

## Mustangs remain undefeated, on top in conference

The number one position in the East Division of the Columbia Basin Conference was on the line Saturday, when the Heppner Mustangs clashed with the also undefeated Pilot Rock Rockets.

It took some clutch shooting, a superb second half effort by Dorian Forrar and two overtimes, but Heppner came away from the contest a 59-56 winner to remain undefeated and on top of the stack in the conference.

Heppner got off to a slow start in the contest, falling behind eight to 16 in the first quarter. "They came out and jumped on us right off the bat," said Brent Eggers, Mustang assistant coach.

Kurt Stelk, the Rockets stand-out 6 ft. 3 inch center, provided most of the scoring in the first quarter which put the Mustangs behind.

Heppner reserve Mike Currin came off the bench, however, to help shut down the big man.

"Mike did a really good job on him in the second quarter," said Eggers. "He held him to only seven points."

The Mustangs outscored the Rockets 14 to seven in the second quarter to come within one point at the half.

Heppner came out of the locker room for the second quarter, but couldn't get its offense untracked, falling behind 33 to 39 by the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter proved to be the game winner, however, when Heppner's high-scoring forward Dorian Forrar got the hot hand and dumped in 14 points in that period, including a basket with 10 seconds left to send the game into its first overtime tied at 52-52.

With 10 seconds left in the first overtime Dale Holland put in a 20-footer to knot the



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first overtime 56-56.

Pilot Rock failed to score in the second overtime while Heppner's Forrar sank a bucket and John Murray sank

a free throw to clinch the victory for the Mustangs. High scorers for the game were Forrar with 24 and Don

Lott with 15. High scorer for Pilot Rock was Stelk with 18. Heppner 8 14 11 19 4 3 59. Pilot Rock 16 7 16 13 4 3 56

## Pirates tougher 2nd time around, but Mustangs remain undefeated

Riverside proved to be a tougher opponent in its second contest with the undefeated Heppner Mustangs last Friday, but not quite good enough as Heppner thumped the Pirates for the second time this season, 67-59.

Riverside jumped out to a quick 14-8 lead on the Mustangs, showing they weren't the same club the Mustangs had clobbered 73-39 earlier.

But the Pirates couldn't maintain the lead as Heppner came roaring back in the second quarter to outscore

Riverside 18-2 and go into the half with a 16-26 lead.

Heppner's Don Lott turned in an exceptional performance in this, the opening game of league play for both clubs, scoring 21 points including a string of eight free throws in the final quarter. He was high scorer for both clubs.

"Don Lott really played a good game," said Brett Eggers, assistant coach. "He made 13 of 15 from the free throw line."

Eggers said Dorian Forrar also had a good game, scoring 19 points and Robert Bier

played well scoring 12 points and bringing down a creditable 21 rebounds.

"Riverside was much better prepared this time," said Eggers, whose team is undefeated both for the year and in league play. "They had three games over Christmas, while we didn't have any, which made a difference."

High scorer for Riverside was Terry Secl with 18 points.

Riverside 14 2 15 28 59. Heppner 8 18 17 24 67

## Ione Jr. High boys defeated by Echo

By MICHELLE LARUE

The Cardinal Jr. High boys faced the Echo Cougars on January 7. The Cardinals were defeated 23-34.

The Cardinals were outscored 5-11 in the first quarter and were held to two points in the second quarter. The Cougars took a 7-17 lead at the half.

In the third quarter the cougars moved their lead to 17 points as the score showed the

Cardinals down 11-28. The Cardinals held the Cougars to seven points in the final quarter as the Cardinals scored 12 points.

The Cardinals had three players score six points each: Kevin Ball, Christopher Rea and Mike Rietmann. Ken Snider scored four and Ashley Conklin had one point.

Pat Clough, Dick McElligott and Doug Raaf played but didn't score.

## Cardinal JV team downed by Spray

By MICHELLE LARUE

The Cardinal JV team was downed by the Spray Eagles 17-46 on Saturday, January 9.

The Cardinals were held to two points in the second quarter as the Eagles went on to take a 7-22 half time lead.

The Eagles came out burning for the third quarter as they opened up the score 12-36 to start the final quarter.



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### Little League meeting slated

An open Little League Baseball meeting will be held at the First Interstate Bank meeting room on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The board of directors will be present and an election of officers will be held, said a spokesperson.

The Cardinals couldn't get the ball to drop and were defeated by the Eagles.

Ione 17: Padberg, Meyers 31-37, Leavitt 11-23, McElligott, McCabe 14-8-6, Douglas, Love 01-2-1, Childers, Doherty 0-0-2, Ball 0-0-1, Colvard 0-0-1-0

Spray 46: Davis 10-14-21, Foster 61-2-13, Boudier 1-2-3-4, Graham 15-1-2, Goodell 2-2-3-6, Griffith, Henry

## Ione varsity boys defeated by Helix 42-63

By MICHELLE LARUE

The Cardinal varsity boys were defeated by the Helix Grizzlies 42-63 in their second league game of the season.

The Grizzlies jumped out to a 6-12 first quarter lead. They moved their lead to nine at the half as the Cardinals were outscored by three in the second quarter, 19-28.

The Cardinals were held to

nine points in the third quarter as the hot-shooting Grizzlies took a 28-47 lead into the final quarter.

The Grizzlies topped their victory by sinking 16 fourth quarter points to take a 42-63 victory over the Cards.

Tim Patton was high scorer for the Cardinals with 12 points. Donnie Taylor had 10 rebounds for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals shot 16 of 48

for 33 percent from the field and eight of nine for 89 percent from the charity strip. The Grizzlies shot 29 of 68 for 43 percent from the field and five of nine for 56 percent from the line.

Denny Starr and Brad Schmidt returned after having been injured earlier in the year. This was Starr's first game since his arm was broken in the last football

game of the season. Ione 42: J. Hams 1 3-4 5, Taylor 3 0-0-6, Patton 5 2-2-12, Gutierrez 3 2-2-8, Starr 3 0-0-6, Morter, C. Hams 2 1-1 5, Schmidt

Helix 63: Mark Andrus 6-3-15, Wardwell 4 2-2-10, Goodwin 1 0-0 2, Matt Andrus 6 0-0-12, Bennett, Jensen 1 0-2 2, Gibbs, Lembecke, Rankin 1 0-0 2, Smith 10 0-2-20

## Spray hands Ione boys a 60-51 loss

By MICHELLE LARUE

The Ione varsity boys traveled to Spray on Saturday, January 9. The Cardinals were handed a 51-60 loss.

The Cardinals jumped out to a 14-10 first quarter lead as Jeff Hams scored eight of his twenty points in that quarter.

The Eagles came roaring back in the second quarter to outscore the Cardinals and take a 26-34 lead at the half.

The Cardinals were outscored by one point in the third quarter as the Eagles advanced their lead to 39-48.

In the final quarter both teams scored 12 points apiece

but the Eagles took a victory.

High scorer for the Cardinals was Jeff Hams with 20 points and seven rebounds.

The Cardinals next game will be played at Arlington on January 15 and the Cards host Condon on Saturday, January 16.

Ione 51: J. Hams 8 4-6 20, Taylor 4 3-3-11, Patton 4 3-4-11, Gutierrez 2 0-0 4, Starr 1 0-0 2, Morter 0 1-2 1, C. Hams 1 0-2 2, Schmidt

Spray 60: Wight 4 1-2 9, S. Dumler 7 4-6 18, R. Goodell 6 3-4 15, Conlee 1 0-1 2, M. Dumler 5 0-1 10, Britt 1 0-1 2, J. Goodell, Foster

## Cardinal varsity boys upset by Umapine

By MICHELLE LARUE

The Cardinal varsity boys were upset by the Umapine Chief's on Tuesday, January 5. The Cardinals were outscored by seven in the final quarter to take a 55-61 victory over the Cardinals.

The Cardinals took the lead in the first quarter as they outscored the Chief's 14-10.

Umapine came roaring back to take a one point lead at the half as Kyle Wagner scored 13 second quarter points for the Chief's, 24-25.

The Cardinals were outscored by one in the third quarter, to give the Chief's a two point advantage at the start of the final quarter.

The Cardinals were out-

scored in the last quarter as the Chief's handed the Cards their first league defeat, 55-61.

Jeff Hams and Tim Patton were back after missing approximately three weeks of play due to injuries.

Donnie Taylor led the Cardinals with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Ione 55: J. Hams 5 0-1 10, Taylor 7 0-0 14, Gutierrez 5 0-3 10, Morter 3 0-3 6, C. Hams 3 0-0 6, Patton 3 0-0 6, Leavitt, Meyers

Umapine 61: Wagner 10 4-4 24, Trump 5 0-1 10, Dougherty 2 0-0 4, Robert Riedel 8 3-4 19, Roger Riedel, Robbins 2 0-1 4

## Cardinal girls handed first league defeat

By MICHELLE LARUE

The Cardinal girls were handed their first league defeat as they were downed 32-46 by the Helix Grizzlies on Friday, January 8.

Tammy Holtz scored five points in the first quarter to keep the Cardinals within reach as they fell behind 7-12 at the end of the quarter.

The Cardinals came back in the second quarter to close the gap to three at the half as Michelle LaRue scored six points in the quarter. The Cardinals went to the locker room at the half with a 18-21 disadvantage.

The Cardinals were shut out in the third quarter as the Grizzlies went on to take a 18-33 lead.

The Cardinals outscored the

Grizzlies by one in the final quarter but were handed a disappointing defeat.

Michelle LaRue paced the Cardinals with 16 points and nine rebounds.

The Cardinals will face the Arlington Honkers on Friday, January 15 and Condon on Saturday, January 16. Both games are scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

Ione 32: Doherty, Fetsch 1 0-0 2, Hill 0 3-4 3, Holtz 2 2-5 6, LaRue 6 4-10 16, McElligott 0 0-1 0, Palmer 2 1-1 3, Taylor

Helix 46: Martin 1 0-0 2, temple 6 0-0 12, Brown 1 2-2 4, K. Flerchinger 5 4-6 14, Matthews 4 0-0 8, A. Flerchinger 0 0-1 0, Kraling, Timmerman, Wagner 0 4-5 4, Andrus 1 0-0 2, McMichael, Stolzer, Wardwell

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