

Cardinals take third in tournament



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Mike Garrett (45) snares a rebound. 15 is Eric Orem. By Anne Morter

The Ione Cardinals took third place in the Morrow County Invitational Tournament held last weekend in Boardman. They lost their opener to Heppner but came back on Saturday to easily dispatch the Joseph Eagles.

On Friday, the Heppner Mustangs jumped out to a quick 21-13 lead in the first quarter but the Cards found their rhythm in the second quarter, outscoring them 24-15 to hold a one-point halftime advantage. Heppner returned after the half and turned up the pressure. The young Cardinals suffered through bouts of panic and the Mustangs reclaimed the lead. Heppner led 60-48 at the end of the third period but Ione never gave up, pulling within three points with 1:50 to go. The Cards put up some three-point shots and were forced to foul in an effort to tie the game, which Heppner used to their favor, pulling out a 10 point victory, 75-65.

Leading scorer for the Cardinals was Gabe Garcia with 21 points. Mike Garrett added 16, Ryan Halvorsen had 23 and David Wagenblast chipped in 11. High point scorer for the game was Rick Osmin with 24 points. Deacon Heideman had 12 rebounds and Garrett had nine, but the Cards were beaten badly on the boards by the Mustangs. Garcia and Wagenblast each had six steals and Wagenblast had five assists to pace the Cards. Shooting from the field, Ione hit 22 of 53 for 42 percent. From the line they were 18 of 22 for 82 percent. Ryan Halvorsen hit eight of his nine attempts and David Wagenblast hit six of seven.

"I thought we played real well," said coach Del LaRue. "We had a few more turnovers than I like and we didn't rebound as well as I would like but it was a pretty good first game." He said he was especially pleased with the Card's free throw shooting, calling it "outstanding for a first game."

On Saturday, the Cardinals hit the court ready to play, scoring 30 points in the first quarter and rolling on to an 80-52 victory over Joseph.

With the Cards holding a 30-14 lead at the end of the first quarter, coach LaRue was able to spread around the playing time, giving some of his players their first taste of varsity experience. The Eagles pulled to within six points at halftime but Ione went on to outscore them 42-20 in the second half.

Mike Garrett led all scorers with 22 points. Also in double figures were Gabe Garcia with 14, David Wagenblast with 13 and Ryan Halvorsen with 10. Coming off the bench, Justin Miller scored nine points and Deacon Heideman added eight in the balanced scoring effort.

The Cards out-rebounded the Eagles with Garrett grabbing 16 and Heideman nabbing 11. David Wagenblast dished out eight assists and Halvorsen had six steals to lead the Cardinals. Ione shot 40 percent from the field, making 28 of 70 and 60 percent from the line for 21 of 35.

"We had a fine first quarter," said

coach Del LaRue. "It went just like it is supposed to go." He was also pleased with the play off of the bench, commending Mack Lovett, Eric Orem and Aaron Heideman for good performances in their varsity showing.

Next for the Cardinals will be the Wheeler Falcons in the first round of the Condon Christmas Tournament.

Girls take third at Morrow Tourney

By Anne Morter

The Ione girls' basketball team kicked off their season with a third-place finish at the Morrow County Invitational Tournament held last weekend at Riverside High School. They opened the tourney with a down-to-the-wire, double-overtime loss to Heppner and then wrapped up third place with a come-from-behind win over the Joseph Eagles on Saturday.

The Lady Cardinals took an early lead over Heppner, leading 9-4 at the end of the first quarter and 19-9 at the half. At one point in the second quarter, the Cards opened up a 14-point lead. In the second half, though, things started to change. Heppner outscored Ione 25-15 and roared back to tie the game at the end of the first overtime, the teams remained deadlocked with 36 points each. Finally in the second overtime, the Fillies wore the Cards down and outscored them 4-1 to eek out the 37-40 win.

"We ran out of gas," said coach Dana Heideman. "The girls physically wore down in the fourth quarter. We made key turnovers that cost us the game."

Leading scorer for the Lady Cardinals was Nancy Morter with 19. Kari Morgan added eight and Brandi Ball had seven. Morgan had 11 rebounds but the Cards were out-rebounded 35-42. A sticky full-court press yielded 17 steals for Ione with Nancy Morter leading the way with five. Danielle Stefani, Morter and Morgan had two assists each to lead that department.

The Cards managed just 20.5 percent shooting from the field, making 12 of 58, and from the free throw line they managed just 13 of 25 for 52 percent. Heppner was equally cold from the field shooting 21.3 percent 13 of 61 but they found their

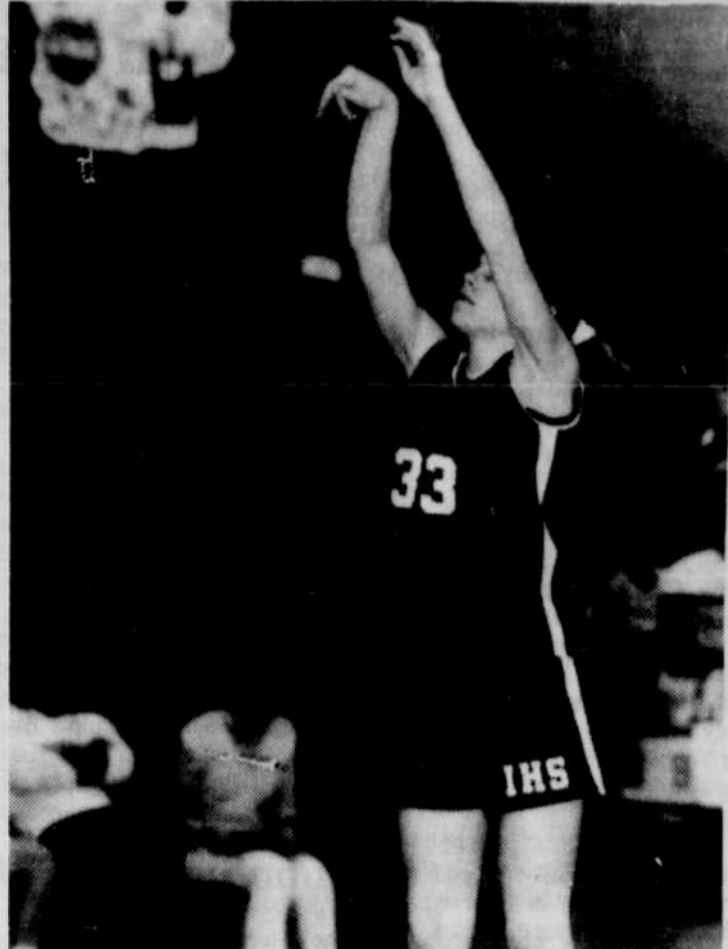


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Nancy Morter goes up for shot

mark better at the line hitting 11 of 14 for 79 percent.

The loss snapped an 18-game winning streak for Ione, dating back to the fifth game of last season.

On Saturday the Lady Cards watched the Joseph Eagles take a 21-9 lead at halftime before rallying back to a 37-32 victory. The teams were tied at the end of the first quarter, 6-6, but as Joseph scored 15 points in the second quarter, the Cards managed just three points as turnovers and mistakes plagued them. In the third quarter, the Cardinals hit their stride, outscoring the Eagles, 18-4. Nancy Morter hit two three-point shots in that quarter and Amy Pointer and April Taylor came off the bench to play well. The Cards lengthened their lead in the fourth quarter, outscoring Joseph 10-7 for the final five-point margin.

Nancy Morter led the scoring attack with 12 points. Kari Morgan had nine and freshman April Taylor chipped in six. The Cards held a 40-35 rebounding edge with Kari Morgan grabbing 12. Morgan also accounted for nine of the Cardinals 19 steals. April Taylor had two assists to lead that effort.

It was another cold shooting night for Ione. They shot 13 of 67 for 19 percent from the field and 9-18 for 50 percent from the line. Fortunately, Joseph was having much the same trouble making just nine of 42 for 21.4 percent from the field and 14-32 for 44 percent from the line.

Coach Dana Heideman was encouraged by the win. He commended Kari Morgan for a good game, saying that "she was everywhere," racking up steals, rebounds and forcing turnovers. He said he was also pleased with the girls coming off the bench. "It was nice to come back for the win so the girls know they can do it," said Heideman.

This weekend, the Cardinals play at the Condon Christmas Tournament. Friday, they face rival Wheeler, the team currently ranked number-one in the state.

Chief Rathbun's Tips

How to report suspicious activities: Be prepared. Keep the number of the police by your telephone. Remain calm. Avoid taking any risks. Keep away from the crime scene. Remain on the telephone.

Topic club learns about United Way


"United Way of Morrow County" was the topic presented by Lisa Rietmann at the Ione Topic Club on Wednesday Nov. 28 at the Ione United Church social room.

Hostesses for the day were Kerry Rietmann and Jeri McElligott. Lisa explained that Morrow County has its own chapter and therefore makes use of 100 percent of the monies in the county. The group was organized by employees of Portland General Electric in 1982 and receives contributions from employees of 17 companies in Morrow County. Ten board members throughout the county are responsible for administration and allocating of funds. All members

are volunteers.

Allocations go to groups such as the North Morrow County Homemakers for clothing for the needy, the Heppner Senior Center, EMT's, Heppner Day Care Center, the Foster Grandparents program, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Christmas basket program, the Neighborhood Center, the Morrow County Disaster Relief fund for special needs and other special requests as needed.

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