

Ione now 3-0

Cardinals steamroll Long Creek in 52-point scoring spree

By Janet McElligott

It was not a comeback win Friday at Long Creek, as the Cards were in control of the ballgame from start to finish, ending the game with a 52-22 victory.

The Mountaineers were overpowered in the opening seconds of the game, as Kevin McCabe ran in a 25 yard TD with Dennis Stefani running the needed 3 yards to add another 2 points. The Cards

scored twice more before the Long Creek team found the goal line in the second quarter. A Stefani to Robin LaRue four-yard pass and a two-yard pass to Dan McElligott, with LaRue running in for extra points, made the score 22-0.

The Mountaineers completed a nine-yard pass and ran in a conversion to reach paydirt

for the first time this season, making it 22-8. Ione came right back, scoring on a four-yard run by Jeff Hams, and Shawn LaRue forced his way through to the goal line for the extra points.

Then Long Creek seemingly built momentum and attempted to chip away at the runaway Cardinal lead with a daring 31 yard run scoring a touchdown.

"This game gave us a chance to look at all of our ballplayers. Long Creek just doesn't have enough people to have a really good ballclub. We played well, and I think everybody had fun. We tried a lot of new things you can't try in a tight ballgame," said Ione Coach Gordon Meyers.

Coming back in the third quarter Kevin McCabe sprinted the needed 25 yards for six points, with Dennis Stefani kicking to raise Ione's score to 29

Greg Rietmann dashed for 40 yards, good for a TD, before Duane Fetsch scored on a 23 yard pass from Jeff Hams.

The next Cardinal scoring method was "rare in eight-man football." "You just don't see too many field goals in 8-man," remarked Coach Meyers of Dennis Stefani's 31 yard kick.

Long Creek scored once more on a 12 yard pass, and completed another 3 yard run to end the scoring race at 52-22 in the Card's favor. Both teams completed 9 of 17 passes with Long Creek adding 10 more yards to Ione's 129 yard aerial total. But Ione more than outran their opponents, 221-88 on the rushing side.

"What can you say about a ballgame like that," shrugged Coach Meyers.

Ione will travel to Mount Vernon next Friday for a 2:30 p.m. game.



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Goal oriented

Ione running back Greg Rietmann picks up long yardage in this rush against Long Creek last Friday. The "Cardiac Cards" gave Ione fans with heart conditions a day of rest during the contest, which they led from the beginning. Ione won 52-22.

Ione Jr. High gridders overpower Riverside

Ione's junior high football season started on a positive note, with the junior Cards winding up firmly in the win column in a contest against Stanfield.

Six Ione players each reached paydirt during the game. Those scoring were Denny Starr, Tim Patton, Howard Leavitt, Craig Hams, Donnie Taylor, and Vince McElligott. While scoring a total of 60

points, the fledging Cardinals held Stanfield to 20.

Coach Jerry Martin said he was pleased with his team's blocking and tackling—in addition to obvious scoring capabilities. "The players showed that we have pretty good football team," he said.

The Ione Junior High squad should have its hands full today, Thursday, when it meets Riverside at Boardman.



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Kelli Hammond (40) drops one across the net for a Fillies score as LynnDee Devin (24) and Maureen Healy (30) look on. The Fillies are 4-1 in season play and Coach Sheri Brock is looking for great things from the HHS volleyball squad.



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