

Ione Jr. High girls win tournament



Front row left: April Taylor, Cherie Papineau, Crystal Minster, Jannie Cupps, coach Dana Heideman. Back row: Kris Bedortha, Heidi Nelson, Nancy Morter, Brandi Ball, Kari Morgan, Amy Pointer, not pictured assistant coach Chisana Warren.

On January 30, the Ione Junior High Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament was held at Ione. The teams participating were: Pilot Rock, Umatilla, Heppner and Ione. Four games were played with Ione

winning the championship game against Umatilla. Carrie Morgan, Ione, was high point with 12 points. Dana Heideman is the girl's coach for Ione.

Heppner placed third in the consolation match against Pilot Rock.

Heather Eckman was high point for this game. The Heppner girls won the sportsmanship award. Jean Strange is the girls coach.

Ione's junior high girls is undefeated for the season.

Ione boys lose to Helix

By Sean Warren

The Ione Cardinals hosted the Helix Grizzlies Friday, February 12. The Grizzlies won the game 80-64.

The Cards started out slowly in the first quarter. They were outscored 24-13. Ione had problems getting on track and keeping senior Kevin Porter under control. Porter scored 33 points and was the games leading scorer. The Grizzlies were without 6'4" senior Kirk Flerchenger who was out due to an ankle injury.

The second quarter was better for the Cards. They tightened up their defense holding the high powered Helix offense to only 16 points. Ione scored 14 points of their own in the second quarter and played very evenly with the Helix team.

Helix came out fired up in the third quarter. They outscored the Cards 24-13, thanks to the hot shooting of Porter.

The Cards caught fire in the fourth quarter. The Ione team outscored the Grizzlies 24-10 but it wasn't enough as the Grizzlies posted a convincing 80-64 win.

Junior Dustin Padberg played a good game scoring 27 points, 11 rebounds and 3-three point bombs. Senior Ken Snider also scored 15 points for the Ione team. Senior Kevin Ball played an excellent overall game for the Cards scoring 12 points, five assists, three steals and three blocked shots.

Helix: 24 16 24 16 80
Ione: 13 14 13 24 64
Ione Snider 4 0-0 15; K. Ball 5 0-0 12; Padberg 11 3-3 17; B. Ball 0 0-1 0; Morter 2 0-0 4; Hans 0 0-1 0; R. Baeford 3 0-2 4; Rex; Anderson; B. Baeford; Davison; Dubery. Totals 27 2-7 64.
3 point goals Porter 3; Newton 2; K. Ball 2; Padberg 3. Fouled out-Spawling, R. Baeford. Total Fouls-Helix 14; Ione 21.

Cards take on Grizzlies

By Sean Warren

The Ione Lady Cardinals took on the Helix Grizzlies Friday February 12. The Cardinals played better than they had in their earlier loss to them but still lost the game 78-39.

Ione was outscored in every quarter but still stayed in the game and played tough. The lady Cards had a bad offensive first quarter only managing to score six points to Helix's 20 points. The Helix ladies team was a good game for Stacey Temple and Jennifer Howdshell who both pumped in 16 points to lead their team to victory.

Ione was outscored in the second quarter 20-10. The third proved to be the best for the Cards as they were only outscored 21-15.

Sophomores Mary Cupps and Darcee Padberg led the Cardinals scoring over half of the teams combined scoring. Cupps had 11 points while Padberg added 10 of her own.

Statistics: Ione 4 10 15 8 39
Helix 20 20 21 17 78
Ione-Cupps 5 1-2 11; Morter 2 0-5 5; Padberg 5 0-0 10;
Wagonblast 2 2-2 4; Papineau 2 0-4 4; Nelson, Dougherty; Perez 1 1-3 3; Totals 17 4-16 39.
3 point goals-Morter 1. Fouled out-Cupps, Padberg.
Total Fouls-Helix 18 Ione 18.

Fillies clinch District Berth

By Jason Dougherty

The Heppner Fillies clinched a spot in the District play-offs after holding off the Pilot Rock Rockets in overtime last Friday night with a score of 38-37.

The Fillies led the Rockets in the first three quarters, but slipped a little and let the Rockets come back on them. With two minutes left in the game, the Rockets led the Fillies by three points. Closing in on the last seconds, Heppner's Jennifer Currin fouled and sent to the line. Currin completed her first shot, but missed her second. Junior Nance Wright rebounded Currin's miss and made a quick jump shot putting it in for two more points to tie the game

up at 32-32. With both teams playing tenaciously in overtime, the score teetered back and forth.

Heppner Filly, Jennifer Currin played well in the game scoring four of her 13 points in overtime. Currin made a short jump shot and also a key steal which led to a lay-in to clinch the win for the Fillies.

Currin led the Fillies with 13 points and Nance Wright chipped in 10 points. Sandi Turner brought down eight rebounds for the Fillies.

Mustangs lose to Rockets in last seconds

By Jason Dougherty

The Mustangs watched as the Pilot Rock Rockets tightened the CBC race for district as they were defeated 65-62 last Friday night.

Both teams came out playing man-to-man defense which caused the score to teeter back and forth throughout the game. The Mustangs led at half-time by five points with a score of 36-31. The Rockets came out knowing that this game meant do-or-die for their play-off hopes. With this in mind the Rockets quickly turned the game around and ended the third quarter leading the Mustangs 49-46.

Pilot Rock's Jamie McCall broke loose late in the game scoring 10 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter.

As the last seconds ticked away the Rockets led by one point. The

Mustangs brought the ball down the floor hoping for a last second shot to boost them over the Rockets by 1. With four seconds left the Referees called a foul on Heppner's Duane Ball, in the meantime, the four seconds ticked away with the officials declaring the game over. Both the Mustang and Rocket fans left the gym thinking the final score was 63-62, Pilot Rock. However as fans were leaving the officials had decided to let Jamie McCall come out and shoot his free throws from the foul line that was called on him with four second remaining. With that in mind, the four seconds should have been put back on the clock and after the shot Heppner should have received one more chance to bring the ball down the floor to try for a

basket. A 3-pointer would have tied the game and sent it into overtime. In determining the District Play-off berth if the Rockets and the Mustangs came down to a league tie the Azzi point system is used, therefore those two extra points and the four seconds remaining were a critical factor in the game. Heppner now has to beat Weston-McEwen who has won two league games.

Bryan Padberg led the Mustangs with 17 points and Russell Britt chipped in 16 points. Dick Devin added 14 points and led the team with 11 rebounds.

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4-H News

Future Foresters

The Future Foresters, a new 4-H club this year, met at leader Gordon Dames house on February 8. At the meeting it was reported that the club made \$49 on the can/bottle drive they had on January 23. The club would like to thank everyone who donated. Also at the meeting the members planned an outing to Lehman Hot Springs on February 21. The club will be traveling to Portland on May 14 to go to the Forestry Center. For a money-making project club members will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a cord of wood.

Two Trackers

By Rondi Robinson

The meeting started with Tricia

Coe 1987 president. The newly elected officers were: Judy Jepsen, president; Sara Britt, vice president; Char Coe, secretary and Rondi Robinson, reporter.

The President asked if there was any old news, there was none. She asked if there was any new news. It concerned if you would want to change the horse part of the premium book. It needs to be in by March 15. The next meeting is February 27 at 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The meeting was adjourned.

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