

# Ione boys varsity starts league season one and one

By Ann Morter  
The lone boys varsity started their league season on the road with a win over Helix and then settled for a split on the weekend with a loss at the hands of Sherman County. Their league record stands at 1-1 and their season total is 3-7.

The Cards arrived at Helix ready to play. They jumped out to a 16-8 first quarter lead and pushed on to a 30-17 halftime advantage. Helix rallied to within three points at the end of the third quarter, with the score 39-36 in Ione's favor. The Cardinals then regrouped in the fourth quarter, outscoring their opponent 19-8 for a final score of 58-44.

Mike Garrett of Ione was the game high-point man with 23. Shawn Hams added 14 and Jim Davison

chipped in 10. The Cardinals had the rebounding advantage with Hams grabbing 10 and Mark Anderson coming off the bench to add another 10. David Wagenblast and Hams had four assists each and Garrett and Shawn Hams each racked up three steals. Ione shot 45 percent from the floor, compared to 27 percent for Helix. The Cards made 47 percent from the free throw line compared to just 36 percent for the Grizzlies.

Coach Del LaRue says his team played well. Seniors Shawn Hams and Mark Anderson had outstanding games, picking up the slack when Mike Garrett and Jim Davison got into foul trouble. LaRue started two freshmen, Ryan Halvorsen and David Wagenblast, at the guard slots and liked what he saw. Despite some "freshmen mistakes" he was pleased with their efforts.

Saturday brought the Cardinals back down to earth when they encountered Sherman County. The Cards found themselves to be no match for the seasoned Huskies, who ran away with a 74-52 victory.

Sherman County implemented a tight press in the first quarter forcing a number of lone turnovers. The Huskies led 23-6 at the end of the first quarter and continued to roll to a 42-17 half-time lead. The Cards got into their game in the second half, outscoring the Huskies in both the third and fourth quarters, but the first half lead was insurmountable.

Despite being in foul trouble again, Mike Garrett was high scorer with 24 points. Sherman County's 6'4" Doug Martin was their high scorer with 28 points. Jim Davison was in double figures for the Cards

with 12. Sherman County, with its powerful inside game, outrebounded Ione 32-28. Mike Garrett grabbed 10 boards for the Cardinals. David Wagenblast had five assists and Shawn Hams had three steals to lead Ione.

Once again, Mark Anderson came off the bench to a good performance. Coach LaRue was especially pleased with his defensive efforts against Sherman County's Doug Martin.

LaRue said that the Huskies were able to effectively take the Cardinals out of their game and caused them to make costly mistakes. He said that having Garrett and Davison in foul trouble also hurt the team. LaRue said the Cardinals performance was "spotty" but that they did play well in the second half.

The Cardinals next game is Friday against Echo in Ione.



Photo by Wayne Hams

Deacon Heideman (31) tries for 2 in game with Huskies.

## Fillies down Stanfield 51-48 for second win

By Scott Johnston

The Heppner Fillies picked up their second CBC victory when they traveled to Stanfield Saturday January 6 and beat the Tigers 51-48.

The Fillies and Tigers kept the score close in the first period as Heppner outscored Stanfield by only two. Jennifer Currin scored eight first quarter points and Dulcie Palmer added seven points to give Heppner an 18-16 lead at the end of the quarter. The Fillies fell behind in the second quarter as the Tigers outscored them 12-8. Stanfield had a slim 28-26 lead at half-time.

The two teams battled and the score remained close in the third quarter. Stanfield increased its lead and had a four point lead going into the final quarter. The Fillies defense held the Tigers to just six points in

the fourth quarter. Heppner scored 13 to squeak out a close 51-48 victory. Jennifer Currin led all scorers with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Dulcie Palmer added 11 points and Nikki Brisbois chipped in 10 points for the victorious Fillies.

The Fillies 2-0 in CBC play and 3-5 overall will host the Riverside Pirates (4-3) Friday and will travel to Maupin to face the Wasco Co. Redside Saturday.

Heppner 18 8 12 13 51  
Stanfield 16 12 14 6 48  
Heppner (51) Brisbois 4-2-6 10; Palmer 4-2-11; Brownfield 1-0-2; A. Currin 0-2-2; Greenup 1-4-3; J. Currin 10-3-5 23. Totals 20-21-51.  
Stanfield (48) Chavez 1-0-2; Whelan 1-0-2; Marcum 7-0-2 14; Cooper 2-0-0 4; Svetch 4-0-0 8; Winborne 3-0-0 6; Holcomb 2-0-0 4; Griffin 4-0-0 8. Totals 24-0-6 48.  
3-point goals-Palmer. Fouled out-none. Total fouls Heppner 8, Stanfield 17.

## Mustangs open CBC play with win

By Bob Krein

On Friday, January 5, the Heppner Mustangs opened CBC play against the four and two Pilot Rock Rockets.

The Mustangs jumped to a 17 to nine lead at the end of the first quarter but had only a four point lead at halftime. The final score was Heppner 54, Pilot Rock 48.

The Mustangs were lead by Russell Britt with 15 points and nine assists followed by Doug Devin with 14 points and six steals. Slater Mitchell had 10 rebounds for the

Mustangs.

Heppner 17 10 17 10 54  
Pilot Rock 9 14 13 12 48  
Heppner (54) C. Pedro 0-0-2 0; R. Britt 7-0-2 15; Krein 0-0-1 0; J. Britt; Osmun 3-0-1 6; B. Pedro 2-1-5 5; Mitchell 4-1-3 9; Connor 2-1-3 5; Devin 6-1-4 14. Totals 24-4-21 54.

Pilot Rock (48) Thacker 2-0-1 4; P. Ellis; Miller 1-0-0 3; Hodgen 3-2-2 9; Lehnert 5-0-1 10; T. Ellis 2-0-0 5; Murphy 0-1-2 1; Mentzer 5-3-6 13; Quaempts; Tresham 1-2-3; Nelson. Totals 19-7-14 48.

3-point goals: R. Britt, I. Devin 1, Miller 1, Hodgen 1, T. Ellis 1. Fouled out-B. Pedro, Hodgen, Lehnert. Total fouls Heppner 16 Pilot Rock 20.

## Lady Cardinals come home with wins

By Ann Morter

The lone girls varsity returned home after opening their league schedule with a tough weekend on the road and two wins in their pocket. After shaking the dust off their game with a squeaker at Helix, the Lady Cardinals returned to their pre-Christmas vacation form with a decisive victory over Sherman County at Moro. The Cardinals now boast a 2-0 league record and a 7-1 record overall.

Against Helix on Friday, the Cards found themselves lacking in intensity after nearly 2½ weeks without a game. The Grizzlies had played in a holiday tournament the previous weekend and were prepared to use the home court to their advantage. The game was close the whole way, with the lead changing hands several times. Helix held a two-point advantage at the end of the first quarter but Ione scrambled back to a one bucket lead at the half, 21-19. The third quarter found the Cards ahead by one point, 31-30. Down the final stretch, Ione was able to outscore the Grizzlies, 8-6, to eek out a 39-36 victory.

Leading scorer for the Lady Cards was Jo Cupps with 11, followed closely by her sister, Mary with 10. The game's high-point person was all-around athlete, Julie Newston of Helix with 17 points. Ione outrebounded the Grizzlies, 40-37, with sophomore Kari Morgan, grabbing an impressive 12 boards. Darcee Padberg led the team with four assists and she and Mary Cupps had

three steals each. The Cardinals managed only a 31 percent shooting average, making 17 shots out of 54 attempts from the floor. They made five shots out of 11 attempts from the free throw line for a 45 percent average.

According to coach Dana Heideman, the Christmas vacation took its toll on the way the team played. "It was a win," said Heideman, but he felt that the game was not really indicative of his team's capabilities.

Saturday was a different story for the Cardinals. Facing a tall Sherman County team on their home floor, the Lady Cards regained their intensity and aggressiveness to roar to a 52-36 victory. Ione quickly jumped out to a 14-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. They extended the lead to 19-5 in the second quarter before the Huskies were able to respond and Ione took a comfortable, 27-14 edge to the locker room at the half. Sherman county outscored the Cardinal 12-10 in the third quarter, making the score 37-26 entering the final period. The Huskies managed to pull within seven points before the Lady Cards were able to turn the momentum their way and ice the game.

Jo Cupps led all scorers with 15 points. Darcee Padberg and Amy Wagenblast added 10 points each. Ione had a total of 14 assists with Linda Morter garnering eight. As a result of an effective press, the Cardinals collected 22 steals with Mary Cupps leading in that department with seven. The Cards improved their shooting accuracy by making 22 shots out of 54 attempts for 41 percent from the floor. They made eight free throws out of 18 attempts for 44 percent. Sherman County had a slight advantage in rebounds, 34-35. Amy Wagenblast led the Cardinal effort with 12 boards.

Coach Dana Heideman was pleased with the way the Lady Cards performed. Shooting and intensity improved dramatically from the previous night. He credited Amy Wagenblast for a fine effort, despite her recent recovery from mononucleosis, saying that this game was one of her very best.

Ione's next game is Friday in Ione against Echo. The Cardinals are looking forward to the home court advantage after playing seven out of their eight games on the road.



Photo by Wayne Hams

Kari Morgan goes for shot against Sherman Co.

## Ione boys JV chalk up experience but no wins

By Ann Morter

The Ione boys junior varsity chalked up some experience and playing time but didn't manage to put one in the win column last weekend as they went down in defeat to Helix and Sherman County.

Friday at Helix, the Cardinals ran up against a taller and more experienced squad. Helix used a half-court trap press most of the game and that rattled the young Ione team. The Grizzlies jumped out to a 14-6 lead in the first quarter and extended the lead to 38-18 at the half. The Cards fought back in the second half but were never able to pose a serious threat. The final score was 34-58 in favor of Helix.

Bryan Basford was the high scorer for the game with 14 points. Mac Lovett made the only three-point shot of the contest late in the fourth quarter.

Coach Gregg Rietmann says that despite the score, his team really didn't play too badly. The team is mostly freshmen and at least four of them haven't played organized basketball before this year. He said

that the team's inexperience caused turnovers which hurt their effort.

Saturday, the Cardinals were simply overwhelmed by a taller and quicker Sherman County team. Ione had played the Huskies before Christmas and had won by 15 points but Sherman County had added some additional players before this game. The final score was a lopsided 63-22.

Coach Rietmann said that 40-plus turnovers and an unwillingness to put shots in the air contributed to the loss. The Huskies ran a press that raised havoc with the Ione offense. He also felt that back to back road trips really had worn the kids down.

Some bright spots were evident however. Freshman Justin Miller led the Cardinals with seven points. Eric Orem was 100 percent from the free throw line, making 4-4. Freshman Jason Schneider, who hadn't played prior to this year, had a good game, especially in the rebounding department.

The JV team has some time to regroup with their next game in Condon on January 19.

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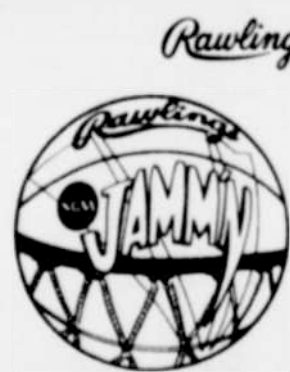
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To qualify for the Dean's list, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on 12 graded credits that term.