

State champs

# Ione humiliates Prospect 72-6

Ione's Cardinals humiliated the Prospect Cougars 72-6 in the state championship game for eight man teams last Saturday. It is the second year in a row that Ione has won the state title with their 23rd straight victory.

After fighting the weather elements, the Cascade Range through Crater and Diamond Lakes and the snow to within eight miles of Prospect, the Cardinals settled in to rout the Cougars in record fashion for the most points scored in a state championship game, and easily establishing the biggest point spread in a championship game.

Shortly after the Star Spangled Banner was played, Gregg Rietmann set the stage that was to follow for the remainder of the day when, on the third play from scrimmage, he scrambled 71 yards for his first of five touchdowns. Prospect would have been better off at that point to have gone back to the dressing room and concede the championship because only scarred bodies, bruised egos and flared tempers were to remain until the victory was sealed a few hours later.

As has been the case all season for Coach Gordon Meyer's team, the victory was not the artistry of one person, even though Rietmann's 194 yards and five touchdowns were impressive. The entire team shared in the glory.

Rietmann scored the second touchdown of the game on a 10-yard pass from quarterback Dennis Stefani but the extra point pass again failed and Ione led at the end of the first quarter 12-0.

Tim Patton set up that score with a blocked kick and recovery at the five-yard line.

Shawn LaRue scored the first of his three touchdowns on a four-yard run and the score mounted to 18-0 when the extra point again proved unsuccessful.

Rietmann showed he could play defense too as he blocked a punt and recovered it in the end zone. The extra point pass play from Stefani to Rietmann worked this time and the score was 26-0.

Rietmann scored again in the explosive second period, this time on a two-yard run, and Stefani's pass to LaRue made the score 34-0 at halftime.

Tim Patton set up that score with a blocked kick and recovery at the five-yard line.

Prospect had no offensive punch in the first half as Ione had control of the ball twice as long on offense. Stefani passed the ball six times, completing four, for 81 yards just in the first half. Rietmann rushed for 84 yards on just five carries.

The offense picked up where it left off in the second half when Stefani returned a punt to the Cougar 30-yard line after the defense had held Prospect's offense. LaRue scored six plays later on a one-yard run and the extra point pass from Stefani to Jim McCabe put Ione up 42-0 and the 10-1 team from Prospect was obviously embarrassed by its play as they began to show some poor sportsmanship by trying to fight with the Ione players.

But Ione decided to leave the fisticuffs to Prospect and continue to whip the tar out of the Cougars on the football field. Rietmann scored his last touchdown of the game, still in the third period, on a 47-yard run. LaRue caught a pass from Stefani to make the score 50-0.

Ione mounted the lead to 56-0 on a 37-yard touchdown pass from Stefani to Les Thompson but the extra point attempt failed.

Prospect got its only score of the game on a four-yard run by Greg Stillwagon. Prospect star Doug Valentine led that drive with a couple of long runs and an 18-yard pass reception.

The teams entered the final quarter with Ione leading 56-6

but that did not last long as LaRue scored on an 11-yard run and then ran in the two-point conversion and Ione led 64-6. Center Glen Krebs received an ankle sprain on the play.

With the substitutes in, Ione still controlled the game. Jeff Hams scored the final TD of the game on a five-yard run and he also ran in the extra point to make the overwhelming final score 72-6.

The members of the Ione Cardinal State Championship team include seniors Dennis Stefani, Robin LaRue, Terry Starr, Glen Krebs, Jerry Rietmann and Mike Conklin. Juniors on the team are Tim Key, Scott Balfie, Shawn LaRue, Gregg Rietmann, Treve Peterson, Les Thompson, Jim McCabe, Duane Fetsch, Mark Patton, Richard

Ladd and Barney Rea.

The only sophomore is Jeff Hams. Freshmen are Vince McElligott, Denny Starr, Jeff Key, Donnie Taylor, Craig Gutierrez, Matt Barnes and Tim Patton.

The head coach is Gordon Meyers assisted by Del LaRue.

Stefani finished the game with 158 yards passing hitting on 8 of 13. Rietmann caught three passes for 62 yards, Thompson three for 74 and LaRue two for 22 yards. LaRue also ran for 71 yards on 15 carries.

Total yardage was 469 for Ione and 123 for Prospect.

## Sophomore leads Heppner in football statistics

Sophomore sensation John Murray led the Heppner football team in five statistical departments at the end of the 11-game season and he was near the top in two others.

Murray carried the ball 180 times for 1,119 yards rushing from his tailback spot for an average of 6.2 yards a

carry. He just missed breaking Wade Padberg's season record of 1,130 yards gained rushing.

Murray also led the team in scoring as he amassed 25 touchdowns rushing, one receiving and one on a defensive interception for a total of 162 points. He had four interceptions in the 11 games to lead the team in that department.

He was also the leading kick-off returner with a 24.7 average and he returned punts 17 times for 192 yards for a 11.3 average. Murray was ninth in the team in defensive points and second in receiving with nine grabs for 58 yards and a 6.4 average per catch.

Jim Parker, a senior, led the defensive unit with 186 defensive points, (40 assisted and 58 unassisted tackles). Joey Marlatt was second with 167 points (29 assisted and 58 unassisted tackles). Dale Holland was third with 157 points (seven tackles for a loss) and sophomore Earl Hammond was fourth with 139 points (42 assisted and 38 unassisted tackles.)

Fifth in defensive points was Doug Holland with 111 and Steve Marlatt was sixth with 103. Todd Sherer was next

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## Bowling

### Koffee Kup League

The Pytts are still in first place in the Koffee Kup Kegler League with a 33½-10½ record.

In second place is the Three L's at 26-18 and the Hi Hos' team is third at 25-19. The Weary Wives team is tied with the Gutter Dusters for fourth place with 23-21 records.

In sixth place is the team called the Three Holers, who are 17-27. The Newcomers are next at 14½-29½ with the Dregs last at 14-30.

The Pytts are also first in total pins with 17,406, the Three L's are next at 17,285 and the Weary Wives are third

at 17,140. The Hi Hos are fourth at 16,831 and the Gutter Dusters are only two pins behind that team with 16,829. The Three Holers are 16,721, the Newcomers 16,677 and the Dregs 16,596 total pins.

The high game of the week was rolled by Hilda Yocom with a 175. Iris Campbell had the high series with an even 500. The Three Ls bowled the high team game with 52 pins knocked down and the Pytts had the high team series with 1,565.

Splits were made by Marie Boor, the 3-7-10, and Maude Hughes, the 6-7-10.

### Thursday League

The Kinzua Corp. and Ray Boyce Insurance teams are tied for first place in the Thursday Night Bowling League with 29-15 records.

But Kinzua is ahead in total pins with 28,958 compared to 28,039.

Columbia Basin is in third place at 27-14 but is second in total pins with 28,349. The Blackhorse Tavern is fourth with as 23-21 record but is sixth in total pins with 27,964.

Kroll's Department Store is fifth with a 20-24 record and is third in total pins with 28,332.

### Sparetimer's League

Jackie Allstott bowled a 202 game for the high game of the week in the Sparetimer's League last week.

Phyllis Cole and Fran Cook tied for the high individual series of the week with 506.

The Morrow County Grain Growers team lengthened its league lead to four games with a 35½-12½ record.

Coast-to-Coast is second with a 31½-16½ record and Peterson's Jewelry is 28-20. Bucknum's Tavern is 23½-24½, Jerry's Mobil is 22-26, Central Market is 21-27. Gard-

Gateway Toyota is fourth in total pins with 28,201 and sixth in the league standings with a 29-25 mark.

Heppner Bowl is seventh in the league at 15-29 and Cal's Cafe is last at 12-32. Heppner Bowl has 27,304 total pins and Cal's Cafe has 27,356.

Joyce Winter bowled the high game of the week with a 182. Sandi Hanna had the high series with a 494. Kinzua had the high team game with a 925 and Columbia Basin had the high team series at 2,653.

ner's Men's Wear is 18½-19½ and Sears is 12-36.

Coast-to-Coast had the high team game with 839 and also the high team series with 2,198.

Coast-to-Coast is first in total pins with 25,682 and Peterson's is second with 25,281. The M.C.G.G. team is third with 24,732 and Central Market is fourth with 23,448.

In fifth place is Bucknum's with 21,933 and Gardner's is sixth with 21,705. Jerry's Mobil is seventh with 21,026 and Sears is last with 20,442.

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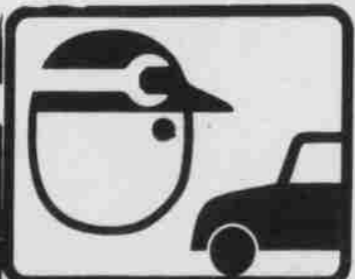
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