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Ione tennis teams play Condon, Stanfield



Erika Bergstrom competes in Tennis

By Anne Morter

The Ione tennis teams played two matches last week, hosting Condon on Tuesday, April 16, and traveling to Stanfield on Saturday, April 20.

The girls went 3-3 against Condon while the boys were not able to win either of their matches that day.

Heidi Orem was the only singles' winner for Ione on Tuesday as she bested Nichole Wilson, 8-0. Nancy Morter fell to Shandie Johnson, 1-8. Kari Morgan lost to Jennifer Bird, 5-8, and Kristine Bedortha was defeated by Jennifer Griener, 6-8.

In doubles' play, Nancy Morter teamed up with Kristine Bedortha to defeat Amanda Smith and Christy Nation, 8-0. Erika Bergstrom and Heidi Orem followed their lead, downing Minda Ment and Lushena Cook, 8-2.

In boys' action, Condon had only

one player but he played two matches and won both. Condon's Joe Cloughton downed Tony Bjerke, 3-8, and came back to defeat Aaron Heideman 3-8.

On Saturday, the Cards faced a small Stanfield squad. The girls had only two matches, the boys three.

In girls' play, Nancy Morter defeated Connie Keltz, 8-3 and Brandi Ball downed Heather Ellenberger, 8-3.

On the boys' side Brent Sheirbon treated the spectators to a cliff hanger. He started out leading the match, 3-0. His opponent Terry McCann came back to lead, 7-4. Sheirbon dug deep, shut McCann down and pulled out a 9-7 victory. In other games, Stanfield's Brad Butcher defeated Mike Green, 8-0 and Brett Butcher and Howard Swanson downed Aaron Heideman and Brent Sheirbon, 8-1.

Photo by Pam Minster

Ione tracksters set personal bests, high district marks



Photo by Crystal Minster

Ione long jumpers compete at BMCC

By Anne Morter

Several Ione tracksters set new personal bests and Deacon Heideman and Gabe Garcia established district leading marks in their two meets held last week.

On Tuesday, April 16, the Cardinals and Helix hosted a meet at the Blue Mountain Community College. Ione placed fourth with 79½ points, in boys competition, well behind the winner, Hermiston with 189 points. The Ione girls were third with 56 points, behind Weston-McEwen with 124 and Hermiston JV with 121.

Gabe Garcia was a double winner for the Cards, taking the 400 in 54.7 and the 200 in 24.73. Other first-place finishers were Mac Lovett in the 100, and Justin Miller in the high jump 5'6" and the 400 relay team. Miller was also third in the 100 meters. Deacon Heideman placed fourth in the javelin with a throw of 117' and tied for fifth in the high jump. Ryan Halvorsen grabbed fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 37' and was fifth in the long jump at 17'9½". Jake Deputy was fourth

in the high jump at 5'4" and Brian Holtz was fourth in the 100 with a tie of 12.97. David Wagenblast placed fifth in the 800 with a 2:17, sixth in the 1500 at 4:50 and sixth in the discus with a throw of 105'8".

For the girls, Crystal Minster placed second in the long jump 13'8", third in the 100 14.47 and fourth in the triple jump 28'3" and in the 200 29.97. Janie Cupps was second in the high jump at 4'6". She also ran to a second place finish in the 400, 72.64 and third in the 300 hurdles 59.7. April Taylor rounded out the scoring with two third-place finishes in the 400, 72.85 and the 800, 2:49.6.

On Saturday, the Cardinals traveled to Wahtonka for the Sherman County Invitational. The boys scored 50½ points to place fourth and the girls were in sixth place with 35 points.

Gabe Garcia was the only first place finisher for Ione, winning the 400 meters in 53.76, establishing a new personal best and district best. He was also third in the 200 at 24.39. Deacon Heideman improved his mark in the discus by a whopping 20 feet, throwing 115'½". This second place throw was not only a personal best but also another district-leading mark. Heideman also placed fifth in the shot with a throw of 36'11½", a personal record by 1½ feet. Ryan Halvorsen established a new personal best in the triple jump, leaping 37'11¼", good for second place and Mike Garrett was second in the javelin with a throw of 134'10¼". David Wagenblast lowered his 800-meters time to 2:14.2, a two-second improvement and good for fourth place. Brian Holtz was sixth in the 200, running 26.19 to establish a new personal record. The 400-relay team of Gabe Garcia, Justin Miller, Ryan Halvorsen and Brian Holtz sprinted to a time of 48.08 and a fourth-place finish.

The girls competed without Janie Cupps who missed the meet because of illness. Crystal Minster had a busy day finishing second in the 200, 29.09, third in the long jump 13'8½", fourth in the 100 meters 13.99 and fifth in the triple jump 28'8". Her long jump and triple jump marks were new personal records. Wendy Anderson threw the shot 31'1" for third place and tossed the discus 71'7" for sixth place. April Taylor ran a 2:45.18 in the 800, good for second place.

Rock Creek watershed draft copy released

The Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler Soil and Water Conserva-

tion Districts, sponsors of planning work on the Rock Creek Watershed, have released a draft copy of their plan. The basin-wide improvement plan is part of a grassroots effort involving local producers throughout the watershed. Identified improvements can be implemented through continued active local support and in working closely with the local SWCDs.

Copies of the draft have been sent to all landowners in the watershed and federal, state and local agencies. Anyone interested in a copy may contact any of the three SWCD offices.

Written comments on the draft will be accepted until May 3. A public meeting to discuss comments is scheduled for May 1 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall in Condon. A final copy of the plan will be released May 22.

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