

# Cardiac Cards suffer stroke at hands of Mustangs

By CRAIG GUTIERREZ

The Cardiac Cards had a mild stroke last Tuesday night, Dec. 21, as the Mustangs successfully defended their home court and defeated the Cardinals by nine points.

The rematch between the Cardinals and the Mustangs caused anxiety on the Cardinals' bench, and revenge on the Mustangs' bench as the birds from Ione defeated the Mustangs the previous week.

The Cardinals started the game with the same frame of mind as the week before but due to the Cardinals' inability to hold onto the ball, and pressure that was applied by Heppner, the Cardinals had too many turnovers and only 16 rebounds for the game.

The first half was a replay of the Tuesday before as the game was all defense and little offense for either team. Although the first half was not what many people would call "good basketball," it seemed to be beneficial for both teams but more so for the Mustangs of Heppner, as they finished the first half leading by five, 29 to 24.

The second half, particularly the third quarter, was all Heppner as the Mustangs outscored the Cardinals and increased their lead to 17. The Mustangs opened their attack with a stall offense or a spread-out-four-corner offense that the Cardinals attempted to counterattack with a man-to-man defense, but to no avail. The Mustangs rattled off six straight points as Jeff Orr was on the receiving end of three alley-oop passes which fell through the iron for Heppner.

In the fourth quarter, Ione tried something else. They went into a half-count-trap-defense that enabled them to stop the Mustang's ball from rolling and catch up to within nine before the final buzzer sounded, ending the game at 53 to 44 with the Mustangs victorious.

The Cardinals will meet the Umpire Chiefs on January 4, as they start their Big Sky Conference season with hopes of earning a seat in the district tournament at Umatilla.



Mustang Mike Currin goes up for shot against Cardinals

photo by Jim Michell

# Cards take trophy from Long Creek tourney

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The Ione Cardinals advanced to the finals of the Long Creek Holiday Tournament beating the Mt. Vernon Bears 51 - 45 in game one of the tournament, which was held December 17.

The Cardinals jumped out to a 6 - 0 lead in the first four minutes of the first quarter as the birds were prepared to stick it to the Bears. The Cardinal's fast break surprised the Bears and they took advantage of the situation. First quarter scoring ended 12 - 8, Ione, behind Tim Patton's six first quarter points.

In the second period, the Cardinals again flew the coop and outscored the Bears by seven and racked up 18 points in the second quarter to Mt. Vernon's 11. Tim Patton, Craig Gutierrez, Denny Starr and Craig Hams all collected a pair of buckets apiece and ended the half with Ione on top, 30 - 19.

When the Cardinals took the court again, they did not let up as they outscored the Bears by two - racking up 12 points, six of which were added by Ione's center, Tim Patton. Ione was hurt by fouls as the Bears had 14 of 29 points by the end of the third period from the line.

In the fourth quarter Ione cooled down a bit as the Bears came within six, but not in time as the buzzer went off with Ione on top, 51 - 45.

Again, Tim Paton paced the Birds with seven points in the final quarter and 23 points for the game. Craig Gutierrez was next in line with eight and Starr followed with six. Since Ione was victorious,

they advanced to the final championship game and played Long Creek for the trophy.

The Cards met the Long Creek Mountaineers and were "looking good" as they defeated them 65 - 44 and took home the trophy.

The Cardinals came out with a roar as they outscored the Mountaineers 18 - 4 and kept the momentum flowing throughout the game. Tim Patton and Donnie Taylor each added six points and paced the Cardinals through the game with 20 and 16 points respectively.

Coach Del LaRue commented "It was the best ball game of the season so far, and I hope to sustain some of the good things and the effort that was exerted during the game."

In the second period, Ione retreated from the attack and scored evenly with the mountaineers at 15 apiece. Ione went into the locker room with a comfortable 14 point lead but was not going to give up as the half ended with Ione leading 33 - 19.

In the second half, Ione went back to work, pressuring Long Creek into turnover after turnover and increased their lead by four, outscoring the Mountaineers 15 - 11. Tim Patton was the high scorer for the quarter as he collected three buckets for six points.

The fourth quarter was again all Ione as the Cardinals rolled to increase their lead by four more, racking up 18 points to Long Creek's 14.

Denny Starr of Ione had eight assists to lead the team in that area. Tim Patton and Donnie Taylor ripped down



Ione player goes for the basket at Long Creek tourney

photo by Wayne Hams

nine boards apiece and Patton shot an awesome 67 percent from the field.

Ione also dominated the tournament allstars as they brought home three allstar medals and one most valuable

player award. The players are Donnie Taylor, allstar; Denny Starr, allstar; Craig Gutierrez, allstar; and Tim Patton was named the Most Valuable tournament Player.

Ione's next game will be Tuesday, January 4, 1983 when they will meet the Umpire Chiefs at home in their first Big Sky Conference game of the season.

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Ione Schools

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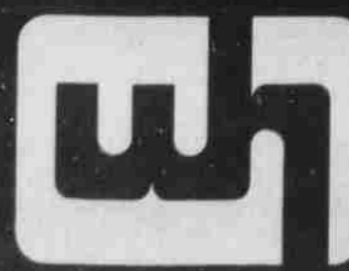
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