

## Cards outgun Umapine, lose to red-hot Rangers

Although the lead switched hands several times during the game, it was the Cards that had it—and the momentum—when the buzzer sounded, Friday night when Ione met the Umapine Chiefs. "We pulled away in the fourth quarter," said Ione Coach Del LaRue. Ione scored 24 of its 74 points in that decisive fourth quarter. Umapine scored only 16 points in the fourth, ending the Chief's scoring at 62 points.

The "Dynamic Duo" of Dennis Stefani, who scored 22 and Kevin McCabe, who scored 16, led the Cards in a high-powered offensive attack against the Chiefs. McCabe was also the leading rebounder, pulling down 13 from the boards. Danny McElligott and Robin LaRue were close behind with 10 points each and LaRue having 10 rebounds.

Gregg Rietmann barely missed being in double figures with eight. Shawn LaRue had four. Mark Patton three and Glen Krebs one.

"We shot 44 per cent from the floor," said LaRue, "and that's better than we've done before."

"I think a big edge was the

rebounding," the coach stated. Ione grabbed 54 caroms to a scant 33 showing by the Chiefs.

Jeff Tuchsolke came through with 21 points for Umapine. Saturday night the Cards traveled to Dufur and seemed to have left their luck behind.

With a 1:28 left in the ballgame, the Cards were behind by one—when they started to foul. A few quick foul shots and the Cards didn't have much of a chance. They fought back but just couldn't erase the Ranger lead that had haunted them the full game.

"It was a good ballgame anyway," said the coach. "We could get close," LaRue said, "but we could never quite get the lead."

Coach LaRue was the first on to give Dufur praise. "They shot real well. It's hard to beat 52 per cent when you're shooting only 31 per cent."

Several times in the duration of the game the Cards were behind as many as 11 points. At least four times they were as close as three and once as close as one, but as Coach LaRue said, "we were playing catch-up."

Dufur had a player that LaRue termed a good shooter. Jeff Reed had a total of 22 points to lead his team to victory. Kerry Fagerberg was close behind with 12 and was his team's top rebounder.

For Ione the Stefani-McCabe duo scored 14 and 15 respectively. They were followed by Robin LaRue with 8 and Danny McElligott. Shawn LaRue and Gregg Rietmann rounded out the score with 4 a piece.

Friday night the Ione JV boys rolled over Riverside's young team, 47-18. Coach Tom Forsythe said of his team, "We had a lot of balanced scoring, but we still fouled a lot."

Mark Patton led his team in scoring with nine points. Saturday, the JV team was overwhelmed by the Dufur squad 62-37. Forsythe said it was difficult playing because "three of my starters fouled out."

Both teams travel to Helix on Friday and are at home Saturday battling Wheeler. Games start at 4 p.m.

## Saturday set for Elks free-throw tourney in Ione and Heppner

Free throw shooting competition for boys and girls ages 8-13 will take place this Saturday, Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 noon in the Ione and Heppner High School gyms. Sponsored by BPOE 358—

Heppner Elks, competition will be in three age divisions for both boys and girls, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. The winning boy and girl in each division will vie with other winners in the district contest to be held

Saturday, Jan. 27 at Hermiston Junior High School. Entry forms and contest rules are available from the Heppner Elks Lodge or from Jim Swanson in Ione or Dale Holland in Heppner.

## Ione girls top Dufur in low-scoring game

"Even all the way around," was the only way Ione girls Coach Martha Doherty could think of to describe Saturday's match-up of Ione and Dufur. The only thing that wasn't even was the scoring, which showed the Ione team coming out on top, 16-13.

"It wasn't an offensive show. It was a defensive one," she says. "Both teams played good defense. They only put the ball up 35 times and we put it up 38 times."

"All five of my starters did a real good job of shutting off their shooters," Coach Doherty said of her starting squad of Martha, Michelle and

Janet McElligott, Lori Edwards and Michelle LaRue.

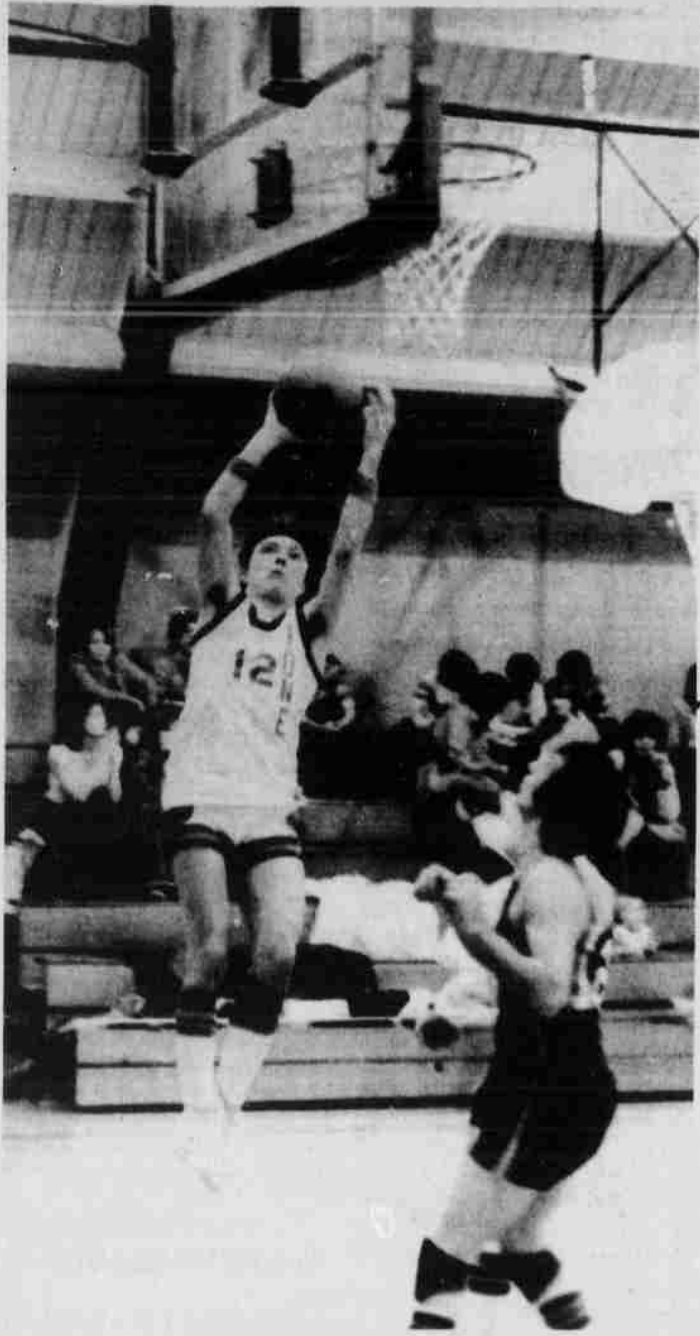
Both teams seemed to run in slow motion throughout the game. Each team had players out with the flu and several playing, who were recovering.

The real difference in the game was that "we forced them from running their offense, so they shot all outside shots." The Ione girls held Dufur's "hot-shot" Nikki Reed to only 8 points, 4 of those coming in the last 20 seconds of the game, when the Ione players were instructed not to foul.

Ione found balanced scoring in Michelle McElligott who led her team with 6, followed by Janet McElligott and Michelle LaRue both with 4 and Martha McElligott who rounded out the scoring with 2.

Michelle LaRue and Janet McElligott combined for more than half of Ione's total rebounds with 8 and 7, respectively. Michelle and Martha helped out Dufur's turnover situation with three steals each to their credit.

The Ione teams will travel to Helix Friday, and be at home Saturday. The games commence at 4 p.m., with the girls' action to start first.



Ione's Dennis Stefani goes high in the air for a two-point attempt against an unidentified Umapine defender. The Cardinals scalped the Chiefs 74-62.

## Town Team league posts hoop results

The second week of Town Team Basketball League action saw the Forest Service squad emerge victorious over Watkins by a 52-47 margin, while Van Marter made it two in a row with a 43-36 win over Lane.

In two other Town Team contests Sunday, Greenup overpowered Smith by a 60-34

margin, while Eckman players continued their winning ways, beating Johnston 53-22.

This coming Sunday, Johnston will meet Van Marter, the Forest Service will take on Smith, Eckman will challenge Lane and Watkins will face Greenup. The first game starts at 5 p.m.

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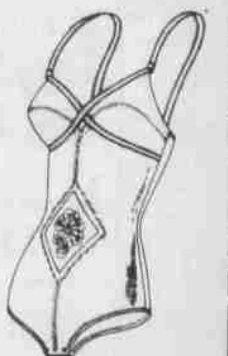
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