

Cards defeat Helix, are again tied for 1st place

By CRAIG GUTIERREZ

The Ione Cardinals won a much needed league game with the Helix Grizzlies, defeating them by 12, 54-42 last Saturday. As a result of this victory, the Cardinals are again tied for first place in the East division of the Big Sky Conference.

In the first quarter the Cardinals battled it out in a very defensive basketball game, as they out scored the Grizzlies 10-9. Donnie Taylor led the Cardinals with six points that were collected in this quarter. Molendyke and Jensen added four apiece for the Grizzlies.

In the second quarter, the Cardinals increased their lead to three as the birds out scored the bears 11-9, and ended the half at 21-18. Craig Gutierrez collected five of his 15 total points for the Cardinals from the line of Charity as the Cardinals ripped 75 percent of the attempts from the free throw line.

In the third quarter, the Cardinals came out a-firing behind Tim Patton's eight third period points. The Cardinals racked up a seven point lead in this quarter as they ended the period at 39-32. The Cardinals controlled the boards in the second half and out rebounded the Grizzlies 28-21.

In the final period, Ione stretched their lead to 12 as they received a pair of buckets from Taylor, Gutierrez and Patton and ended the game at 54-42. Jeff Lembke led the Grizzlies' scoring boards with



Ione and Helix players go for rebound

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14 points and a majority of their rebounds. Tim Patton led Ione in scoring with 17, followed by Craig Gutierrez with 15. Don Taylor grabbed 11 boards for the birds. Denny Starr collected five assists and

Taylor and Mark Meyers contributed four apiece.

The Cards will travel to Umatilla on Friday to play their second to the last league game at 6 p.m. and they will go to Cascade Locks for their 7:30 p.m. match up with the

west division leaders in the Big Sky Conference.

STATISTICS

Ione: 10 11 18 15-54
Helix: 9 9 14 10-42
Ione: 24, 6-8-34
Helix: 20, 2-9-42

Ione: Taylor 10, Gutierrez 15, Patton 17, Starr 4, Meyers 8.

Helix: Smith 1, Goodwin 5, Molendyke 10, Lembke 14, Newton 4, Jensen 6, Sprattling 2.

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The Cardinals of Ione let another game slide as they were defeated by a large margin by the Cougars of Echo. This loss handed to the Cardinals temporarily dropped them to a 6-3 record and second place in league standings behind the Helix Grizzlies. With this loss the Cardinals have to win the Saturday game (see story) with the Grizzlies and the remainder of the games this season to win a playoff spot at district in Umatilla on February 18 and 19.

In the game with the Echo Cougars, the birds from Ione were dominated by the Cougars' overwhelming field goal percentage of 70 percent and their excellent 72 percent from the Charity Stripe.

In the first quarter of play, which took place on Echo's home floor, the Cougars gained a three-point lead as they connected for nine buckets and one three-point play to outscore the birds 19-16. Tim Patton ripped eight of his game high 21 points in the beginning period, and Shane Correa of Echo collected seven of his eleven.

In period number two, the Cougars increased their lead to seven as they held the birds to only 14 points and dumped in 18 of their own. David Lilly racked up all five of his points in this quarter to end the half at 37-30 in Echo's advantage. Roger Morter ripped six of his eight total points in this period for Ione and Gutierrez collected four for the birds.

The second half was more of the previous story for the Cardinals, being out scored by one in the third and by nine in



Photo by Wayne Homs

Ione's Tim Patton waits to see if layup will fall

the fourth, allowing the Cougars to end the game with a 17 point advantage, 75-58. Ione led the game in the rebounding column as Tim Patton ripped 11 of Ione's 28 boards followed by Starr and Gutierrez with five apiece.

The Cards also prevailed in the free throw percentage as they ripped 18 of 21 attempts for 86 percent. Taylor and Gutierrez had perfect charity stripe marks and Patton only missed one of his eight attempts.

Ione plays Umatilla at Umatilla on Friday and Cas-

cade Locks at Cascade Locks on Saturday. The Umatilla game was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., but will be played at 6 p.m. instead. This game with Cascade Locks will begin at 7:30 p.m. as scheduled.

STATISTICS

Ione: 16 14 15 13-58
Echo: 19 18 16 22-75
Ione: 20 18 - 21-58
Echo: 31 13 - 18-75
Ione: Taylor 12, Gutierrez 12, Patton 21, Starr 3, Morter 8, Meyers 2.
Echo: Baker 16, S. Correa 11, Saylor 12, Ranso 12, Selfer 15, Lilly 5, Bechtel 4.

Ione Jr. High increases win record to 6-1

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

With a phenomenal second half and 20 points from Mike Rietmann, the Ione Jr. High boys increased their record to 6-1 as they defeated the Umatilla Vikings, 46 to 33 on Monday, Jan. 31.

Rietmann hit for six points and Kevin Ball for four in the first quarter for Ione as they took a 12-6 advantage.

Umatilla out scored the Cardinals in the second period nine to seven, but Ione led at halftime, 19-15.

The third quarter was pretty much the red birds' as Ione's lead was built to 33-25.

Ione got four points from Rietmann and Keith Morter in

the fourth period to win 46-33. Game high scoring honors went to Rietmann while Ball and Chris Rea each had seven for the Cards.

Ione was four of nine from the foul line shooting 44.4 percent. The Vikings were five of seven hitting on 71.4 percent of their foul shot attempts.

STATISTICS

Ione - Rietmann 20, Rea 7, K. Ball 7, Snider 4, Morter 4, Conklin 2.
Umatilla - Richards 19, Tallott 6, Muth 4, Belt 4.
Ione 12 7 14 13-46
Umatilla 6 9 10 8-33
FGM FTM FTA PF
Ione 21 4 9 8
Umatilla 14 5 7 14

Ione junior high team continues winning ways

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

Ione's junior high boys' basketball team continued their winning ways last Thursday, Feb. 3, by defeating the Arlington Honkers 40 to 26. The Cardinals are now 7-1.

Racehorse basketball was the first quarter trademark as Ione opened a 15 to 2 lead, behind four points each from Mike Rietmann and Ashley Conklin. Ken Snider added three.

The Honkers owned the second period, 8-6 as Arlington's Rick Mahler hit for six points. Ione led at halftime 21 to 10. The Cardinals again ran in the third quarter and were ahead 35-12, getting four points from Dustin Padberg and Mike Rietmann.

Even though the Honkers' Rick Mahler had 13 points in the fourth quarter and made an unbelievable 40-foot jump shot at the buzzer, Ione won 40 to 26.

At the foul line the Cards were ragged, making only two of seven shots for 28.6 percent. Arlington sank 8 of 14, 57.1 percent.

The Honkers' Mahler led all scorers with 23 points. Mike Rietmann provided 10 points for Ione. Dustin Padberg and Ashley Conklin each made six.

Next up for the Cardinals will be the Echo Cougars on Thursday, Feb. 10, and the Condon Blue Devils on Satur-

day, Feb. 12, as Ione travels to both games, to finish the season.

STATISTICS

Arlington - Mahler 23, Grady 3.
Ione - Rietmann 10, Conklin 6, Padberg 6, Snider 5, Rea 4, K. Ball 3, Morter 2, McElligott 2, B. Ball 2.
FGM FTM FTA PF
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Ione 1 2 3 4 T
Arlington 2 8 2 14-26
Ione 15 6 14 5-40

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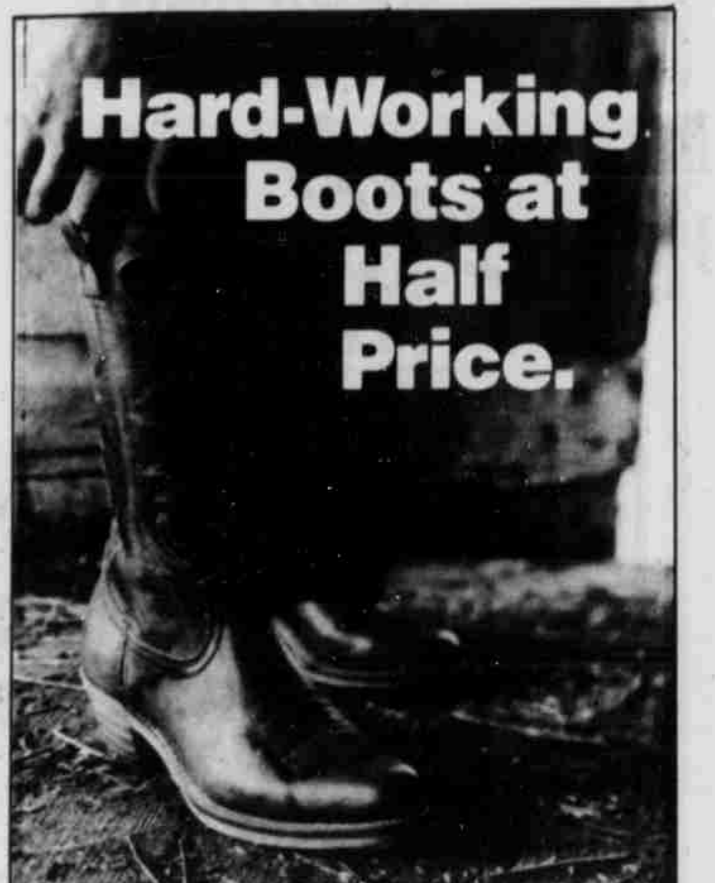
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Vikings roll over Ione Jr. High girls, 31-15

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

In a game in which 35 foul shots were attempted and only four made, the Umatilla Vikings rolled to a 31-15 victory over the Ione Junior High girls, Monday, Jan. 31. Ione's record is now 3-4.

Sandi Wright had four points for the Cardinals in the first period, but Umatilla led, 8-6.

The Vikings again out scored Ione in the second stanza to build a 14-8 intermission advantage.

Umatilla took the third quarter six to five so their advantage at the end of three quarters was 20-13. Patty McElligott was the only Cardinal that scored in the fourth period and the Vikings won 31-15.

Deena Hams and Sandi Wright were Ione's leading scorers, with seven and five points respectively.

The Cards were a terrible three of 26 from the charity stripe making 11.5 percent of

their shots. The Vikings shot 11.1 percent hitting on one of nine attempts.

STATISTICS

Ione 6 2 5 2 15
Umatilla 8 6 6 11 31
Ione - Hams 7, Wright 5, McElligott 2, Alvarado 1.
Umatilla - Squires 9, Silvaz 6, Sehman 4, Rock 4, Olson 4, Gettman 2, Staples 2.
FGM FTM FTA PF
Ione 6 3 26 8
Umatilla 15 1 9 27

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