

# Cards win 1st league game

By CRAIG GUTIERREZ

The Cardiac Cards recovered from their pre-holiday stroke and won their first league game of the season. They defeated the Umapine Chiefs by 44 points, with the final score being 81 - 37.

In the first quarter, Ione's Tim Patton pumped in eight points to lead the first quarter scoring for the Cardinals. Ione brought out the guns and out scored the Chiefs 22 - 4. Ione's fast break-press combination was the key to their success, with a little help from man-to-man defense.

Ione also did very well on the boards as they ripped down 46 rebounds to Umapine's 15 for the game.

In the second quarter, Ione substituted the entire second string and increased their lead by five, ending the half at 43 - 20. Mark Meyers led the quarter scoring with eight points. Kenny Sweger lead Umapine with 10.

In the second half, Ione started off as they did in the first, racking up 22 points to Umapine's lone basket, bringing the score to 65 to 22 at the end of the third quarter. Roger Morter found the hot hand as he ripped 10 points through the hoop and Donnie Taylor added seven more. Kenny Sweger was the player from Umapine who scored their two points.

In the fourth quarter, Ione again put in the second string and again, increased the lead, but only by one as the game ended with a 44 point spread with Ione in front. All of Ione's second string subs added at least two points in this quarter.

Coach Del LaRue made these comments about the game: "It was a good league opener for us, one because everyone played and everyone scored. Hopefully it will get us into the right frame of mind for the tough, upcoming game against Helix."

## Road Report

The Morrow County Public Works Department has released the following Work Report for the week ending January 8:

Load limit signs were posted on several county roads last week. Please observe the limits on these roads so damage can be kept to a minimum. With everyone's cooperation future maintenance costs could be reduced by several thousand dollars per mile.

Roads bladed this past week were: Morgan E., Johnson Grade, Zinter, Strawberry E., Paul Tews, Stefani, E-W Ella, Homestead, Baker N. to Smith, Juniper and Halvorsen to Eight Mile.

Shoulder work was done on: Ione-Gooseberry and Brenner Canyon roads.

New culverts were installed on Brenner Canyon and Upper Rhea Creek.

A rock wall was built under Bergevin Bridge.

Culverts were cleaned and weeds burned from the shoulders of several county roads.

In the north end of the county, cold mix patching was done on Irrigon Eighth St.; gravel was spread on No. 910 and Irrigon - Washington St.; high water signs were placed on Homestead Road. Culverts were cleaned and brush and trees cleared from Pipeline, Wilson, Kunze, and the Bombing Range roads.



Cardinal arches high shot against Umapine

Roger Morter was Ione's high point man with 14, followed by Tim Patton with 13, Mark Meyers with 12 and Howard Leavitt with 11. Craig Gutierrez led Ione in assists with six and Tim Patton led Ione with 11 rebounds.

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# Ione drops first of season to Helix in close one

By CRAIG GUTIERREZ

The Ione Cardinals dropped their first season game against the Helix Grizzlies in a contest last Friday night on the Grizzlies' home court. The Cardinals were defeated by a score of 53 - 51 in a game that lacked execution and exertion on behalf of the birds of Ione.

The Cardinals were outscored all through the night as they were in the first quarter by a score of 9 - 12. The Cardinals were led in scoring by Tim Patton who collected six of the total points earned by the Cards.

The Grizzlies and the Cardinals were about equal on the boards as Ione ripped 37 boards and the Grizzlies grabbed 35. Tim Patton was the leading rebounder for the Cardinals with 16.

In the second quarter, Ione was out scored again as their full-court press proved to be ineffective against the Helix Grizzlies. The Grizzlies upped their lead by one as they dumped in 14 points to Ione's 13. The Cardinals went to the locker room looking at a four-point deficit. In the second half, the Cardinals were plagued with the same problems as before; the birds allowed the bears to bring their lead to seven. The Cardinals had one of their worst games at the Charity Stripe as they only took advantage of five of their 13 attempts. In the fourth and final quarter, Tim Patton collected 15 of his 28 points and brought the Cards to within two points before time ran out. Paul Goodwin led the Grizzlies with 17, followed by 13 collected by Tim Smith.

Coach LaRue commented, "We played lousy and lost one we never should have. I have nothing more to say."

Ione will meet the Arlington Honkers on Friday and the Condon Blue Devils on Saturday. Both games will begin with a J.V. game at 6 p.m. The

ton at home.

STATISTICS	
Ione	22 21 22 16-81
Umapine	4 16 2 15-37
FG FT	
Ione	35 11-17
Umapine	17 3-9
Ione - Taylor 9, Gutierrez 6, Patton, 13, Starr 2, Morter 14, Hams 2, Leavitt 11, Meyers 12, Padberg 6, McCabe 6.	
Umapine - Robert Riedel 15, Roger Riedel 2, Swiger 20.	



Cards and Grizzlies scramble for loose ball

Honkers game will be played at Ione and the Cardinals have to travel to Condon for their match in the Big Sky race for district seats.

STATISTICS	
Ione -	9 13 10 19-51

# Ione JV team rolls over Riverside Pirates 56-27

By CRAIG GUTIERREZ

The Ione Junior Varsity basketball team rolled to a victory last Tuesday night, Jan. 5, defeating the Riverside Pirates' freshman team 56 - 27. This was the second win of the season for the Junior Cards and they brought their record to two and one for the year.

In the first quarter, Ione jumped out to a healthy 20 - 0 lead behind Darrin Padberg's 12 first-quarter points. The "Cards credited their win to their awesome defense and press that caused the freshman Pirates to turn the ball over time after time, letting Ione take advantage of their experience.

In the second quarter, Ione increased their lead by four while letting the substitutes get a lot of playing time in. The score at the end of the half was 30 to 6.

# Ione JV team defeated by Helix Grizzlies

By CRAIG GUTIERREZ

The Ione J.V. basketball team was disappointed as they blew a five-point first quarter lead and were later defeated by 12, 56 - 44, in their game

The second half was an even match as Ione scored evenly with the Pirates at 16 apiece the Junior Cards were again led in scoring by Darrin Padberg as he contributed six more of his game high 18 points.

The last quarter belonged to the subs again, but they were out scored 10 - 11, ending the game at 36 - 27.

"It was a good experience for us. We played everyone and everyone played a lot of time. That is what J.V. ball is, basically, all about," said Coach David Sime.

STATISTICS	
Ione	20 10 16 10-56
Riverside	0 6 10 11-27
Ione - Meyers 4, Padberg 18, McCabe 6, Ball 5, Doherty 7, M. Douglas 4, B. Douglas 2, Millman 8, Taylor 2.	
Riverside - Peck 2, Hellberg 1, Carpenter 3, Snarr 5, Donovan 9, King 2, McClintock 3, Fredrickson 2.	

against the Helix junior varsity.

In the first quarter, Ione jumped out to a five-point lead as Mark Meyers found the hot hand and ripped eight of his 14 points through the net. The Cardinals were hurting at the charity stripe as they only connected for 25 percent of the opportunities that were presented to them. In the second quarter, Ione's lead was decreased to two as the junior Grizzlies out scored the Cardinals by three; 12 - 9.

In the third quarter, the Cards lost their lead and were down by one. Mark Meyers dumped in six points but even with his efforts they were not able to keep the lead once owned by the junior birds.

In the fourth quarter, the Grizzlies took command and racked up 11 more points than the Cardinals, outscoring the birds 21 - 10. Gibbs and Boxes were the two who rambled the Bears past the birds by 12. Boxes had eight and Gibbs collected 11 to make up 19 of the 21 quarter points. Once again, it was the Helix J.V.'s over the Ione J.V.'s 56 - 44.

STATISTICS	
Ione	15 9 10 16-44
Helix	10 12 13 21-56
Ione - Meyers, 14, Padberg 1, McCabe 8, Doherty 6, M. Douglas 6, B. Douglas 8, Millman 1.	
Helix - Reeder 8, Boxes 16, Boyer 4, Gibbs 15, Battleston 8, Timmermen 2, Rydryah 2.	

# Mustangs battle Riverside Pirates in losing effort

By GLENN SMITH

Last Friday, Jan. 7, the Mustang cagers stayed home to battle it out against the Riverside Pirates. Unfortunately, Heppner could not overcome the Pirates and lost 42 - 33.

Brent Eggers, coach for the Mustang ball team, commented "It was a pretty even game until the end. Although we made fewer mistakes than Riverside, they handled the pressure better in the closing quarters of the game. That made the difference."

Eggers went on to say "Our players have a lot of inexperience but at this point in the season, we've got to stop using that as an excuse. We have enough games under our belts to overcome this factor."

Another factor that Coach



Mustang ball player reaches for shot against Riverside

Eggers felt defeated them was lack of concentration. "If we would just play the same for 32

minutes and not go wild at the last. The players need more confidence and concentration," he said.

# Ione jr. high girls' team defeats Echo Cougars 35-24

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

Ione's junior high girls evened their record to 2 - 2 as they defeated the Echo Cougars by a 35 to 24 count.

The opening period produced six points by Ione and Echo.

In the second quarter, the Cougars built a 14 - 12 advan-

tage by the intermission.

Ione pulled away in the third quarter by getting four points from Patty McElligott, Sandi Wright and Deena Hams. Ione led 24 to 20.

The Cards put the game on ice in the fourth period, outscoring Echo 11 to four, taking the 35 - 24 win.

Ione's Patty McElligott led

all scorers with 15 points. Sandi Wright hit for nine, Deena Hams scored eight and Maryann Alvarado and Kris Anderson had two and one, respectively.

The Cards will travel to Arlington on January 13 to meet the Honkers in a 1:30 p.m. contest.

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