

Mustangs open league play with wins

By Jeremy Maddern

The Mustangs opened up league play last Friday, Jan. 10 at home with a 60-21 victory against the Wahtonka Eagles. The Mustangs had no problem with the Eagles, jumping out to a big lead after the first quarter. With a swarming press and an offensive onslaught the Mustangs cruised to a 45-9 halftime lead. The Mustangs were in complete control and slowed the pace down with their halfcourt offense in the second half. The Mustangs emptied their bench in the fourth quarter and posted a 60-21 victory.

Rick Koffler and Ryan Currin led the Mustangs with 10 points each.

Saturday the Mustangs continued their defense of the league championship by beating last year's league runner-up Umatilla, 90-57. The first half saw a very physical close game.

The Mustangs saw only a three-point lead at halftime but began to pull away in the second half. The Mustangs defense held the Vikings to only four points in the third quarter and put on an offensive show to put away the Vikings. However, the Mustangs couldn't control senior guard Rusty Green who led all scorers with 28 points.

Charlie Rathbun led the Mustangs with 19 and Tony Burt came off the bench to provide another big game with 17 points. Rick Koffler and Jason Britt each had 11 and Ryan Currin had 10.



Photo by Joyce Hughes
Rick Koffler (35) has shot blocked. No. 31 is Scott Coe



Photo by Joyce Hughes
Ryan Currin (24) tries a hook shot against Wahtonka

Lady Cardinals start league play with two wins

By Anne Morter

The Ione Lady Cardinals started their league season with two wins this past weekend, including an important victory over Sherman County. Both games were played on the road. The Lady Cards now boast a season record of 10-1 and a league mark of 2-0.

On Friday, Jan. 10, the Cards used their tough defense to stymie Helix in the early going, holding them to just five points in the first half. The Grizzlies, who put up a much better fight in their last outing against Ione, couldn't muster a challenge this time as the Cards rolled to a 44-21 win.

Kari Morgan led all scorers with 12 points. Jannie Cupps and Danielle Stefani helped out with eight points each. Morgan's nine boards led the Lady Cards to a 30-25 rebounding edge. Cupps nabbed four steals and Stefani had two assists to pace the team.

The Lady Cardinals shot 18 out of 40 from the floor for 45 percent and six of 11 from the free throw line for 54 percent.

On Saturday, the Lady Cards scored the first two baskets against powerful Sherman County and kept that lead for the entire game, ending with a nine point victory, 43-34. Sherman, ranked third in the latest Class 1A coaches' poll, had trouble with the Cards sticky full-court press, while the Cards struggled with bad passes and turnovers.

At the end of the first quarter, Ione held a slim 12-10 lead. By halftime, they had stretched it out to a 25-18 margin. The Huskies edged closer in the final quarter until Kari Morgan fired off nine of her 21 points (and nine of the team's 11 points for the quarter) to preserve the win.

Sherman's 5'10 and 5'11 rebounding duo led them to a slight edge, 23-21. Kari Morgan led the Cards with 13 boards. She also had six steals, while Nancy Morter and Crystal Minster each had two assists.

Ione shot 18 of 49 from the floor for 35 percent and six of 11 from the line for 55 percent.

Sherman made 13 of 42 for 31 percent from the field and eight of 14 for 57 percent from the line.

Coach Dana Heideman said the team was a little apprehensive about taking on the Huskies since they had beat them at district last year and had been highly ranked

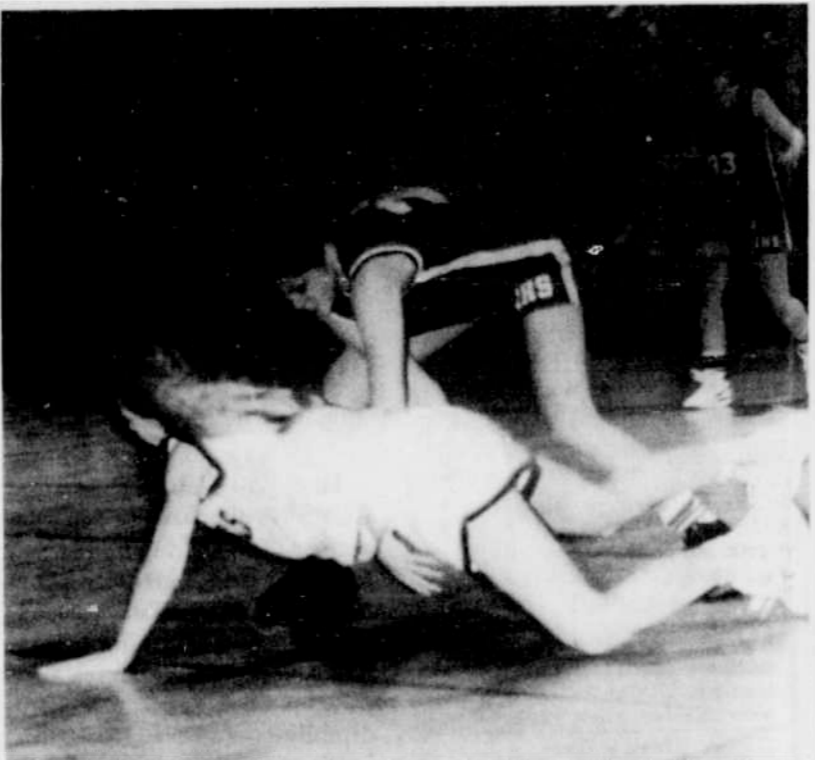


Photo by Wayne Hams
Jannie Cupps finds the loose ball in the polls. "I told them if they were that scared, maybe we should just forfeit. That seemed to fire them up," he said.

Heideman credited the defense with an outstanding game, noting that they had held a good team to just 34 points. "It was a big win for us," said Heideman.

The Lady Cards have just one game on their weekend agenda, at home against Echo on Friday. Originally, they were scheduled to play Arlington on Saturday but Arlington is not fielding a girls' team this year. The game to watch this weekend will be Sherman at Condon on Saturday.

IMS lady Cards trounce Cougars

By Becky Wagenblast

The Ione Middle School lady Cardinals traveled to Echo and trounced the Echo Cougars on January 9. The teams had met earlier with Ione winning a close game by five points, so the Cards were looking for another tough game. Ione came out fired up and won this game too, 39-20.

The score at the end of the first quarter was 9-3 Ione's favor.

In the second quarter Ione used their press for an advantage in the game. Suzy Heideman, Lynde Minster and Dawn Boor did a good job on defense making key steals. Melissa McElligott led the scorers in the first half with 10 points, most off the fast break. The Cardinals led 20-13 going into the half.

Ione played excellent teamwork in the third quarter and easily broke Echo's press. In the fourth quarter the Cards kept up the fast break and scored 11 points. Becky Wagenblast had the only three-pointer of the game. The final score was Ione 39, Echo

20. Melissa McElligott led all scorers with 14 points. Suzy Heideman pulled down seven rebounds helping the Cardinals to a total of 30 boards and had seven steals. Lynde Minster led Ione in assist dishing out four of the 10. The Cards had a total of 18 steals and shot 35 percent from the field.

Coach Steve Schaber commented, "The girls are coming together as a complete team playing team ball."

Ione plays in Heppner at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1992	
Soft White	
Jan.	\$4.58
Feb.	\$4.64/\$4.67
March	\$4.68
April	\$4.66/\$4.58
New Crop	\$4.05
Barley	
Jan.	\$108/\$109

Currin wins at Yakima rodeo

Less than a month after the conclusion of the National Finals Rodeo, that championship feeling is still in the air with three of the 12 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association regional circuits conducting finals rodeos over the weekend of Jan. 3-5.

Ron Currin, a local steer wrestler downed three steers in 14.6 seconds to win \$1,736 at the Columbia River Circuit Finals Rodeo in Yakima, WA.

In the Pacific Northwest, John Turney of Spokane, Wash., recovered from a third-place finish in the first round of bareback riding to top the second and third rounds and the average for a total payoff of \$2,222. That put him ahead of newly crowned world champion Clint Corey of Kennewick, WA., who finished second at the Columbia River Circuit Finals with \$1,045.

Another comeback was staged by saddle bronc rider Shawn Henry of Cayuse, who, after failing to place in the first round, moved up to second spot in the second round and won the third to top the average and pocket, \$1,805.

In bull riding Scott Raley of Vancouver, WA., scored 257 points on three rides to win the event and \$1,763.

Calf roping winner was Dave

Lexington Grange has Christmas party

By Delpha Jones

Lexington Grange met for their Christmas meeting with a potluck dinner, Santa and goodies, on Dec. 16.

The meeting was called to order by the master Joe Yocom. Officers' reports and applications for four members and one transfer were read.

A lovely program by the Sunday School classes of the Heppner First Christian Church was greatly enjoyed under the direction of Rosalee Scharon. Music was provided by Betty Marquardt. Following the program Santa appeared, giving bags of goodies.

The next meeting will be Jan. 20 and will be men's night, with pancakes cooked by the men. Kenneth Smouse, legislation chairman, will bring the program.

Health Care council to meet

The Morrow County Health Care Council will meet in Lexington on January 16, at the Morrow County School District Office at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

PMH Auxiliary to hold raffle

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary recently reorganized after many years, is raffling a handmade wooden rocking horse as a fundraiser.

The horse, made and donated by Lowell Jones, is on display at Gardner's Men's Wear. Tickets will be available at Gardner's or by contacting Tonya Jones or Delia Robinson. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The group plans several other fund raisers including an Amish quilt raffle, and will meet every month to organize activities at the nursing home and fund raising events. "Although the Jan. 9 meeting was well attended, more members are very welcome and needed. This is promising to be a fun and busy group," said a club spokesperson.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. upstairs at Kate's Pizza.

Theater group to meet Jan. 18

A Heppner Intergeneration Theater meeting has been set for Saturday, Jan. 18 at 11 a.m. at Kate's Pizza. The theater group is planning a St. Patrick's Day pageant "Erin Came to County Morrow." The pageant will feature skits, music and dances.

Anyone interested in performing or working on the pageant is invited to attend.

World team roping champion Bob Harris of Gillette, Wyo., won the most money in the circuit finals steer roping competition with \$1,240, but first-place honors went to another perennial NFR qualifier, J.D. Yates of Pueblo, Colo., who landed \$1,127.

The barrel racing winner was Kristie Peterson of Elbert, Colo., with a three-round time of 53.79 seconds worth \$1,874.

After blazing to six first-place finishes at the NFR and coming within bumping distance of eight-time world champion Charmayne Rodman, barrel racer Twila Haller of Phoenix, Ariz., continued her impressive showing at the Turquoise Circuit Finals, winning all three rounds and the average for a reward of \$2,727, the biggest check of the rodeo.

Also fresh from the NFR was PRCA Rookie of the Year Brent Lewis of Pinon, N.M., who topped calf roping for \$2,045, and Martin Lucero of Villa Nueva, N.M., who paired with Steve Purcella of Roswell, N.M. to win the team roping competition and \$1,441 each. Other Turquoise Circuit Finals winners included Jeff Cordova of Peoria, Ariz., bareback riding (\$1,916); Steve Dollarhide of Wikeup, Ariz., saddle bronc riding (\$2,197); Brent Althoff of Oracle, Ariz., bull riding (\$1,515); and Bob Ryan of Chandler, Ariz., steer wrestling (\$1,969).

Circuit finals winners, as well as circuit champions, qualify for March 18-21 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo in Pocatello, Idaho.

Valentine's Day is February 14th.

This Valentine's Day, remember your friends and loved ones with the cards which do it best. Our Hallmark cards will help you express in words what you feel in your heart. Come shop our Valentine's Day display to find the cards and gifts that will be remembered.