

Ione Cardinals state bound after win

"On to state" chanted the Ione fans last Saturday as the Cardinals trounced the Dufur Rangers 68-50 after edging the Arlington Honkers the day before 51-48.

State is exactly where Ione is going after taking the District 3B Basketball Tournament crown. Ione will play Alsea at 9 p.m. tomorrow night in Baker

in the semi-finals of the state tournament.

Coach Del LaRue said he does not know much about Alsea except that "They have a coach and at least five or six players."

At district, Ione was awarded the first place trophy and Dufur was second. Arlington came in first in the girls' competition and Helix second.

Awards were given for the first time after the district games to 10 boys and girls who participated in the tourney. Dennis Stefani of Ione won a gold award while teammates Mark Patton, Gregg Rietmann and Robin LaRue received silver awards.

The championship game against Dufur was anti-climatic compared to the cliff hanger the day before against Arlington.

Stefani started the game out with three buckets in the first quarter as Ione led 18-9 at the end of the period. Shawn LaRue capped off the scoring with a bucket after an offensive rebound.

The taller Dufur team hurt Ione in the second quarter on the offensive boards as the Rangers cut the lead to 24-23 before Les Thompson made a basket just before halftime to

make the score 26-23 at the buzzer.

Robin LaRue scored after Stefani tossed a bullet pass to him for the assist then Stefani came back with a 20-footer as Ione led 30-23.

After Dufur came back to make the score 34-29, Greg Rietmann scored with an assist from Robin LaRue. Stefani scored on a drive, Patton scored on an offensive rebound, Robin LaRue scored one-and-one free throws and Robin LaRue scored again with an assist from Stefani as Ione opened up a commanding 44-29 lead going into the final quarter.

A sign behind the Ione cheering section said, "The Rangers are Du fur (due for) a loss," and it looked by the end of the third quarter that the Cardinals were going to win.

Dufur fell apart in the final period as Stefani opened the quarter with a three-point play after driving to the hoop. The Rangers were fouling in desperation attempting to get the ball and Ione was hitting the free throws making an amazing 11-of-14 in the final quarter.

A shot by Mark Patton in the middle of the quarter gave Ione its biggest lead of the

game at 59-37 and the substitutes came in after Robin LaRue grabbed another offensive rebound and put the shot in to make it 62-41.

Stefani led the team with 23 points. Robin LaRue scored 20, Mark Patton 8, Shawn LaRue 6, Treve Peterson 3, Gregg Rietmann 2, Les Thompson 2, Glen Krebs 2 and Ralph Morter 2.

Ione almost did not even make it to the championship game as Arlington came within inches of upsetting the Cardinals. A five-foot hook shot by Arlington was just long with two seconds left in the game or else the Honkers would have won 50-49.

But it was not in the cards for Arlington.

Arlington started three sophomores in the game and it showed as Ione led 6-0 after three turnovers caused by the Cardinal full-court press. Ione was also tight as the team was getting open shots but missing them badly. Stefani especially had a poor shooting night as he connected on only 2-of-18 shots from the floor.

The Ione zone left the Honkers open for 10 footers and the team from Arlington High School began to hit the shots and took a 14-12 first

quarter lead.

Two baskets by Gregg Rietmann and a steal and a lay-in by Robin LaRue put Ione ahead at 16-14. Patton blocked a shot and hit Robin LaRue on the fastbreak to make it 20-16 but Arlington came right back breaking the Ione full-court press. Ione switched to a 1-3-1 zone instead of a 2-1-2 but it did not fool Arlington as the Honkers continued to get good shots. Rietmann sparked the team to lead 29-24 at halftime.

A Robin LaRue hook shot made the score 37-30 but the Cards let Arlington score three straight baskets to cut the lead to 40-36.

Ione had all kinds of problems in the fourth quarter. The team only scored five points when Robin LaRue fouled out of the game with 3:51 remaining and the lead at 47-44.

Arlington grabbed its first lead since the first quarter at 48-47 but Shawn LaRue scored to make it 49-48 Ione. Stefani came up with a clutch steal and it looked like Ione would hold the ball and run the clock out. But Stefani was fouled and he missed the free throw

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Ralph Morter drives to the hoop as a Dufur Ranger takes a swat at the ball.



11-year-old Lana Reid of Heppner, a state winner in the Jack Ramsay Basketball Shootout for Easter Seals, gets an autograph from Tom Owens of the Blazers during the Friday practice session.

Bowling Sparetimers League

Petersons is in first place in the Sparetimer's Bowling League with a 20-12 record.

Three teams are close behind with 18-14 marks including Coast-to-Coast, Sears, and the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Gardners is next at 16-16, Jerry's Mobil and Central Market are 14-18 and Bucknuns is last at 10-22.

Linda Schultz rolled the high game of the week with a 216 and Inetia Cantin had the high individual series with 528.

Petersons had both the high game of the week with 749 and the high team series with 2,131.

Vonnie Lovgren made the 5-7 split, as did Inetia Cantin.

Petersons is first in total pins with 16,881, M.C.G.C. second with 16,781, Coast-to-Coast third with 16,656, Jerry's Mobil fourth with 15,526, Central Market fifth with 15,471, Sears sixth with 14,754, Bucknum's seventh with 14,571 and Gardners last with 13,848.

Keglers League

The Weary Wives team is first in the Koffee Kup Keglers League with a 20-8 record but the Three L's are only one game back at 19-9.

The Dregs team is third at 14½-13½ and the Hi Ho's fourth at 14-14. The Three Holers team is 12½-15½, the Newcomers and the Pytts are both 11-17 and the Gutter Dusters team is last at 10-18.

Linda Schultz bowled the high game of the week with 190 and the high series with 506. The Dregs had the high team game with 573 and the Three

L's team had the high team series with 1,626.

Maude Hughes made the 5-10 split and Alma Vinson picked up the 5-7-9 combination.

The total pins standings have the Three L's in first place with 10,876, the Hi Ho's second with 10,828, the Weary Wives third with 10,754, the Dregs fourth with 10,649, the Gutter Dusters fifth with 10,639, the Three Holers sixth with 10,605, the Newcomers seventh with 10,513 and the Pytts last with 10,463.

Thursday Ladies

Kay McRoberts bowled a 210 game and had a 529 series for the high scores of the week in the Thursday Night Ladies Bowling League.

Gateway Toyota is in first place at 21½-10½ and Blackhorse Tavern and Cal's Tavern are tied for second with 19-13 marks. Ray Boyce Insurance is fourth at 18-14 and Columbia Basin fifth at 15½-16½. Kroll's Dept. Store is 14-18, Heppner Bowl is 12-20 and Kinzua Corp. is 11-21.

Kroll's had the high team game of the week with 924 and

the high team series with 2,738.

Melba Quackenbush picked up the 4-7-10 split and Faye Ruhl made the 3-6-7-8 combination.

Gateway Toyota is also first in total pins with 64,589, with Blackhorse Tavern second with 64,493, Columbia Basin third with 64,222, Kinzua Corp. fourth with 63,909, Ray Boyce Insurance fifth with 63,520, Heppner Bowl sixth with 62,745, Cal's Tavern seventh with 62,676 and Kroll's last with 61,738.

Fillies place fourth at district tourney

Heppner's Fillies lost to Wasco County 37-30 and to Condon 44-41 to place fourth in the District 7A Basketball Tournament at the Pendleton Armory last week.

Heppner had a strong showing against the undefeated team from Wasco County that they lost to by 17 points just a week earlier.

Heppner trailed only 7-6 at the end of the first quarter and 19-14 at halftime. The Fillies were outscored 10-7 in the third period to trail 28-21 and both teams scored nine points in the fourth quarter.

Karen Kennedy led the winners with 24 points.

Alice Abrams scored 10 for Heppner, Mary Kincaid 9, Geri Grieb 5, Lynn Dee Devin 2, Sandra Ward 3 and Kellie Hammond 1. Abrams had 11 rebounds.

The shooting percentages for the Fillies were very low as the team made less than 21 percent of its shots. Kincaid was only 4-of-20, Grieb 2-of-15 and Devin 1-of-8. Wasco County shot better than 34 percent from the field.

A strong point for Heppner was only making nine turnovers while forcing Wasco County into making 18.

Against Condon, Mary Kincaid scored off the opening

tip-off, Lynn Dee Devin scored on a fastbreak with an assist from Mary Kincaid and Geri Grieb scored on another fastbreak with another assist from Kincaid and Alice Abrams put in a shot as Heppner raced to an 8-0 lead. Kellie Hammond scored on another fastbreak with an assist from Devin as the Fillies led 10-2 at the end of the first quarter.

Steals stifled Condon in the first quarter and Abrams had two blocked shots to thwart the Condon Blue Devil offense. Abrams picked up three quick fouls though and was forced to sit out the second and third periods.

Condon began to hit the offensive boards and began its comeback in the second quarter closing the gap to 16-11 but Devin scored on a pass from Hammond, Deann Conner sank a 10-foot shot and Sandra Ward scored on an assist from Grieb as Heppner led 24-17 at halftime.

Neither team scored for 2½ minutes in the third quarter but Condon scored five straight points to make the score 24-22 with Heppner still in front.

Heppner finally scored with 3:30 left in the third quarter on a fastbreak bucket by Ham-

mond and Kincaid scored with an assist pass from Devin to put the Fillies up 28-22.

A Condon bucket at the buzzer made the score 32-31 at the end of three quarters as the Blue Devil fastbreak and Heppner turnovers aided the Condon comeback.

Heppner was outscored 13-9 in the final period as Condon's comeback proved successful. The game was practically a replay of when Condon played

at Heppner more than a month ago as Heppner led almost the entire game in that contest before Condon came on strong at the end to win.

Heppner was hurt by Condon's success on the offensive boards in the second half. The Fillies leading scorer, Mary Kincaid, only had one basket in the fourth quarter as Condon's man-to-man defense was tough at the end of the game and she could not get open for shots.

Hammond finished the Condon game as Heppner's leading scorer with a superb effort of 14 points. Kincaid only had 6, Grieb 5, Ward 4, Conner 4, Abrams 4, and Devin had 4 points.

Mary Kincaid was selected to the all-league second team and Lynn Dee Devin was an honorable mention.

Pilot Rock went on to win the tournament and is going to the state competition. Wasco County was second and Condon third.

Heppner Little League beginning

An organizational meeting for the Willow Creek Little League Baseball will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the First National Bank of Oregon meeting room in Heppner.

The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in becoming involved in the little league program, said league president Ted Toll.

Other officers for the little league are vice president John Van Winkle and secretary-treasurer Tim Fromwiller.

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