

Cardinals win championship trophy, beat Mustangs, Blue Devils

Photos by Wayne Hams



Ryan Currin, 25, fights lone Cardinal for the rebound. No. 32 is Ryan Halvorsen.

By Anne Morter

The lone Cardinals won the championship trophy at the Condon Christmas Tournament held December 20 and 21. Ione first defeated Heppner in the opening round and then downed their hosts, Condon, in the final. Until Saturday, Condon sported a perfect record and had been ranked number-one in the coach's poll.

In two previous attempts, the lone boys team couldn't keep the pace with the Heppner Mustangs. But in opening round play of the Condon Christmas Tournament, they finally pulled off a victory to advance to the championship game Saturday against Condon. The Cardinals downed the Mustangs by a final score of 68-59.

The first quarter didn't look good for the Cardinals, when the Mustangs jumped out to a 10-0 lead. According to head coach, Del LaRue, Ione spent most of the first quarter fighting their way back into the game. By halftime, the tide had turned in the Cardinals favor, with Ione leading, 31-26. Mike Garrett sparked a 19-point third quarter effort with

15 points of his own and the Cards coasted home for the win.

Garrett was the game's high scorer with 33 points. He also pulled down 20 rebounds, had

five assists and three steals for an all-around good game. Gabe Garcia and Deacon Heideman were

the other Cards in double figures with 10 points each. Stressing rebounds in practice for the last week and a half paid off as the Cards outrebounded the Mustangs for the first time this season, 49-25. Aaron Heideman added 10 boards to Garrett's 20. Gabe Garcia paced Ione with nine assists, followed by David

Wagenblast with seven.

On Saturday, the Cards pounced on Condon early and never trailed in the game. They led 17-10 at the end of the first quarter and 36-24 at the half. The Blue Devils were never able to quite catch the Cardinals as Ione won 63-52.

Garrett again led all scorers with 20 points followed by Garcia with 18. Deacon Heideman

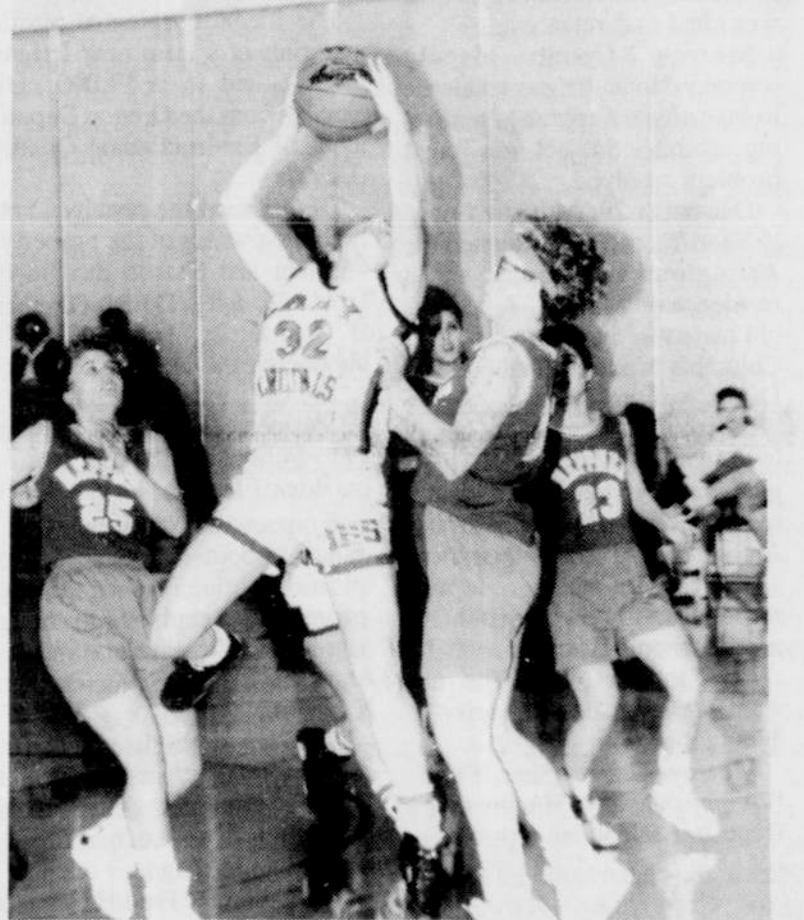
pulled down nine rebounds to lead the Cardinals to a 37-36 rebounding advantage.

Coach Del LaRue was pleased with the weekend's games noting that he saw improvement in many aspects of the Cardinals game. He especially liked the fact that they only committed 10 turnovers in the Condon game, a key factor in the win.



Ione's Mike Garrett (44) guards Condon player

Condon hands Lady Cards' first loss



Iones' Nancy Morter (32) shoots through Heppners' Jodi Johnston (25) and Becky Norton

in the words of coach Dana Heideman, they "just couldn't break over the hump." Condon ended up winning the game 53-43.

Kari Morgan scored 17 points in the game to lead the Cardinals. Janie Cupps added eight. Morgan had 16 rebounds and Cupps, 12 but Ione was outrebounded by Condon, 55-41. The most telling statistic was the lady Cards' shooting percentage. Of the 81

shots they put up from the field, only 16 found the bucket for a meager 19 percent. Morter and Morgan both fouled out of the game, leaving the team without two starters.

"We played hard but couldn't get the ball in the basket," said Heideman, summing up the game.

Kari Morgan and Janie Cupps were named to the all-star team.



Condon Blue Devil tries to get through the Lady Cards

Drug, alcohol free dance for teens, New Year's Eve

The senior class parents will hold a drug and alcohol free dance with a disc jockey on New Years Eve, December 31, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost will be \$3 single, \$5 couple. Everyone in seventh grade and up is invited to attend.

They will also have a can and bottle drive January 4, beginning at 11 a.m. "Please save your bot-

tlies and cans and support the senior class," said a spokesperson.

The Christmas tree pick-up held by the seniors will be January 2 and 4. Call Becky 676-9968 or Jim 676-5223 to have your tree picked up.

All proceeds go towards the drug and alcohol free graduation night with a trip to Disneyland.

Court seeks pennant bearers

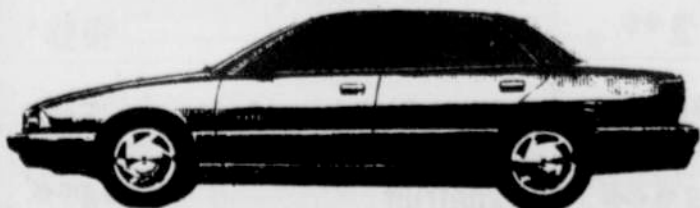
The Morrow County Fair & Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo court is seeking pennant bearers for the 1992 season. Preference will be given for riders between the ages of 10 and 15. Pennant bearers will be required to attend at least two parades prior to the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo in August and all ac-

tivities associated with the court during fair week, including parade, grand entry and luncheon.

Anyone interested should write a letter stating your desire to serve as a pennant bearer to Julie Ashbeck, Court Chaperone and mail it to: HC70 Box 411, Echo, OR 97826 by January 15, 1992.

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