

# Fillies bow to Panthers but place 3<sup>rd</sup> in tourney

By DANAREID  
The Heppner Varsity Fillies traveled to Riverside Friday Dec. 7 to compete in the Morrow County Invitational tournament. The teams included were the Ione Cardinals, The Imbler Panthers, The Riverside Pirates and the Heppner Fillies (and Mustangs). The Fillies opened the tournament at 3 p.m. against the Imbler Panthers.

The Fillies went out on the court fired up and ready to play. The starters for the Fillies were Stephani Payne-point guard, Missy Turner-guard, Lana Reid and Jodi Padberg-forwards and Penny Connor-center.

The ball was tossed up to start the game. The Panthers received the ball and took it down court. Heppner hustled back on defense to hold the Panthers from scoring. Imbler started out the game with a tough press. Heppner was having trouble

getting through and Imbler stole the ball to score. Heppner was playing good defense and running some good fast breaks but at the end of the first quarter the Imbler Panthers were ahead 8-13.

The tip, once again, went to the Panthers to start the second quarter. The Fillies were really hustling and playing with good teamwork. Heppner was in a little foul trouble and Imbler pulled further ahead in the second quarter. At the end of the first half, the score was 17-27.

The third quarter Heppner went back in fired up and ready to win the game. The tip went to the Fillies and they took the ball down court to score. The Fillies were playing well and starting the rebounds well. The Panthers size really hurt the Fillies but they hustled to make up for that. Heppner put up a good fight and brought the score back down to

within four points at the end of the third quarter. The score was 33-37.

The fourth quarter was started with the tip going to Heppner. The Fillies took the ball down court and set it up. Heppner was playing excellent defense and brought the score to a tie at 37. A few turnovers from Heppner let the Panthers pull ahead of them again and Heppner called a time out. After the time out the Fillies came back out a little discouraged but continuing to hustle. With only a couple minutes left in the game, Heppner was down by four points, and they were forced to go for the steel. Heppner fouled and unfortunately Imbler made their free throws and pulled ahead further. The final score was 49-41.

Stephani Payne, Lana Reid and Penny Connor all had four steals. Stephi Payne had seven assists and Jodi Padberg grabbed down the most rebounds, 10, also high scorer for the Fillies with 12.

"The first half we were a little sloppy but I guess that can be expected with it being our first game. The second half we played well and came back strong. Imbler's a strong team; it was a good game for us. A lot of good things happened," commented Coach Royer.

This loss put the Fillies into the consolation game played Saturday at 3 p.m. again in Riverside. Imbler would be playing for the championship game Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

The Riverside Pirates played the Ione Cardinals Friday at 6:30 p.m. The Riverside Pirates won which sent them to play against the Imbler Panthers and Ione to play the Heppner Fillies.

The starters for the Fillies were, Stephani Payne-point, Ellen Arbogast-guard, Jodi Padberg, and Dana Reid forwards and Penny Connor-center. The ball was tossed up to begin the game. Heppner came down with it and went all the way in to score. The first half of the game Heppner ran fast breaks and really hustled down court to score. Heppner was playing excellent defense and came out on top at the end of the second quarter, 32-19.

In the second half the Fillies slowed the tempo of the game down and set up their plays. Heppner continued playing good defense and pulled further ahead. As the bell



Heppner Fillies in action against Imbler

photo by Clark Wallis

rang at the end of the fourth quarter Heppner had 56 and Ione 22.

Dana Reid had the most steals with seven, Missy Turner had three assists and Lana Reid had the most rebounds, nine, and the most points, with 10.

"It was a good team effort. Everyone contributed," commented Coach Royer.

The Heppner Fillies took third place in the tournament and the Ione Cardinals took fourth.

The Imbler Panthers came out on top above the Riverside Pirates in the championship game. The final score was 56-35.

Statistics  
Imbler game: Dana Reid 1,2,2,4; Lana Reid 4,2,5, 10; Missy Turner 2, 0-0, 4; Ellen Arbogast 0, 0-0, 0; Andrea Ball 0, 0-0, 0; Missy Eubanks 0, 0-0, 0; Jodi Padberg 6, 0-2, 12; Stephani Payne 2, 1-1, 5; Penny Connor 3, 0-1, 6; Totals 18, 5-11, 41.

Ione game: Missy Turner 4, 0-0, 8; Ellen Arbogast 1, 0-0, 2; Andrea Ball 3, 0-1-6; Missy Eubanks 1, 0-0, 2; Lana Reid 4, 2-5, 10; Jodi Padberg 3, 3-4, 9; Stephani Payne 2, 2-2, 6; Penny Connor 3, 0-1, 6; Dana Reid 3, 1-2, 7; Totals 24, 8-15, 36.

## Cardinal girls lose game

By ASHLEY CONKLIN  
The Ione Girls basketball team participated in the Morrow County Invitational tournament at Riverside High School in Boardman on Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8. Other teams in the tournament were the Riverside Pirates, Imbler Panthers, and Heppner Fillies.

In the semi-final games Imbler won 49 to 41 over Heppner and Riverside won 42 to 21 over Ione. In the consolation game, Heppner defeated Ione 56-22. The championship game was won by Imbler over Riverside 58-38.

Riverside 42 Ione 21  
Neither team could produce a lot of offense in the first period. The Pirates held a six to three lead. All of the Cardinals points were on free throws.

Riverside managed a 15-7 lead by intermission. They outscored Ione 9-4 in the second stanza. Deena Hams netted all of Ione's points.

In the third quarter, the Pirates increased their advantage to 28-14. They gained the quarter 13 to 7.

Riverside doubled the Cards' point output in the fourth period, 14-7. The final margin was 42-21.

Hams was the game's high scorer with ten points. Sandi Wright added seven for Ione. The Pirates leading point producer was Michelle Mark scoring nine. Ronaca Douglas added eight more.

From the free throw line, Ione was seven for 21 (33 percent), while Riverside was 6 of 14 (43 percent). Ione also made six of 37 field goals, a miserable 16 percent.

The Cardinals hauled in 25 rebounds. Hams had 11 boards. Patti McElligott collected six steals. However, the Cardinals had 35 turnovers.

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