

Cardiac Cards pull out close win over Heppner



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Ione player goes up for layup on way to Cardinal upset of Heppner



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Pandemonium breaks out when fans celebrate Cardiac Cards' win over Mustangs

fast break. Donnie Taylor had six of his 10 points fall through the hoop to lead Ione's first quarter scoring.

The game turned around in the second quarter as the Mustangs outscored the Cardinals 10-6 and tied the score at 21 points each. Heppner had a chance to take the lead as Mark Way was fouled and sent to the charity strip but came up unsuccessful.

At half time, the fans and spectators could feel the tension as both teams took to the floor to warm-up. At the tip off, Heppner took it to the hoop for two but from then on were dominated by Ione's offense and held to a minimum by Ione's Defense as the Cardi-

nals took the lead 32-29. But the Mustangs were not going to be denied.

In the fourth quarter the Mustangs came out firing and the first few minutes revealed a blow out. But the Cardinals wouldn't give in. With five minutes to go in the game, Heppner went into a stall as the clock ran down with only minutes left to play. The Mustangs called timeout to plan their strategy, but to no avail. A Mustang pass was intercepted by Roger Morter who took it to the hoop for two. When the Cardinals regained possession, Mark Meyers was fouled and sent to the line to attempt the 1 and 1. Also, due to the

failure to check in at the score keeper's table, Heppner received a technical foul which gave Mark Meyers a chance to put three points on the board. After a 60-second timeout, Meyers did what he set out to do and sank three straight free throws and tied the game at 39 with two seconds left on the clock.

Due to the technical foul, Ione got the ball back and did the impossible. Roger Morter inbounded the ball to Tim Patton, who took a turnaround jump shot from the top of the key with no time remaining to give the Cardinals a victory.

Coach Del LaRue stated "It was a big win for us. It should

give us a big emotional lift. We still made a lot of mistakes but we did make even more progress. It should prove to us that we can play better teams and be successful. All in all, it was a good defensive ball game and it should prepare us for this weekend's tournament."

Ione's Don Taylor led in rebounds, ripping 13 balls from the boards, and Tim Patton and Roger Morter were co-leaders with 11 points apiece. Ione will have a bye this weekend.

Ione takes Heppner in overtime play, 44-36

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

The Ione Jr. High five had a struggle with the Heppner Ponies last Tuesday, but when it was over the junior Cards had increased their record to 3-0 with a 44 to 36 overtime win.

In the first period, the red birds were flying high, building a 15-9 advantage. The second quarter was all defense, as Ione's lead was 19 to 12, at halftime.

Heppner came back in the second half, behind the shooting of Wayne Wilgers, who hit for 17 of his game high 25 points.

The third quarter was mostly Heppner as the Ponies narrowed the margin to 23-22.

The fourth period was close, as Heppner put 14 points on the scoreboard, to 13 for Ione, sending the game into overtime at 36 points for each team.

Ione dominated the overtime period by outscoring the Ponies, eight to zero, to make

the final count 44 to 36, Ione.

The Cardinals were led by Mike Rietmann, and Chris Rea with 16 and 13 points respectively. Kevin Ball chalked up seven points, Ken Snider put in six, and Ashley Conklin added two points.

Besides Wilgers' 25 points, Sean Stack added eight for Heppner.

Ione's next game will be January 6 when the Cards take on the Echo Cougars at home.

By CRAIG GUTIERREZ

The Cardiac Cards have returned. The Ione Cardinals pulled out a close win last Tuesday, Dec. 14, when they defeated the Heppner Mustangs, 41-39. The win over Heppner was the first in many years and was one that was not predicted by many.

The first quarter was all Ione as the Cardinals pressured Heppner to turn the ball over time after time and then went on the attack racking up 15 points to Heppner's 11. The birds from Ione set up a defense that closed the middle off to Heppner's middle men and got back on Defense after the pressure to stop Heppner's

Mustangs trounce Elgin 64-36

By GLENN SMITH

Saturday, Dec. 17, the Heppner Mustangs trounced the Elgin Huskies in a home game that ended with a score of Heppner 64, Elgin 36. Coach Brent Eggers commented "The team played their best game of the season. We really executed our half-court offense and fast break well. We had an excellent first half defensively, although we fouled a little too much in the second."

The Mustangs set the pace for the entire game dazzling the Huskies and controlling their scoring. It was late in the second quarter when the Huskies score hit double figures. By half time the Mustangs led 39-13, pretty much putting the game out of reach for Elgin.

"We played under control a lot better, doing a few new pre-game exercises on concentration that really helped a lot," Eggers said. "Mental mistakes that plagued us in previous games were pretty well eradicated."

High scorer for Heppner was Jeff Orr with 16 points, stuffing the ball to increase the Mustangs' lead. Jay Hayes had 14 points off the bench,

playing what Eggers said was "the best game of his career." High rebounder for the Mustangs was Greg Connor with nine.

All the Mustang players shined Saturday, each one working hard during the entire game.

"Our key to the fast break was a lot better outlet passes by our big men," Coach Eggers stated, "something we hadn't done all year." When asked his opinion of the contrast between Heppner's performance against Ione and Elgin, Eggers commented "Like night and day. The Ione game was a perfect example of Murphy's Law. We didn't have one player that played well in the Ione game."

Although two of the Elgin starters were missing from the game, Eggers felt that "It only would have made the score closer. We had a special defense ready for Elgin but we didn't even have to use it."

In the coach's rating system, Jeff Orr led the cagers with a +20. Jay Hayes and Greg Connor both had a +10. The Mustangs will play Ione again Tuesday, Dec. 21. Eggers said he is looking forward to playing them again. "I'm sure we will be ready to play

them this time. We've just been having problems with consistency. As soon as we

become consistent, we will be an excellent ball team," he said.

HHS Drama Class to present 3 one-act plays

The Drama Class at Heppner High School is planning, as a major class project, to present three one-act plays on the evenings of January 11 and 13, announced Jane Rawlins, class instructor. The 11 members in the class are: Steve Curtis, Gary Riley, Dan Fortenberry, David Florea, Tom Hamman, Greg Orr, Missy Turner, Mary DeSpain, Carla Miles, Leah Cooper and Sandra Wattenburger.

They have been working for several weeks rehearsing, building sets, recording sounds, gathering props and costumes, and working out lighting plans. Every class

member is in at least one acting role as well as serving on two or more positions backstage," said Rawlins.

The three plays will present a variety ranging from a comedy satire "If Men Played Cards as Women Do" to a mystery "Cynthia" to a longer comedy play "The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit." Some extras are being played by some students interested in drama but not enrolled in the class. These include Mardel James, Wes Marlatt and Glenn Smith.

The evening's entertainment will also include some musical selections, to be announced later.

Degree of Honor elects officers

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, the members of the Heppner Degree of Honor Lodge elected officers. They are President, Mary Bryant; First Vice-president, Marie Steagall; Second Vice-president Jo Huston; Babe Harris, recording secretary; Bernice Nash, usher; Adelle LaTrace, assistant usher; Nina Denton, inner watch; Esther Bergstrom, outer watch; Shirley Connor, pianist. Ida Farra and Nina Denton were chosen trustees. Irene Anhorn was

elected drill captain, and Adelle LaTrace was chosen ritual councilor. Past president is Eleanor Gonty.

These officers will be installed on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 8 p.m. at the American Lodge Hall. The installing officer will be Bea Clausen of Bend, the Oregon State Director of the lodge.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, lodge members held their annual Christmas Dinner Party at the Wagon Wheel Cafe in Heppner. Members, their husbands and other invited guests enjoyed this final social event of their lodge year.

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Ione Jr. High girls defeated by Heppner

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

Ione's junior high girls' basketball team met defeat as they were beaten 35 to 31 by the Heppner Ponies last Tuesday.

The Cardinals started the first period by taking a nine to six lead. Heppner rallied in the second quarter, tripling Ione's point production 12-4, to lead at halftime 18 to 13.

Both teams kept pace with each other in the third stanza, each scoring six points. The Ponies led with a 24-19 advantage.

Ione had 12 points compared to Heppner's 11, but it wasn't enough as the Ponies held on

to win 35-31.

Ione's scoring attack was led by Patty McElligott with eight points. Sandi Wright provided six, while Deena Hams and Mary Ann Alvarado had five points each. Kris Anderson tacked on three points and Jill Conklin added two. The Cardinals' other two points came from a Heppner player who scored at the wrong basket.

The Ponies' Theresa Lindsay was the game's leading scorer with nine points. Missy Eubanks helped the cause with eight.

The Cardinals will take on the Echo Cougars January 6 on their home court.

Cards beat Mustangs

By GLENN SMITH

Last Tuesday, Dec. 14, the Mustangs traveled to Ione to play the Cardinal's varsity basketball team. Unfortunately, the Mustangs were beaten by the Cards, 41-39.

Brent Eggers, coach for the Mustangs, commented "We had the game on ice as bad as we played. We made some key mental errors in the last few

minutes of the game."

The Mustangs had led the game 39-34 with one minute and 17 seconds left but problems began plaguing them and the Cardinals rallied to defeat them by a basket.

High scorer for the Mustangs was Mike Currin with 11 points. High rebounders were Mike Currin and Jeff Orr, each with 11.



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