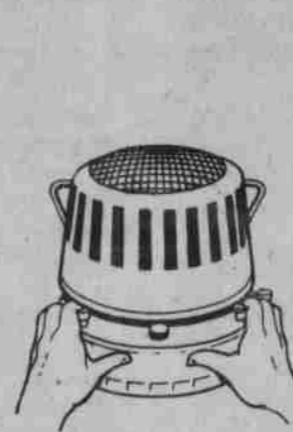


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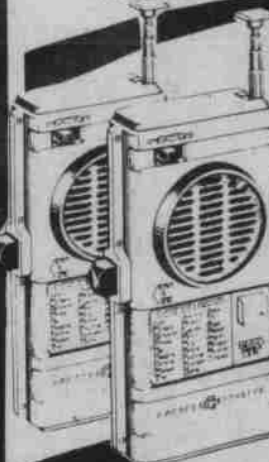
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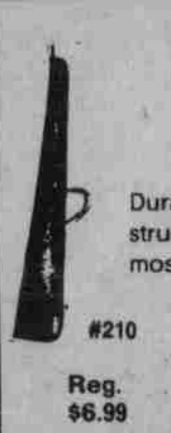
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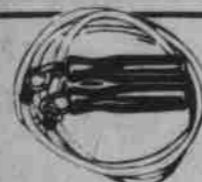
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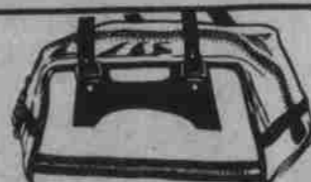
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Morrow County rodeo performers were well represented among winners at the annual Gilliam County Rodeo, held last weekend in Condon.

On Saturday, Janice Healy won first place in the senior barrels division, first in the open pole class, and second in steer un-decorating. Her sister, Maureen, took second in the senior barrel race, second in senior poles, and first in steer un-decorating.

Anita Palmer was second in Saturday's junior division barrel race, which was won by Ann VanSchoiaek.

On Sunday, Tara Mahoney took first place in the junior barrel race, and second in the open poles. Trisha Mahoney was second in the junior barrels and fourth in open poles. Maureen Healy took first in senior barrels, with sister Janice taking third in that event and first in the open pole race. Sherri Brock placed fourth in the senior barrel race, and Jana Steagall was fifth.



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