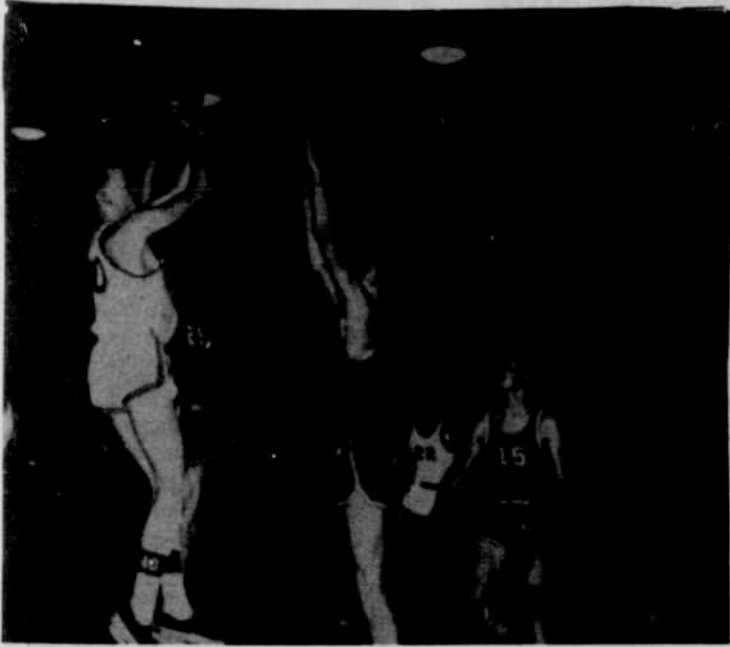


# Annual alumni basketball tournament set to go

## JV Fillies slip by Ione



Carl Bauman, No. 22, David George, 40, and Dave Anderson in a 1964 game



Gene Heliker, 12, in a 1966 game

Jim Doherty races for another score at the 1966 district tourney.

Anticipating those Christmas blahs? Heppner is again hosting an alumni basketball tournament to relieve those between Christmas and New Year's doldrums.

Three outstanding Heppner High School alums are returning again this year to pique your interest—Gene Heliker, Carl Bauman and Jim Doherty.

Gene Heliker, '66, the son of Barbara Cutsforth Gilbert, has returned each year from California to play in his home town tournament. A San Diego businessman, Heliker is still active in sports, coaching a NCAA-level team. In his senior year at Heppner High School Heliker was leading scorer with 339 points, followed by Mac Hoskins with 283 and Jim Doherty with 235. Instrumental, along with Stuart Dick and others, in getting the alumni tournament started three years ago, Heliker told Dick that it's great to have the opportunity to "come back and relive the excitement and intensity that it took to get to Coos Bay. (In 1965 Heppner played Coos Bay in an AA tournament.) This is a chance to be a 17-year-old kid again," he said. He added that it was a "real incentive to stay in shape." Heliker and his wife, Luann, have one child.

Carl Bauman, '65, also played in Coos Bay in '65. He is now a lawyer in Alaska, traveling extensively representing a major oil industry. Bauman is still active in sports, playing rugby, basketball and softball. Bauman represented Heppner in the days when Heppner was a Class AA team, playing Madras and Burns, now AAA teams, and Pilot Rock, John Day and Wahtonka, still in Heppner's league. According to Dick, also a '65 alum, the Class AA ranking meant a lot of travel for the players, which sometimes necessitated overnight trips. "The crowd support was phenomenal," said Dick. "It was an exciting brand of basketball. Bauman and his wife, Meg, have three sons, John, Matt and Mark.

Jim Doherty, '67, earned a place on the league's first-team all-star squad. In '67 the Mustangs ended a "virtual tie with Sherman for first place in the Western Division of the

Greater Oregon League." The Mustangs lost to Vale in the finals of the District 7 A-2 tournament at LaGrande. Doherty, who also played in the East-West Shrine game his senior year, now lives in Wilsonville. He is still involved in sports, playing golf and coaching his daughters. "He is still pretty competitive," said Dick. "It's amazing how fit some of the alums are."

Doherty, who is employed in a gift-boxing business, is married to the former Pam McCabe, daughter of Ernie and Mary Jean McCabe. He is a brother to Mike Doherty of Heppner. He and his wife have two daughters, Jennifer, 15 and Sarah, 11.

The Morrow County Alumni Tournament will get underway Fri-

day, December 28 at 6 p.m. at the HHS gym. The first game Friday will be the classes of 1976-79 vs the classes of '83-87. At 7:30 p.m. the classes of '64-67 will play '68-71, followed by '80-82 vs '88-90 at 9 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 29, at 9:30 a.m. '72-'75 will play non-lettering alums. A team from Condon and Ione will play the losers of the Hepp-

ner alumni semi finals. Defending champion is the alumni team of the classes of '80-82. Don Lott is captain.

The women's alumni basketball tournament will begin Saturday Dec. 29 at 8 p.m.

The Heppner women's alumni odd vs. even game will be Sunday, Dec. 30 at 2:30 p.m. For more information contact Lana Orr.

By Lisa Willman

The JV Fillies struggled in the first quarter Monday night against Ione, but came out victorious 30-27. Going in the second quarter the score was Heppner four Ione 11. The Fillies then picked up the pace and were able to sink a few much needed baskets. With 2:32 left in the half the Fillies managed to tie the score 12-12. Two minutes later it was tied up again 14-14 and in the last 12 seconds the Fillies pulled ahead by two. An inbounds pass interference play caused Heppner to receive a technical foul and Ione scored two points to tie the game up at the half 16-16.

In the third quarter the Fillies scored the first basket of the half to get the game rolling. Ione, however, took off to score two baskets and pulled ahead. With 2:20 on the clock the score was tied at 20-20. With 50 seconds left Ione shot and scored to end the third quarter ahead by two points. In the fourth quarter Heppner took off on a fast break with Toni Cutsforth handing the ball off to Ruth Norton for two points. The Fillies pulled ahead by one point with the scoreboard reading 24-23. Ione tried to make a comeback, but just couldn't do it, losing to the Fillies 30-27.

Toni Cutsforth was high scorer for the JV Fillies with seven points. Jodi Johnston and Jennie Ashbeck each added six points. High scorer for Ione was April Taylor who tossed in eight points. "We had trouble playing in the first quarter but we played well the last three. Our next game won't be until Jan. 5 and we have played so many games back to back we haven't had a lot of time to practice. Now we have time to practice the things we need work on," stated coach Lana Orr.

## Ione Varsity falls to Spray Eagles

By Anne Morter

The Ione boys varsity lost in their only game of the week, falling to the Spray Eagles last Saturday in a game played in Spray. The Cards couldn't muster much intensity, and in the words of their coach, played "flat-footed" in the 55-72 loss to Spray. Their season record now moves to 3-2.

Ryan Halvorsen was high point for the Cards with 16 points. Mike

Garrett added 13. High scorer for the game was J.P. Green of Spray with 25 points. The Cardinals held a 41-27 rebounding edge over the Eagles. Garrett led the way with 11, followed by Halvorsen with 10 and Deacon Heideman with nine. David Wagenblast had seven assists and two steals to lead Ione in those departments. The Cards shot 35 percent from the field, making 22 of 62. Spray was deadly accurate, shooting in the neighborhood of 50 percent

from the field. The Cards were seven of 14 from the line and the Eagles hit 18 of 24 free throws, something that really hurt the Cards, according to coach Del LaRue.

"We didn't play with much intensity," said LaRue. He did say, however, that Ryan Halvorsen worked hard and had a really good game.

The Cards have a rematch with Spray this Friday, Dec. 21 in Ione. Game time is 3 p.m.

## JV Fillies open league with win

By Lisa Willman

The Junior Varsity Fillies started their league games Tuesday, Dec. 11 beating the Stanfield Tigers 35-32.

The first half was pretty one-sided with the Tigers taking the lead from the start. Heppner just couldn't make their shots sink and the first quarter ended with Stanfield leading, 14-3. The second quarter was still in favor of Stanfield as they stole the ball and ran the entire length of the court for a layup. The Fillies tried to fight back. One outstanding play was when Toni Cutsforth dished the ball through two Tiger defenders legs to Donita Sharp who shot for a basket. At halftime the Tigers were still ahead 24-12.

Coming back from halftime things looked a lot different. The Fillies were fired up and played like an entirely different team. The Fillies made two baskets right off, to pick up the momentum and away they went. The defense was tougher, not allowing Stanfield to shoot, which created several turnovers in favor of the Fillies. At the end of the third quarter the Fillies had almost caught up, 24-28.

In the fourth quarter the Fillies looked the same, still very much fired up. With six minutes left, the Fillies were behind by only two points. Thirty seconds later they tied up the game, 28-28. Their full court press was working, causing the Tigers to turn the ball over. Two more times in the game Heppner tied the score and finally pulled ahead with 1:30 left and won by three points, 35-32.

Toni Cutsforth lead the Fillies in double figures with 10 points and three assists. Jodi Johnston threw in seven points, pulled down seven rebounds and four steals. Jennie Ashbeck tossed in six points.

## Cardinals down Sheridan, Mitchell

By Anne Morter

The Ione Lady Cardinals got back on the winning track, winning two games over the weekend. On Friday evening, they downed the visiting Sheridan Spartans, a team coached by former Ione student, Michelle LaRue, and on Saturday, they came back from a half time deficit to handily defeat the Mitchell Lady Loggers.

Sheridan, a 2A school from the Willamette Valley, played even with the Cards except for a lapse in the second quarter which proved to be the difference in the game. The Cards turned a 12-9 first quarter lead into a 27-12 halftime advantage. They held onto that edge to win 48-31. Ione, playing without point guard Danielle Stefani who is out with a knee injury, used a sticky press in the second quarter to break open the game.

Kari Morgan led all scorers with 19 points. Nancy Morter had nine

and Brandi Ball added eight for the Cardinals. The Lady Cards flexed their rebounding muscles, out-rebounding the Spartans 37-25. Kari Morgan pulled down nine boards and Wendy Anderson added eight. Nancy Morter had four assists and seven steals to lead in those departments. Jamie Cupps had four blocked shots. The Cards saw an improvement in their shooting percentages, shooting 36.8 percent from the floor 21-57, and 50 percent from the line 4-8. Sheridan managed just 24.5 percent from the floor 12-49, and 44 percent from the line 7-16. Individually Kari Morgan shot 8-15 from the floor, Brandi Ball made three of five and April Taylor was three of six.

Coach Dana Heideman had plenty of good things to say about the win. "Kari and Wendy (Anderson) did an excellent job rebounding," he said. He also said that Brandi Ball had a good game playing the point guard position, with eight points, five rebounds, three assists and two steals.

"We had our inside and outside game going, and when we do that, we usually win," added Heideman.

On Saturday, the Lady Cards found themselves down at halftime 18-21 but came roaring back in the second half to outscore Mitchell 29-9 and win the game 47-33. The Cardinals struggled in the first half against a scrappy Lady Logger squad but came out in the second half playing more aggressively and with more intensity.

Kari Morgan, shooting 12 of 16 from the floor, was the game's high scorer with 24 points. Nancy Morter added 11. The Cardinals made mincemeat of Mitchell on the boards, coming up with a 48-19 re-

bouncing edge. "Rebounding was the difference in the game," said coach Dana Heideman. "Mitchell got very few second opportunities," he added. Kari Morgan led the Cardinals rebounding attack with 11 boards. Wendy Anderson and Nancy Morter added eight each. Nancy Morter had four steals and she and Morgan had two assists each to pace the Cards. Ione further improved their shooting percentage, making 22 of 53 from the field for 41.5 percent compared to Mitchell's 12 of 51 for 24 percent.

The Lady Cards continued to struggle at the line, making just three of 10.

Coach Heideman said that Kari Morgan had a good weekend of basketball. "Kari is starting to play real well," he said. He also commended Heidi Orem for her defensive efforts against one of Mitchell's big scorers.

The Lady Cardinals season record now stands at 4-3. They play their final game before Christmas on Friday against Helix. Game time is 6 p.m. in Ione.



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