

Ione boys JV suffers setbacks

By Anne Morter
The Ione JV boys team suffered setbacks at the hands of Sherman County and Condon last week. Sherman County visited Ione on Thursday, January 25, and Condon played the early game Saturday on the Cards' home court.

Sherman County rattled the Cardinals with a press for most of the game and spread their scoring between eleven players to hand Ione a 58-36 loss. Ione played them tougher than in their last match-up but had trouble getting their shots to fall and with getting the ball down court.

Sherman County struck early, scoring 22 points to the Card's two in the first quarter. Ione rallied in the second quarter, out-scoring the Huskies 17-8 but still ended the half down, 19-30. Sherman regained its momentum in the second half, outscoring the Cardinals 14-7 in the third quarter and 14-10 in the fourth.

Six foot three-inch freshman Deacon Heideman led the Cardinals with 18 points, eight blocked shots and 10 rebounds. He also grabbed two steals for good measure. Freshman forward, Tony Bjerke, led the team with two assists and was instrumental in keeping the ball moving around. Brent Sheirbon nabbed four steals to lead that category.

Coach Greg Rietmann said that the team played fairly well, better than when they last met. He said that Sherman had a couple of older kids playing who really helped their effort to sink the Cards.

On Saturday, the boys lost a tough

battle to Condon. The Blue Devils were tall and quick but the young Cardinals hung tough for most of the game before finally succumbing 37-55.

Condon jumped out to an early lead, outscoring the Cards 15-6 in the first quarter. Ione played them even in the second quarter and Condon took their same nine-point advantage to the locker room at the half, with a score of 23-14. In the second half, the Cardinals tried but just couldn't make any headway against Condon and their press. The Blue Devils outscored Ione 11-10 in the third quarter and 20-13 in the fourth.

Mac Lovett led all scorers with 16 points, most coming from right under the basket. Lovett also contributed three assists and four rebounds to put together a very good game. The Cards were badly beaten on the boards, 39-25, which coach Rietmann says was a major factor in the loss. Deacon Heideman led the Cardinals in rebounds, pulling down 12. He also chalked up four blocked shots and four steals. Tony Bjerke had five assists and Brent Sheirbon had four steals. Ione had an off night in their shooting with their poorest percentage of the season. They shot 46 percent from the free throw line, making 7-15.

Coach Rietmann again said his team put up a better fight than in their last game against Condon where they lost 62-34. He credited Mac Lovett for having his best game of the year.

Fillies clinch No. 1 spot

By Scott Johnston

The Heppner Fillies clinched the number one spot in the District 7A Basketball Tournament when they thumped the Umatilla Vikings, 52-29, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The Fillies jumped out early as they outscored the Vikings, 16-5, in the opening quarter. Kim Stookey scored eight of the Fillies 16 points in the quarter. Heppner held Umatilla to a single field goal in the second quarter and increased the 11-point lead to a commanding 22 point lead at the end of one half of play.

The Fillies continued to dominate in the third quarter. Jennifer Currin scored 11 points and Nikki Brisbois scored eight as Heppner outscored

the Vikings, 19-10. Umatilla held the Fillies to four free-throws and scored 12 points in the final period but fell way short losing by 23 points.

Heppner was led in scoring by Nikki Brisbois who scored 17 points. She was followed closely by Jennifer Currin who scored 15 points. Currin also had seven steals for the Fillies. Amy Greenup pulled down seven rebounds to lead Heppner.

Heppner 16 13 19 4 52
Umatilla 5 2 10 12 29
Heppner (52) Brisbois 8 1-3 17; Stookey 4 0-0 8; Tucker 1 2-5 4; A. Currin 1 0-0 2; Greenup 1 2-5 4; J. Currin 6 3-5 15; Corwin 0 2-2 2; Johnston; Brownfield; Eckman. Totals 21 10-18 52.
Umatilla (29) Moore 2 3-6 7; Adams 1 0-1 2; Fentley 3 0-0 7; Mueller 2 0-0 4; Wetterling 4 1-2 9; Coffey 0 0-1 0; Fry; True; Hock; Hawes. Totals 12 4-10 29.

Huskies down Cards 61-47

By Anne Morter

Still riding high from the upset over Culver, the Cardinals met a quick Sherman County team on Saturday night. The Huskies had played Condon, the state's top-ranked team, into overtime the previous night before succumbing. The game was close through most of the contest until Sherman County turned up the defensive pressure and got away from the Cardinals. The final score was 61-47.

The first quarter was squeaky tight with the Huskies eking out a one-point advantage 13-12. The game stayed close until late in the second quarter when Sherman County powered up their press and forced the Cardinals to turn the ball over. The lightning-quick Huskies capitalized, gaining a five-point half-time advantage, 29-24. By the third quarter, starters Shawn Hams and Jim Davison were deep in foul trouble and the Cardinals were outscored, 13-19. Down by 11 and not gaining, the Cards started looking for three-pointers but were unable to connect. Sherman County outscored Ione 13-10 in the last period.

Mike Garrett shared game high-point honors with Sherman County's Joe Justeson. Both had 17 points. Ryan Halvorsen added nine. The Huskies got the rebounding edge on the Cards, 28-24. Garrett pulled down nine boards for Ione and freshman Deacon Heideman came off the bench to grab six. Gabe Garcia handed out five assists to lead the Cardinals. Ione's shooting accuracy improved as they shot 15-37 from the floor for 41 percent and 17-27 for 63 percent from the line. Sherman County shot 22-53 for 42 percent from the field and 17-33 for 51 percent from the line.

Coach LaRue said he felt the season ended on an upbeat note despite the loss. When the Cards played the Huskies earlier in the season, the game was hopelessly lopsided so he was pleased to see his team compete. He said the Cardinals shot well although they didn't put up a lot of shots.

The Cardinals lose starters, Jim Davison and Shawn Hams, as well as reserves Mark Anderson, Bryan Basford and Brian Doherty to graduation. LaRue says he thinks that a year of playing time will make a marked difference on his younger players, though.

Ione JVs shut down Helix to win 53-49

By Anne Morter

The Ione JV boys team shut down the Helix offense in the second half and turned theirs on to get away with a 53-49 win in a game Friday, Feb. 9. The first half was shaky for the Cards, who lost to Helix last time, 34-58, but they roared back in the second half for the victory.

Helix jumped out to an 11-8 first-quarter lead and extended that lead to 27-18 by halftime. The Cardinals got fired up at halftime, returning in the third quarter to out-score the Grizzlies 19-4 and take a 37-31 lead over the Cards third quarter advantage. Justin Miller was the hero, overcoming the Card's third quarter

advantage. Justin Miller was high scorer with 19 points, followed by Deacon Heideman with 18. Heideman pulled down 16 rebounds to lead the Cardinals to a 38-33 advantage. Mac Lovett added seven. Eric Orem dished out six assists while Miller, Orem and Heideman each nabbed two steals. Heideman also chalked up six blocked shots.

Coach Gregg Rietmann was pleased with the game. He said the team has improved over the course of the season and that is really the name of the game on the JV level. He credited Eric Orem with a good game, saying that "he played well when we needed him."

Fillies on to District Fri.

By Scott Johnston

The Heppner Fillies will make their third straight appearance at the District 7A Basketball Tournament when they take the floor at the Pendleton Armory this Friday, Feb. 23.

The number 1 seed Fillies, under first-year head coach Mark Dowdy, will play the number 4 Wasco County Redsides. Heppner has won both previous meetings between the two teams this season. The Fillies beat the Redsides in Maupin, 39-31 and won again in Heppner 38-29.

Heppner, 11-2 in the CBC and 13-7 overall, is looking to make a return trip to the regional tournament. Heppner's only conference losses have been to Weston-McEwen, who has already advanced to the regional tournament by winning the CBC title. If Heppner

beats the Redsides Friday night, they will face the winner of the Stanfield-Riverside game, Saturday Feb. 24, for the right to advance to regionals.

The Fillies are led by senior Jennifer Currin who averages 17.5 points and 10 rebounds a game. Kim Stookey, who scored 23 points in Heppner's last CBC game against Wahtonka adds the outside scoring threat.

The Heppner-Wasco Co. game starts at 7 p.m. at the Pendleton Armory.

4-H News

Seven Super Sewers
By Steve Allen, Reporter

On February 6 the Seven Super Sewers met to begin their new project-making a blanket. Some members are making blankets for themselves, while others are making blankets to give as gifts.

On February 13, the group continued to work on their blankets. They learned to miter the corners of the blanket for a more finished look. Monica Swanson, leader, spoke about using the iron safely, and using the right temperature for different fabrics.

Snap Shots
By Annie Hisler, Reporter
The Snap Shots 4 H club met at Kate's Pizza for a meeting on Feb. 12. President Jodi Johnston called the meeting to order and members watched a movie on the basics of photography.

Photographs of recent prints taken by Holly Eckman and Jenny Krein at Colt Basketball and high school ball games were passed around. An outing for those interested in taking snow pictures was held at Hislers' during the President's weekend.

Mustangs pull off close win over Vikings

By Bob Krein

On February 13, the Mustangs traveled to Umatilla to face the Vikings. The game decided who would hold the top seat at the district tournament.

The Mustangs had control almost the entire game and pulled out the close win. Umatilla cut the Mustang lead to one point with 3:30 left to play in the game, but then slowed it down and put the game out of reach. The final score was Heppner 69 and Umatilla 64.

The Mustangs were lead by the hot hand of Russell Britt who racked up

35 points, pulled down seven rebounds and dished out three assists. Slater Mitchell added 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Heppner 20 18 13 18 69
Umatilla 17 15 12 20 64
Heppner (69) R. Britt 11 11-15 35; Krein 0 0-4 0; B. Pedro 2 3-4 7; Mitchell 6 6-7 19; Connor 1 0-1 2; Devin 3 0-2 6; C. Pedro; J. Britt; Osmin. Totals 23-20-33 69.
Umatilla (64) Smith 3 6-6 14; Adams 8 2-4 19; Cleaver 4 7-8 13; Iveson 3 3-7 9; Pursiful 1 0-0 2; Green 2 2-3 7; Savage; Sunday; Bowman; Montez. Totals 19 21-28 64.

3-point goals: R. Britt 2, Mitchell 1, Smith 2, Adams 1, Green 1. Fouled out-Iveson, Adams. Total fouls Heppner 21 Umatilla 20.

Mustangs coast to win over Eagles

By Bob Krein

On Friday, February 16, the Heppner Mustangs faced the Wahtonka Eagles in their last home game. The Mustangs wasted little time taking a 22 to 14 first quarter lead. Heppner then coasted for the win 75 to 61.

Russell Britt lead the Mustangs with 33 points, including 18 points from the 3-point range. He also pulled down eight rebounds and dished out seven assists. Slater Mitchell added 15 points and nine rebounds.

The Mustangs ended the season 12 and 2 in CBC play and 15 and 5 overall. The Mustangs have the top seat in the district tournament and will face the Wasco Co. Redsides this Friday at the Pendleton Armory at 8:30 p.m.

Heppner 22 21 18 14 75
Wahtonka 14 19 10 18 61
Heppner (75) C. Pedro 2 0-2 5; Pestyjohn 1 0-0 2; R. Britt 13 1-4 33; Krein 1 0-0 2; J. Britt 1 0-0 2; Osmin 4 0-1 8; B. Pedro 1 0-2 2; Mitchell 6 3-4 15; Rathbun 1 0-0 2; Devin 2 0-0 4; Connor. Totals 32 4-13 75.
Wahtonka (61) McCall 2 0-0 6; Brittle 3 0-0 6; Schacher 4 7-8 15; Kirchhofer 8 7-13 24; Sohier 0 3-4 3; Beardsley 1 1-2 3; Christensen 2 0-2 4; Hollman 0 0-2 0; Kemp; Ishii. Totals 20 18-31 61.

3-point goals: C. Pedro 1, R. Britt 6, McCall 2, Kirchhofer 1. Fouled out-Christensen. Total fouls Heppner 23 Wahtonka 15.

Boys Basketball
League Season

	W	L	W	L
Riverside	12	1	18	1
Heppner	12	2	15	5
Umatilla	7	7	10	10
Wahtonka	7	7	10	10
Wasco Co.	5	9	8	12
Pilot Rock	5	9	9	11
Stanfield	2	12	2	18
Weston-McEwen	1	12	5	14

Fillies knock Eagles out of contention

By Scott Johnston

The Heppner Fillies warmed up for the district tournament and knocked the visiting Eagles out of post-season contention, when they pounded Wahtonka 67-27, Friday, Feb. 16. Four Fillies scored in double-figures to lead Heppner to the easy 40-point victory.

Things didn't start out so good for the Fillies, as they found themselves down 11-8 at the end of the first quarter. The Eagles' lead didn't last long as the Fillies erupted for 22 points and held Wahtonka to just five points. The Fillies, behind Kim Stookey who scored 11 points in the second quarter took a 30-16 lead into the locker room at the half.

The Fillies kicked their offense into high gear in the third quarter as they scored 24 points. The Eagles

could only manage three points as the Fillies played tough defense. Jennifer Currin scored 10 points in the quarter. Heppner outscored the Eagles again in the final stanza, 13-8 and coasted to the 67-27 victory.

Kim Stookey burned the nets, as she scored 23 points to lead all scorers. Jennifer Currin scored 12 points. Angie Currin and Nikki Brisbois both added 10 points for the district-bound Fillies.

Heppner 8 22 24 13 67
Wahtonka 11 5 3 8 27
Heppner (67) Stookey 9 5-7 23; J. Currin 5 2-2 12; A. Currin 5 0-0 10; Brisbois 5 0-2 10; Johnston 2 1-2 5; Tucker 1 0-0 2; Eckman 0 2-3 2; Greenup 0 3-4 3; Palmer 0 0-2 0; Corwin, Brownfield. Totals 27 13-22 67.

Wahtonka (27) S. Murphy 4 1-2 9; Lewis 3 1-2 7; Ordway 2 1-2 5; Garcia 1 1-4 3; K. Murphy 1 1-9 3; Dodson; Elliot; Reeves; Huskie; Farias. Totals 11 5-19 27.

Ione girls JV finish with Dufur win

By Anne Morter

The Ione girls JV team finished off their season with a win over the Dufur Rangers, 26-22, on Saturday, February 10. The win at Dufur gave them a season mark of 5-6 with the majority of their games being one-point squeakers.

The Cards and Rangers were evenly matched. Ione ran a full-court press but found they had to work hard to get the steals as Dufur was especially good at passing the ball. The teams were tied at the end of the first quarter, 4-4. Dufur edged ahead in the second quarter to lead, 12-11, at halftime. The Cardinals gained a two-point advantage in the third quarter and outscored the Rangers, 8-6, in the fourth for the four point final margin.

Exchange student, Rene VanLumseer, led the Cardinals in scoring with six points and Heidi

Nelson added five. Ione shot 35 percent from the floor, 11-31 and 33 percent from the line, 4-11. Dufur shot 33 percent from the field and 29 percent from the free-throw line.

Kristine Bedorha pulled down five boards and Crystal Munster added four to lead the Lady Cards to a slim, 21-20 rebounding edge. Crystal Munster had five steals and Danielle

Stefani had four to pace Ione. The Cardinals pleased their coach by committing just 21 turnovers, a season low and about half of their usual total.

"I was tickled with how they played," said Coach Tom Bedorha. He said that the girls took good shots and played hard. He said that Rene VanLumseer from Holland, had an exceptional game, considering that she started the season from scratch, learning how to shoot and dribble. He also credited Crystal Munster with good, solid play.

Tony Burt is Freshman MVP

By Pete Pearson

Tony Burt was voted the Most Valuable Player of the year for the Heppner Freshmen team. He led the team in points scored 159, and points per game 11.4. Pete Pearson led the team in freethrow percentage with 61 percent.

The freshmen averaged 47.6 points per game, while their opponents averaged only 39.3 points per game.



Tony Burt

	Gms	Pts.	PPG	FTA	FTM	FTA
Tony Burt	14	159	11.4	36	15	42%
Scott Coe	11	115	10.5	48	20	42%
Mark Conklin	13	30	2.7	15	9	60%
Jason Hanna	10	25	2.5	10	6	60%
Shane Munkers	12	82	6.8	22	12	55%
Derek Osmin	14	7	.5	6	1	16%
Pete Pearson	14	110	7.9	33	20	61%
T.R. Riehl	12	72	6.0	26	6	23%

Garden club meeting set

A business meeting of the Garden Club will be held Thursday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

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Grazelda quizzed, "Hey Clem, did you know you can get catfood, frosting, pickles, gloves, and brake fluid, plus all that other stuff down at Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron."
Clem announced, "Well uh, sure I knew that."
Grazelda quizzed, "Oh yah? Well did you know you can get fresh coffee, rolls, gum, paper towels, tractors, jumbo jets, and fish hooks down there?" Clem announced, "Well uh, sure, I knew that too."
Grazelda announced, "Clem, I don't know about you, I just don't know!"

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