Coach pleased inspite of defeat

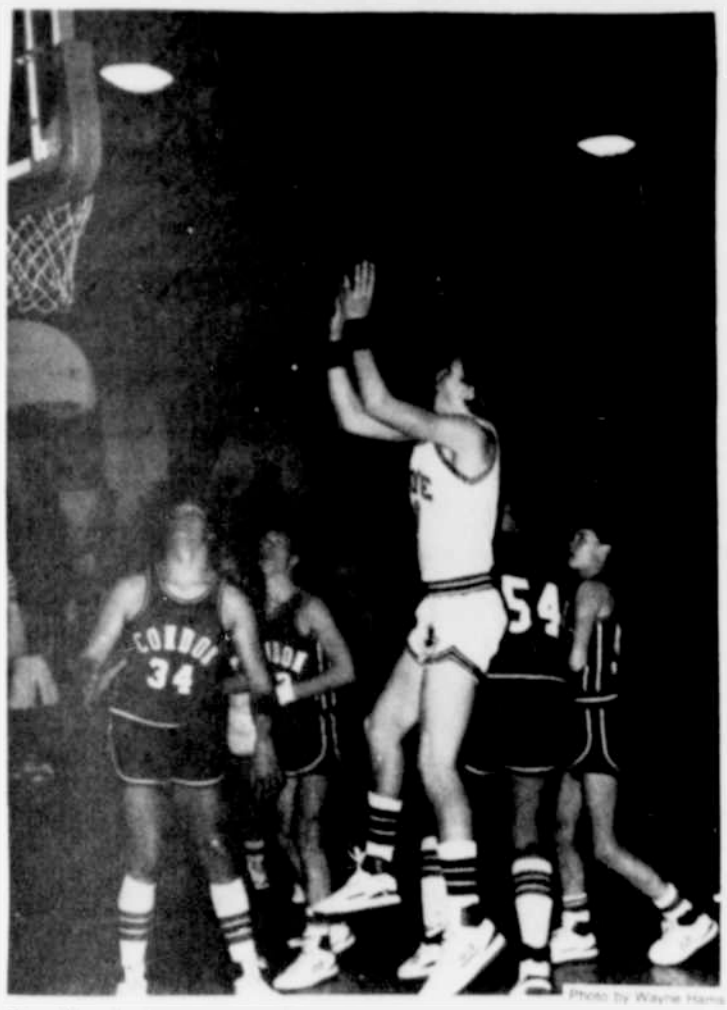

Photo by Wayne Hams

Cardinal player is surrounded by Blue Devils.

"This game was probably the most pleasing to me as a coach. I felt that we all worked hard throughout the total game," said Ione Cardinal coach Del LaRue, following a disappointing defeat by the Condon Blue Devils last Saturday.

"I also was pleased because it was one of the few times that we did things that we have worked on, and did them well," he continued. Condon led at half time by 20 points, but the Cardinals were able to narrow the lead to 16 by the end of the game. "I felt the second half was our best effort of the season, as a team."

Kevin Ball led the Ione scorers with 16 points, followed by Chris Rea and Ken Snider with 11 and 10 points respectively. Ball also led the Cardinals with eight rebounds.

Rea 5, 1-3, 11; Beeson 2, 0-1, 4; Padberg 2, 2-5, 9; Snider 4, 2-2, 10; K. Ball 7, 2-2, 16; Mosier 0, 0-1, 0; B. Ball 1, 0-1, 2; Adams, Doherty, Basford.

Ione	12	8	12	20	52
Condon	22	18	13	15	68

Cards drop close one to Dufur

Photo by Wayne Hams

Amy Wagenblast makes pass to Jo Cupps

The Ione Cardinals lost a close game to Dufur Rangers last Friday at Ione. It was a good game, start to finish. The advantage in the game was from the free throw line, where the Rangers shot 13 of 25 and the Cardinals only connected on 6 of 20.

The Cardinals were a little lax on screening out on the defensive boards at times, thus allowing the Rangers several easy second shots. Dufur's Jennifer Lyda took advantage of these opportunities and a good shooting night, to lead Dufur with 24 points.

The Cardinals were led in scoring by Deena Hams with 17 and Amy Wagenblast with 11. Wagenblast also added 10 rebounds to register her best game of the season. Karla Davison and Deena Hams ended the game with 8 rebounds apiece.

Like I said before, it was an exciting game for the fans with some fine plays by both teams. Hopefully the loss by the Cardinals doesn't come back to haunt them at the time of the District Tournament.

Deena Hams 8-1-4, 17; Amy Wagenblast 5, 1-11, 11; Patty McElligott 3, 0-0, 6; Candi Rudisill 3, 0-1, 6; Karla Davison 2, 0-4, 4; Jo Cupps. Total 19, 6-20, 44.

Ione	16	6	10	12	44
Dufur	12	12	13	12	49

Fillies downed by Tigers' strong second half

By Ashley Conklin

Stanfield's girls basketball team, the state's third-ranked team, needed a strong second half to down the Heppner Fillies 62-47 last Saturday night.

The Fillies, who toppled seventh-ranked Pilot Rock last Friday night, stayed even with the Tigers in the first half (a 21-21 deadlock) before succumbing in the second half.

The game though was a complete contrast from the 62-40 shellacking Stanfield gave Heppner back on Jan. 10.

"We collapsed inside to deny them their inside game," Heppner coach Mike Royer said of the difference. "We also tried to take away Lindy Porfily's corner shots."

Porfily wound up as the game's leading scorer with 18 points but had only 6 points in the first half and one in the first frame.

Six foot center Heather Hummell added 17 points for the Tigers while Lelanda Pope came off the bench to add 14 more.

Missy Eubanks led the Fillies with 14 points and teammate Tina Davidson chipped in a career-high 10 more.

Both teams struggled offensively in the first period as Stanfield forged a 7-5 lead behind five points from Hummell.

Heppner was hampered throughout the contest with 30 turnovers, 22 in the first half, 40 percent field goal shooting, making 21 of 53 shots and 42 percent shooting from the line, sinking 5 of 12 tries.

The two teams came alive on offense in the second quarter as Heppner took the quarter 16-14 to tie the game 21-21 at the break.

A Tina Davidson lay-in midway through the quarter tied the game and free throws by Jennifer Currin and Theresa Lindsay put the Fillies in front at 21-19 before a 20-footer by Hummell at the horn tied the game at the break.

Hummell tossed in five more points in the quarter as starter Cindy Stroeber and reserve Tami Lindsay went to the Filly bench with three fouls apiece trying to guard the Tiger front line.

Eubanks and Stroeber were controlled in the first half by a triangle-and-two defense as Eubanks had only two first half points and Stroeber scored only five for the game.

Each team came out firing away in the third period as Stanfield took a 41-37 advantage thanks to a 20-16 advantage in the period.

Eubanks pumped in eight period points but Pope worked inside for 10 to pace the Tigers.

Stanfield dominated the fourth quarter as the Fillies ran out of gas as the Tigers ran to the win.

Despite the height advantage Stanfield possessed, Heppner claimed 39 boards with Eubanks leading the way with 13.

Lindsay added seven boards while Eubanks also chalked up 10 steals. Davidson led the Fillies with four assists and had four steals, as did Tami Lindsay.

"We made some mistakes in the second half," Royer said, "but they were avoidable. We made some mistakes against their press and whenever we would get close they pulled away."

"If we could have played like we did Friday night we would have won," he added. "If we have to face them again (at the district tournament) we should be able to have the confidence to beat them."

Heppner, now in second place of the Eastern Division of the Columbia Basin Conference with a 3-2 league mark and 8-3 overall, will face Wahtonka and Sherman County this weekend.

The Fillies will face Wahtonka on Friday at home at approximately 6:30 p.m. and then travel to Moro on Saturday to play the Sherman County Huskies at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The Eagles are led by senior guard Kim Kiser, a second team all-league selection a year ago.

Sherman County leads the Western Division of the CBC but fell to Umatilla on Saturday.

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STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Heppner	5	16	16	10	47
Stanfield	7	14	20	21	62

	FG	FT	TP	F	R	S	ST	TO
Heppner								
Eubanks	7-14	0-2	14	1	13	2	10	5
Stroeber	2-6	1-2	5	5	4	1	2	3
Davidson	5-12	0-0	10	4	2	4	4	14
Turner	2-5	0-0	4	3	3	1	0	2
Thera Lindsay	0-1	2-4	2	3	7	2	0	5
Tami Lindsay	3-4	1-1	7	3	4	0	4	0
Wright	1-8	0-1	2	3	3	0	2	3
Currin	1-2	1-2	3	3	3	1	0	3
Rathbun	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	21-53	5-12	47	19	39	11	22	28

Stanfield Bans 9, 1-2, 3; G. Kramer, Bradley 2, 1-2, 5; Miller 2, 0-1, 4; Porfily 8, 0-0, 18; Pope 6, 2-5, 14; H. Hummell 5, 7-11, 17; J. Hummell 1, 1-2, 3. Totals 28, 12-23, 62.

Fouled out - Stroeber. Total fouls-Heppner 19, Stanfield 15.

Missed free throws spell defeat

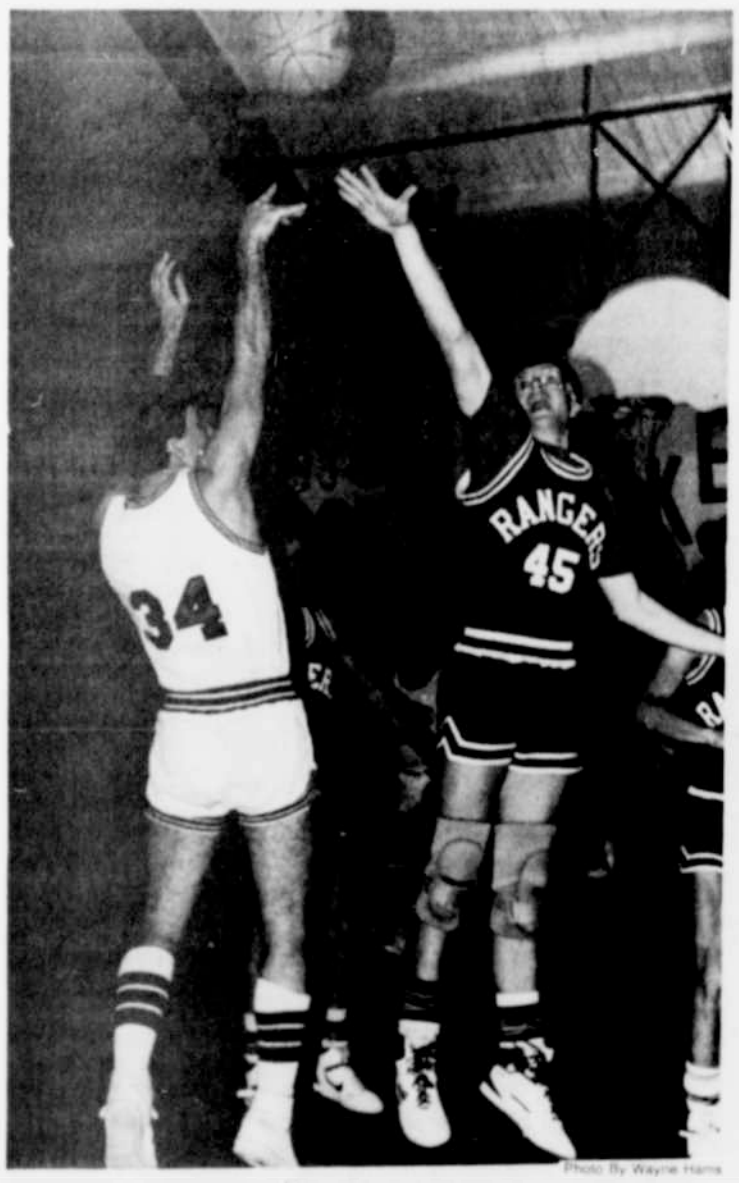

Photo By Wayne Hams

Missed free throws were a large cause of the Ione Cardinal boys' 43-46 loss to the Dufur Rangers on Friday night. While Ione managed to succeed with one more field goal than Dufur, they went to the line with 8 for 20 while Ione hit three for eleven.

"This was one that we let get away that we should have won," said Cardinal coach Del LaRue. "Free throws and a couple of critical mistakes cost us the game."

Leading scorers for the Cardinals were Dustin Padberg with 14 points and Kevin Ball with 10. Ball lead Ione with 7 rebounds; Ken Snider added 4 assists.

Rea 4, 0-2, 8; Beeson 1, 0-0, 2; Padberg 6, 2-5, 14; K. Ball 5, 0-0, 10; Snider 4, 1-1, 9; Adams 0, 0-1, 0; Mosier 0, 0-1, 0; B. Ball 0, 0-1, 0; Doherty, Basford.

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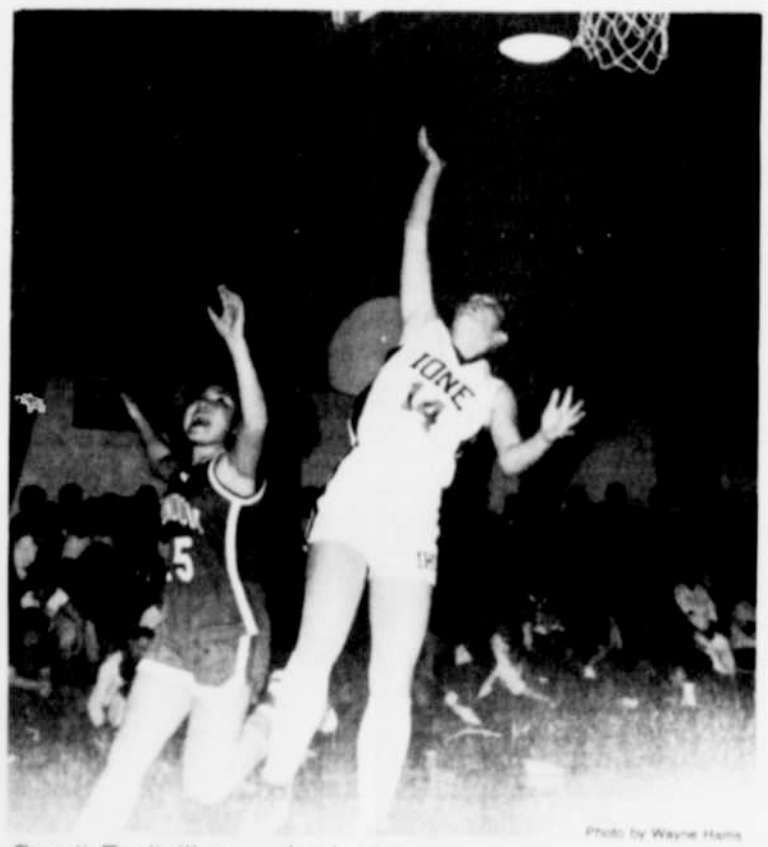
Cardinals down Condon by 19



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Candi Rudisill goes for layup

After a slow first quarter, the Cardinals outscored the Condon Blue Devils by a margin of 29 to 8 in the next two quarters. The Cardinal bench played most of the fourth quarter and the game ended with the Cardinals ahead by 19 points. The Cardinals were led in scoring by Deena Hams with 19 points and by Candi Rudisill with nine. The rebounds were well distributed among the players. Aggressive Patty McElligott led the way with 7 boards. Candi Rudisill had one of her best nights of the years, adding 6 assists and 6 steals.

Friday night the Cardinals will travel to Arlington to take on the Honkers. This game could go a long way in deciding who is first in the East Division of the Big Sky Conference. The Cardinal won the first meeting between these two teams by a small margin. The coming game will be in Arlington, so the Cardinals will need to be ready for a tough contest.

Hams 9, 1-4, 19; C. Rudisill 4, 1-2, 9; McElligott 3, 0-0, 8; Davison 2, 0-0, 4; Coppe 2, 0-1, 4; A. Rudisill 1, 0-0, 2; Morter 1, 0-0, 2; Papineau, Nelson. Total 23, 3-9, 49.

Deer stands 15" tall

The world's smallest deer, a South American animal called the pudu, stands only about 15 inches high, about the size of a cocker spaniel. According to International Wildlife magazine, this diminutive creature is also remarkably elusive. An American biologist who has been studying pudus for nearly a decade has never seen one in the wild.

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