



Dennis Stefani (left) and Dale Holland (47 above) have been selected to the Shriner's All-Star football team.

SPORTS

Ione stomps Arlington

Dennis Stefani scored 24 points leading the Ione Cardinals to a 70-50 romp over Arlington to lock up a playoff spot in the Big Sky Conference District Tournament in Umatilla Feb. 29 and March 1.

As the standings are now, unbeaten Dufur will play Wheeler or Echo and Ione will take on Arlington Feb. 29 and the winners will play March 1 to decide which team will go to state.

Ione will have a chance against the top team in the league from Dufur as that team will play on the Cardinals home floor Saturday night at 8 p.m. Ione lost by only four points to the high scoring first place team and they are looking forward to attempting to avenge that loss.

Against Arlington, Ione led 18-11 at the end of the first quarter and 39-22 at halftime as the Honkers just were not as tough as when the Cards played in Arlington a month ago.

Ione still led 53-28 at the end of three quarters and the team won going away outscoring the visitors 17-12 in the final period.

Stefani made 11-of-21 shots in the game for his 24 points and Shawn LaRue made 14 points, 10 in the second quarter coming off the bench when Ione blew the game open. LaRue was successful on 7-of-18 shots and played his "best game of the year," Coach Del LaRue said.

Mark Patton scored 12 points, Robin LaRue 6, Jim McCabe 6, and Treve Peterson 2. Gregg Rietmann also scored 6 points.

Ione outbounded Arlington 37-30 with Patton leading the way with eight. Stefani had four assists to lead the team in that category. Ione had 16 turnovers while Arlington had 24.

The Cards shot 39 percent from the field, 31-of-79, while

the Honkers shot 40 percent, 18-of-45. Ione made 8-of-13 foul shots while Arlington made 14-of-20.

"We played better defense than the last time we played them," Coach LaRue said. "We did not play very good when we played them there. We did not press the whole game when we played them before but we did this time."

"We also did not let them go to the foul line 36 times," he continued. "They are good free throw shooters. They also outbounded us last time."

Stefani scored 36 points the night before in Echo but the Cardinals lost in an upset 63-60.

Stefani's 36 points is a season high for the team and is one point short of his career high set last year against Umapine.

"Stefani has been on a hot streak in the last three games," LaRue said.

He made 17-of-34 shots but his personal performance was not enough to hold back the balanced scoring attack of Echo as four Cougars scored in double figures.

Patton scored 8 points, Robin LaRue, Treve Peterson and Gregg Rietmann scored 6 points each and McCabe and Shawn LaRue scored 2 points apiece for Ione.

Echo led 19-14 at the end of the first quarter and 31-30 at halftime. Ione still trailed by seven 47-40 at the end of three quarters but Ione made a run

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JV lose two

The Heppner JV basketball team lost its last two games of the year to Pilot Rock 64-55, and to Weston-McEwen 44-39 to finish the year at 8-5.

Heppner got off to a "terrible" start, according to Coach Brent Eggars, against Pilot Rock as the Rockets took a 21-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. The team trailed 35-23 at halftime and 51-39 at the end of three quarters but rallied to within four points in the final period before losing by nine.

Heppner was whistled for 28 fouls in the game as Robert Bier, Greg Sweeney and Brett Sherer fouled out.

"We lost the game in the first five minutes of the game," Eggars said. "You can't spot a team that many points and expect to come back. The fouls and the turnovers killed us."

Heppner had 26 turnovers but the winners had more with 31. Pilot Rock outbounded Heppner 31-26.

Sweeney scored 16 points to lead the scoring, Don Lott and Bier had 11 each, Brett Sherer had 6, Brian Thompson 4, Joe Mollahan and Joe Struthers scored 2 each and Kelly Crewse had 1 point. High scorer Ken Stookey was out with an injury and Earl Hammond was removed from the team last week.

Thompson led the team in rebounds with seven and steals with four.

A bad third quarter hurt Heppner in the game against Weston-McEwen.

Heppner's JV team trailed at the buzzer ending the first quarter 17-14 but came back to lead at halftime 29-26. Weston-McEwen held Heppner to only two points in the slow third period as Heppner trailed 32-31. The TigerScots outscored Heppner 11-8 in the fourth to take the game.

With seven minutes left in the game and Heppner trailing 35-33, the Mustangs were called for a technical foul for stalling and the TigerScots were awarded a free throw and the ball and that was the turning point in the game, Eggars said.

After the technical foul, "We had to put Bier back in the game sooner than I wanted to and he fouled out," Eggars said.

Bier had been sitting on the bench with four personal fouls when Heppner went into its delayed game and was signaled for a technical foul without a warning by the official.

"The kids played an excellent game," Eggars said. "They did everything I asked of them. The technical and some questionable fouls on Bier took us out of the game. Don Lott had a great game for the second night in a row making 9-of-9 from the free throw line."

Lott led the scoring with 11, Bier had 10, and Sherer 8, Sweeney 4, Thompson 4, and Mollahan 2.

Lott and Bier led the rebounding with nine each. Lott had four assists and Sherer had four steals.

Stefani, Holland named to Shriner's all-star grid team

Quarterback Dennis Stefani of Ione and tight end Dale Holland of Heppner have been chosen to represent the east squad for the East-West Shriner's All-Star Game this summer.

The team is made up of 16 players from AA schools, nine from A schools and one from a B school.

Stefani quarterbacked Ione's two time state championship B football team. He started all four years that he was in high school.

In his first year in 1976, he completed 79 passes in 166 attempts for 897 yards and eight touchdowns with 17 interceptions. He also scored two touchdowns.

When Stefani was a sophomore, he completed 55 percent of his passes, 77-of-139, for 901 yards and 11 touchdowns while scoring six touchdowns and three two-point extra points. He tossed nine interceptions.

He completed a remarkable 65 percent of his throws, 111-of-171, in 1978 for 1,519 and

19 touchdowns. He threw only three interceptions that season. He scored eight touchdowns, kicked eight extra points, ran in seven two-point conversions and kicked two field goals scoring 76 points that year.

In 1979 he passed the ball fewer times, "because we ran the ball so well," according to his coach at Ione, Gordon Meyers. He only threw 109 passes completing 57 for 963 yards and 11 touchdowns and three interceptions. Stefani averaged 17 yards per completion, his career best. He scored eight touchdowns, ran in 10 two-point conversions and kicked six extra points.

For his career he hit on 55 percent of his passes, 324-of-585, for 4,280 yards and 49 touchdowns with 32 interceptions.

For his career in scoring, he made 24 touchdowns, 20 two-point conversions, 14 extra points and two field goals for 204 total points.

Stefani said he has talked to the coaches at Willamette

University and is planning on going to college there and playing football and possibly baseball or basketball.

Dale Holland

Also chosen for the all-star game was Heppner's Dale Holland who played tight end and defensive end for the Mustangs.

In 1976 he caught five passes for 47 yards and in his sophomore year in 1977 he grabbed 13 passes for 115 yards and two touchdowns despite being out half the year with a shoulder separation.

He caught 16 passes for 189 yards in his junior year and had one touchdown and he had his best season last year

grabbing 31 throws for 378 yards and five scores.

"He was the best blocking end in the league and was a good, steady team captain," football coach John Sporseen said.

On defense, he made 82 tackles last season and 71 the year before. He made 28 tackles as a sophomore in 3 1/2 games but did not play defense when he returned after his injury. He did not play on defense when he was a freshman.

Eight alternates were chosen for the game. They include Jim Parker and Joedy Marlatt of Heppner.

Ione girls beaten by top two league teams

The Ione Cardinal girls basketball team played two of the top teams in the league last weekend and it showed in the final scores as the team lost to Arlington 54-23 and to Echo 57-20.

Ione was not in either game as Echo jumped out to a 14-6 lead and Arlington led 20-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Echo led 26-9 at halftime, scored 21 points in the third quarter to lead 47-17 and then outscored the visitors again in the final period to win the game by 31 points.

Stacy Snow led the winners with 20 points. Michelle LaRue led Ione with 14 points, Martha McElligott scored 4 points and Tammy Holtz scored 2. Margaret Doherty led the rebounding with eight.

"Echo dominated the boards and beat us down the court on the fast break," said Coach Martha Doherty. "They were looking good playing the best ball of the season and I think they have the best chance at beating Arlington at district."

Against the first place team from Arlington, Ione fell behind 34-12 at halftime and 45-18 at the end of three quarters.

Arlington made 20-of-49 shots.

"We played better in that game although the score may not indicate it," Doherty said. "Their three six-footers got the rebounds and started the fast break for them. I was pleased with the efforts of the team. It is hard when you can't move out girls that are six-foot tall. We were scrapping for the rebounds though."

McElligott led the team in scoring with 9 points. LaRue had 6, Anita Palmer 3, Kim Pettyjohn 3 and Doherty 2.

Doherty, LaRue and Holtz all had seven rebounds and Palmer had six.

Ione faces the other district bound team this weekend when Dufur comes to town for a game Saturday at 6 p.m.

Cardinal club meets tonight

The Ione Cardinal Club will meet tonight at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Some of the subjects to be discussed will be the Ione track project and the school budget.

The program for the evening will be a slide presentation and art demonstration by Rick Gibson, artist in residence at the Ione schools. Gibson is at the Ione schools through a grant to rural schools from the Northwest Foundation.

He will be at Ione for the rest of the term and is willing to teach an evening art class to adults.

All interested adults are invited to attend this demonstration and may confer with Gibson after the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Women golfers gather Monday

The women's auxiliary of the Willow Creek Country Club will have its annual organizational meeting Feb. 25 at the Columbia Basin board room in Heppner beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Any woman interested in playing golf at the course for the coming season is invited to attend, said president Linda Shaw.

Bowling

Keglers League

The Three L's are in first place in the Koffee Kup Keglers League with a 15-5 record and the Weary Wives are only a game behind at 14-6.

The Dregs team is third at 12 1/2-7 1/2 and the Newcomers are fourth at 10-10. The Pytts team is 8-12, the Three Holers are 7 1/2-12 1/2, the Hi Ho's team is 7-13 and the Gutter Dusters are 6-14.

Faye Ruhl bowled the high game of the week with a 187 and Iris Campbell bowled the high series with 525. The

Spartimers League

Betty Christman and Phyllis Cole both rolled 201 games to tie for the high game of the week in the Spartimer's Bowling League.

Millie Hanna had the high series with a 530. The Morrow County Grain Growers had the high team game with 849 and the high team series with 2,414.

Harriet Evans made the 5-7 split, Hazel Reid the 3-7 and Faye Wilson the 5-8-10.

Petersons is first in the league at 16-8, M.C.G.G. second at 15-9, Coast-to-Coast

third at 14-10, Gardners fourth at 13-11, Sears fifth at 12-12, Jerry's Mobil sixth at 11-13, Central Market seventh at 10-14 and Bucknims last at 5-19.

Petersons is also first in total pins with 12,708, Coast-to-Coast is second with 12,699, M.C.G.G. third with 12,582, Jerry's Mobil fourth with 11,671, Central Market fifth with 11,363, Bucknims sixth with 10,851, Sears seventh with 10,833 and Gardners last with 10,281.

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