

Cardiac Cards lose by six to Arlington in Big Sky game

By ASHLEY CONKLIN



Mark Meyers (10) gets ready to hand off to Howard Leavitt (20)

photo by Wayne Hams

Ione's Cardiac Cards almost pulled one out of the hat last Friday, Oct. 21, but when it was over, the Arlington Honkers won the Big Sky Conference football game 26-20. Ione fell to 2-2 and into a tie with Condon for third place. The Cardinals can still make the playoffs if Arlington loses another game, or if Ione can win their last two games by large enough margins.

The Honkers took the opening kickoff 63 yards and scored as Mark Wheelhouse ran three yards on a reverse, putting Arlington up 6 to 0.

Ione had only three plays in the first quarter and punted. Arlington took the punt and Nathan Bittinger took the ball three yards for six and quarterback Kelly Gronquist ran for the conversion giving a 14-0 lead for the Honkers at halftime.

During halftime, Michelle Beeson was crowned Queen of the Homecoming Court in a special ceremony. Princesses were Mary Ann Alvarado, Paula Anderson and DeAnna Akers.

Gronquist threw 27 yards to Bryan Childers, increasing the lead to 20-0. Ione came right back with Craig Hams running four yards for a score in the third quarter and a 23-yard touchdown pass from Mark Meyers to Randy McCabe. Hams' conversion made the score 20-14 in the fourth stanza.

But Bittinger sprinted 44 yards for a touchdown, which later proved to be the difference in the contest. McCabe received another Meyers scoring toss, this one of 19 yards. The Cardinals used an inside kick to get the ball back but Gronquist intercepted an Ione pass at the five-yard line and Arlington ran out the clock to hold on for the victory.

Defensively, for Arlington, Bittinger ran 24 times for 235 yards and Mike Davidson carried 19 times for 109 yards.

Howard Leavitt had 94 yards on 18 rushes for the Cards. Meyers passed for 225 yards, on 13 completions out of 25 attempts.

Defensively, Ione linebackers Meyers and Hams had 24 and 16 tackles respectively. Head Coach Ron Mack commented, "We showed a lot of character by coming back in the second half and not quitting, but we have to start playing football before the fourth quarter."

On Friday, Oct. 28, Ione travels to Fossil to play the Wheeler County Falcons at 7:30 p.m.



Ione seniors who played their last home game Friday night.

photo by Wayne Hams

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	T
Arlington	6	8	6	6	26
Ione	0	0	6	14	20
Arlington - Wheelhouse 3 run (run failed)					
Arlington - Bittinger 3 run (Gronquist run)					
Arlington - Childers 27 pass from Gronquist (run failed)					
Ione - Hams 4 run (pass failed)					
Ione - McCabe 23 pass from Meyers (Hams run)					
Arlington - Bittinger 44 run (run failed)					
Ione - McCabe 19 pass from Meyers (run failed)					

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First Downs	16	13
Rushes-yards	59-381	36-131
Passing	3-11-53-0	14-26-229-1
Total Yards	434	360
Return Yards	18	70
Punts, Average	0-0	2-35
Fumbles, lost	3-3	2-0
Penalties, yards	3-35	3-15
Rushing - Arlington: Bittinger 24-235, Davidson 19-109, Wheelhouse 2-26, Gronquist 14-11, Ione: Leavitt 18-94, Hams 12-22, Meyers 6-15.		
Passing - Arlington: Gronquist 3-11-53-0, Ione: Meyers 13-25-215-1, McCabe 1-1-14-0.		
Receiving - Arlington: Childers 3-53, Ione: McCabe 5-89, Padberg 5-72, Leavitt 2-22, Hams 1-18, Meyers 1-11.		

Ione Jr. High volleyball team jamboree championship

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

At the Heppner Jr. High Volleyball Jamboree on Saturday, Oct. 22, the Ione Jr. High volleyball team came away as the champions.

The Cardinals started the day sweeping the Athena-Weston team 10-8, 10-8 as Rondi Tews led Ione with eight points.

In their next match, Ione's Michelle Beck served 15 points, heading the Jr. Cards over the Columbia "C" team and into the championship contest.

Ione overpowered Stanfield 15-4, 12-15, 15-5 in the championship match. Jill Nelson and Jill Conklin were high

point servers for the Cards with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Condon meets Ione in Ione on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 1:30 p.m. for Ione's season finale.

Ione Jr. High volleyball teams lose to Echo

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

The Ione Jr. High football team lost its second game of the season on Thursday, Oct. 20. The Echo Cougars beat Ione 34 to 12.

Both of the Cardinals' touchdowns were in the first half and both were from Ken Snider.

Ione had a good game offensively, gaining over 100 yards, but the Cardinals made some costly defensive mistakes which led to Cougar scores.

Heppner 'C' team defeats Ione volleyball team

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

In three close games the Heppner "C" team defeated the Ione volleyball team 15-12, 9-15, 15-12 on Monday, Oct. 17.

The Fillies took advantage of Cardinal mistakes and got a lot of momentum going, and as a result Ione couldn't stop Heppner. Ione's record fell to 2-7.

Local cowboy takes 2nd

Tony Currin of Heppner, a member of California Polytechnic State University men's rodeo team took a second place award in calf roping during a home meet October 14 and 15, reported Don McCaleb of the university. Cal Poly is located in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The Cal Poly team placed first in the meet.

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