

## Ione girls polish off two more games

By Anne Morter

The Ione girls varsity polished off two more opponents in easy style last weekend, making light work of Echo and Condon. Neither team put forth much of a challenge for the runaway Lady Cardinals as the Cards finished a marathon week that saw them in five games in nine days. The Cards record now sits at 9-0 league action and 14-1 overall.

Friday night, the Cardinals traveled to Echo where they cruised past the out-manned Cougars, 53-17. Echo, the league's last place team, has had trouble fielding a girl's team in recent years and they are still trying to rebuild. The Cardinals used the game as an opportunity for everyone to play and contribute. Amy Wagenblast led a balancing scoring effort with nine points. Although nobody scored in double figures, all but two Cardinals made it into the score book.

The outcome was never in doubt as the Lady Cards jumped to a 17-4 lead in the first quarter and continued on to a 32-8 lead at the half. Coach Dana Heideman played the underclassmen for the second quarter and the Cardinals didn't press as usual, but still gained on the Cougars. In what is becoming a habit, the starters returned for the third quarter before retiring to the bench to watch their replacements finish the game.

The Lady Cards smashed their opponents in all categories. Jo Cupps and Kari Morgan led a tough rebounding effort. The Cards chalked up a total of 19 assists and, in the words of their coach, "loads of steals." Ione shot 46 percent from the floor and 39 percent from the line. Echo, on the other hand, had trouble getting shots in the air, and when they did they couldn't seem to get them to fall.

Coach Heideman was pleased with the game, calling it a "good team effort." While the game was not too challenging for the Cards, Heideman was glad to see everyone play and contribute, and to see the younger girls play so well.

Saturday, the Condon Blue Devils trekked to Ione, fresh from a victory over Dufur the previous night, only to be ambushed by the Lady Cards, 58-27. The Cardinals and their coaches were expecting a tougher game, but once Ione shut down Condon's scoring threat, Vicky Anderson, it was no contest.

The five seniors, Mary Cupps, Jo Cupps, Linda Morter, Darcee Padberg and Amy Wagenblast, got things rolling with a 17-4 first quarter lead. In the second quarter, the sophomore contingent of Kari Morgan, Brandi Ball and Nancy Morter took three of the spots on the floor to continue the effort, ending



Photo by Wayne Hama

Jo Cupps finds tough going against a Condon player

the half on top 34-12. The seniors returned in the third quarter to hold Condon to just two points while they scored fifteen. Ione stalled to keep the game from becoming a runaway as the underclassmen finished off the game.

Condon struggled offensively as the Cards held Vicky Anderson to nine points and 5'11" freshman, Mardie Durfey, to eight. The previous night against Dufur, Anderson had scored 21 and Durfey 10.

Sophomore Kari Morgan led all scorers with twelve points, followed by Jo Cupps and Amy Wagenblast with 10 points each. The Cards were hitting their mark, shooting 53 percent from the floor and 43 percent from the line. Kari Morgan went 6-7 from the floor and Amy Wagenblast went 5-7. Mary Cupps made a three-pointer, her first of the year. Condon could only manage 31 percent from the field and 33 percent from the line. Ione held a slight rebounding edge, 25-23, with Darcee Padberg, Nan-

cy Morter and Brandi Ball each pulling down four boards. Jo Cupps dished out a team-leading five assists, followed by Amy Wagenblast and Linda Morter with four each. Jo Cupps also grabbed six steals and Linda Morter added four.

Coach Dana Heideman said he felt his team played good basketball, using stingy defense and good teamwork. He credited the sophomores (Kari Morgan, Brandi Ball and Nancy Morter) for putting forth a good solid effort.

The Cardinals next game is Friday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m. in Ione where they will face Wheeler for a showdown between the state's second- and third ranked teams. Wheeler is currently ranked second and Ione is third. Ione played Wheeler in December, when they suffered the only loss on their record. The three-point overtime loss has made the Lady Cardinals hungry for a rematch.

## Mustangs take Umatilla 67-59 for second place in CBC conference

By Bob Krein

On Saturday, January 27, the Mustangs took possession of second place in the Columbia Basin Conference with a 67 to 59 win over the Umatilla Vikings.

The Mustangs again started out slowly and trailed by two at halftime. The Mustangs took control of the game in the third quarter and had a five-point lead at the end of the period. The Mustangs then coasted in for the win by eight points.

Heppner's Russell Britt and Umatilla's Jason Adams shared high-game honors with 27 apiece. Britt also dished out four assists. Slater Mitchell had 12 points, 10 rebounds and five steals while Brandon Pedro chipped in 12 points for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs are now seven and one in CBC play. The Mustangs face the Riverside Pirates at Boardman this Friday. Riverside gave the Mustangs their only defeat in CBC play and the Mustangs are looking to avenge their loss.

Umatilla 13 21 12 13 59  
Heppner 12 20 19 16 67  
Heppner (67) C. Pedro 0-1-0; R. Britt 10 7-8 27; Krein 1 0-0 3; J. Britt; Osmin; B. Pedro 5 2-2 12; Mitchell 4 4-6 12; Connor 4 0-0 8; Devin 1 3-6 5. Totals 25 16-23 67.

Umatilla (59) Smith 5 3-4 13; Savage; Sunday; Adams 10 7-12 27; Pursiful 2 0-0 4; Cleaver 2 0-0 4; Iverson 4 1-2 9; Nobles; Green 1 0-0 2. Totals 24 11-18 59.

3-point goals-Krein. Fouled out-Devin, Iverson. Total fouls-Umatilla 18, Heppner 16.

League	Season	W	L	T
Riverside		8	0	14
Heppner		7	1	10
Umatilla		6	2	11
Wabtonka		4	4	7
Wasco County		3	5	6
Pilot Rock		2	6	8
Stanfield		1	7	1
Weston-McEwen		1	7	5

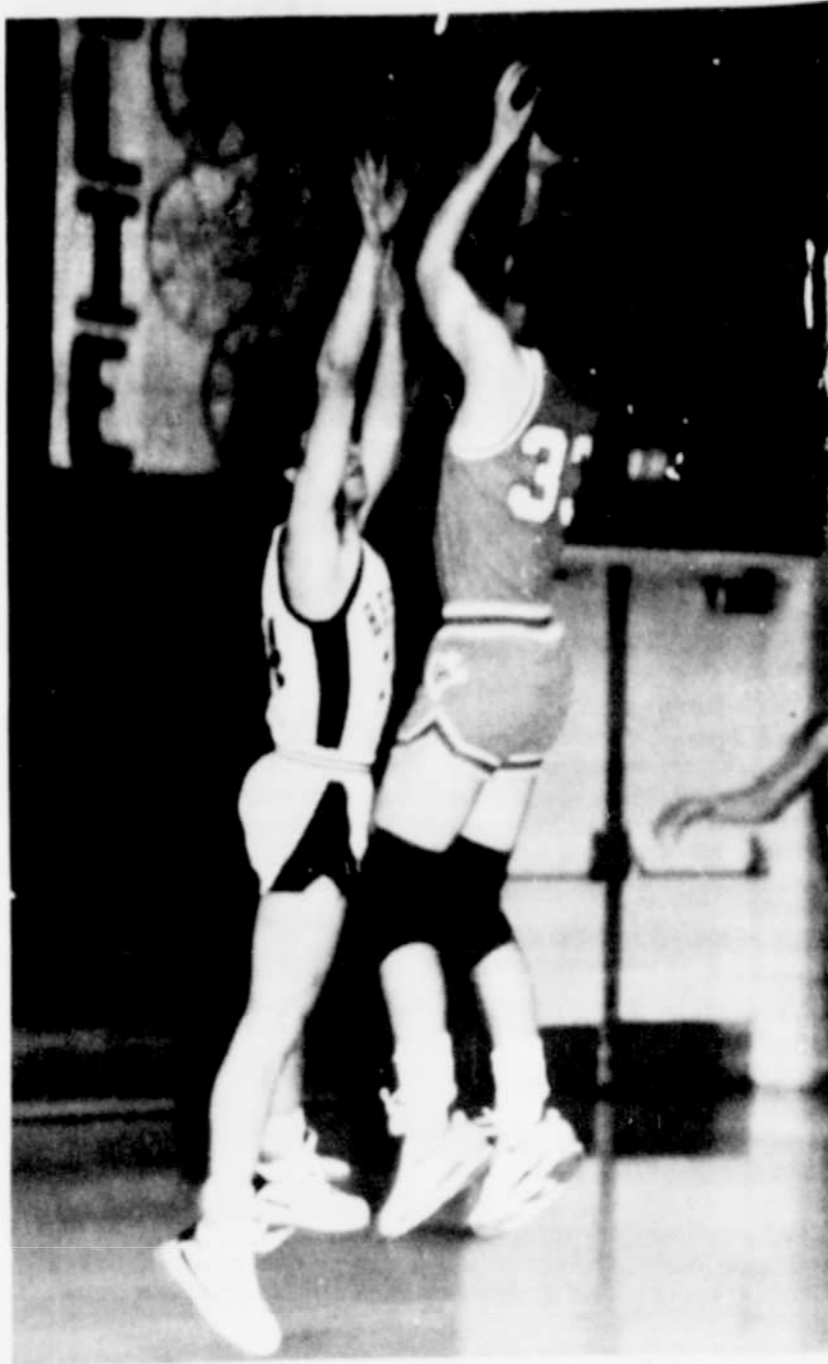


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Heppner's Eric Connor guards Umatilla shooter

## Church women to host salad buffet

The women of the Christian Church, the Church of the Nazarene and Lexington Baptist Church will host a salad buffet at 6:30 p.m., Wed., Feb. 7, at the Christian Church fellowship room.

All women of the community are invited to attend. There will be no charge, but those planning on attending are asked to please call Debbie Miller, 989-8212, Dawna Archer, 676-9209 or Kathryn Hoskins, 676-5339 by Mon., Feb. 5, for reservations.

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