

## Mustangs finish season with wins

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the final quarter, to match the total they had tallied in the previous three frames.

### Final Standings CBC East

Pilot Rock	12-1
Weston-McEwen	9-4
Heppner	6-7
Stanfield	1-12
Umatilla	1-12

### Final Standings CBC West

Wahtonka	13-1
Riverside	8-5
Sherman	7-6
Condon	5-8
Wasco	3-10

Tight team play also characterized Saturday's 10-point win over Wasco County.

Nine Mustangs put points on the board against the Red-sides, with only one of them.

## Town Team ball results

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Eckman was leading VanMarter by a basket until the final seconds of regular play, when VanMarter's Darrell Spivey popped in a jumper—his second basket of the game—to put the contest into overtime. Scoring ended at 42-39 in VanMarter's favor.

Laverne VanMarter was the leading scorer for the winners, with 15, followed by Ernie Ross with 11.

In other Town Team action, Watkins overpowered Smith 48-28. Greenup defeated Johnston 37-32, and Lane bested Forest Service by a 55-35 margin, despite a 25-point performance by the Forest Service's Padberg.

At the end of the first half of league play, VanMarter stands at the top of the standings at 7-0, followed by Eckman, 6-1; Lane, 5-2; Watkins, 3-4; Greenup, 3-4; Forest Service, 2-5; Smith, 2-5, and Johnston, 0-7.

In action this coming Sunday, Lane will face Smith, Greenup takes on Eckman; Johnston will meet Watkins, and Forest Service will challenge VanMarter.

## Cardinals in playoffs

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around "Kind of panicked" the Echo players, adding to their demise, LaRue commented.

Gregg Rietmann shot a blistering 80 per cent from the court to rack up 16 points, but Ione's top scorer was Robin LaRue with 17. Once more, Stefani made double figures, this time with 13, trailed by McElligott with eight and McCabe with seven.

Robin LaRue put in one of his most inspired performances at the boards, hauling down 10 rebounds, including six offensive caroms. Rietmann was credited with nine rebounds.

Echo, however, picked off two more rebounds than Ione, thanks in large part to the efforts of 6-4 Larry Holleman, who was also the game's leading scorer with 29. Ione defenders concentrated on the less formidable Cougars, making Holleman the only Echo player to score more than 10 points.

Ione will meet its traditional arch-rival Arlington during the first game of playoff action, starting at 9 p.m. tonight. The Honkers had little trouble containing the Cardinals earlier in the year, but this year's sports history has shown that a fired-up Ione team is capable of just about anything. The Honkers, undefeated going into the final week of league play, were handed their first loss Friday night by second place Dufur. Helix has beaten Dufur this season, and the Cards, in turn, have beaten Helix on two occasions.

"Whenever you go out on the floor, nothing's impossible," Coach LaRue commented, "especially in a tournament. If we go out fired up, anything's possible."

Howard Huddleston, making double figures with 11.

"The seniors played like they really wanted to leave a good impression during their last game," commented Day. "Darrell Bigelow put in an inspired performance at the boards and hustling all over the court, and Peck and Marlin played their best game

together." Peck was credited with seven assists and Marlin six.

The Mustangs forced an inordinate number of steals, and shot 37 per cent from the court, sinking 21 of 57 attempts. "We played a tough defense against Wasco, again," Day added.

Holland grabbed eight re-

bounds, while Wood came up with seven.

Putting points on the board in addition to Huddleston were Peck, nine; Wood, eight; Holland and Stookey, six each; Bigelow, four; Marlin and Day, two each.

## Jr. Cards edged by Honkers

Ione's junior high basketball season came to an end this week against Arlington on a thrilling, if disappointing note, with both seventh and eighth grade teams losing to the Honkers by one point margins.

In seventh grade action, Arlington overcame Ione's halftime lead of 23-12 to pull out a 31-30 victory.

Darrin Padberg was the top scorer for Ione with nine points, followed by Craig Hams with six, Jim Jepsen with five and Steve Millman

and Larry Sullivan with four apiece.

The Junior Cards connected on only two of eight free throw attempts, which "cost the game right there," Coach Bob Deeter noted. "But it was a good ball game," he said. "We just ran out of time."

The eighth grade contest was even more of a heart-stopper. With only 11 seconds remaining, Ione had time to make two shots, either of which would likely have sealed a victory. But both

attempts failed, resulting in a 37-36 Arlington win.

"Once again, Arlington came back and stuck it to us," said Deeter. Ione had led Arlington 18-10 at the half. "We just let down a little and didn't play with the same intensity we did in the first half," Deeter said.

Donny Taylor picked up 14 points for Ione, with Craig Gutierrez contributing six and Denny Starr five.

The eighth graders finished the season with a 6-3 record.

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