

Cardinals down Condon Blue Devils

By Anne Morter
The lone Cardinals added two more to the win column this past weekend, downing Condon in a key game on Friday, Jan. 24 and then thumped Culver at home on Saturday, Jan. 25. The Cards now lead the East Division of the Big Sky Conference with a 5-1 league record. Their overall mark now stands at 10-3.

The Cards worked hard for their 60-51 win over the Condon Blue Devils in Condon. They never trailed in the contest jumping out to a 6-0 lead and then held a four to six-point margin for the remainder of the game. "I'm not sure we controlled the game, but we were never behind," said coach Del LaRue.

Mike Garrett was the game's high scorer with 26 points. He

also pulled down 18 boards to lead the Cardinal rebounding attack. Ryan Halvorsen and Deacon Heideman each added eight. David Wagenblast handed out seven assists and Garrett grabbed six steals. Deacon Heideman had three blocked shots.

Ione shot 21 of 55 from the floor for 38 percent while Condon sizzled, hitting 22 of 44 for 50 percent from the field. The Cards were 17 of 28 for 61 percent from the free throw line while the Blue Devils hit just five of 14 for 36 percent.

"It was a good win, a necessary one," said coach LaRue. "It was a good defensive ballgame for us. The kids played hard, they worked as hard as they had in a long time," he added.



Photo by Wayne Hams
Deacon Heideman (30) goes for shot against Condon

Lady Cardinals defeat Culver

By Anne Morter

All the players suited down on Saturday Jan. 25 to play Culver, but the Lady Cards were a little off their pre-flu form. Culver led at the end of the first quarter, 10-8, but several steals and lay-ins by Nancy Morter and April Taylor in the second quarter got things rolling, as the Lady Cards opened up a 33-19 halftime lead. It was more of the same as Ione went on to defeat Culver 59-39.

Nancy Morter led all scorers with 22 points, followed by April Taylor with 11 and Kari Morgan with 10. The Bulldogs outbounded their hosts, 35-29. Nancy Morter paced the Cardinal effort with 10. Brandi Ball had three assists, while Morter had six steals and Danielle Stefani and

Taylor both had five.

The Cards shot 22 of 56 for 39 percent from the field and 13 of 27 for 48 percent from the line. A total of 51 fouls were called in the very physical game.

"The game was decided in the second quarter. We got control and the lead and gradually built on that," said coach Heideman. "We didn't play real smooth. We just weren't well enough to get things going," he added.

The Lady Cardinals play two games this weekend, hitting the road Friday to take on Echo. That game starts at 6 p.m. On Saturday, Feb. 1, they host Condon with the girls' varsity game starting at 4 p.m. "We've got to try to come up with a big win," says Heideman.



Photo by Wayne Hams
Nancy Morter (32) tries a lay in

Ione Middle School Cards run over Condon

By Becky Wagenblast

Ione Middle School Cardinals ran over the Condon Blue Devils January 13 with a score of 35-14. It was clear from the tip-off that Ione would dominate the game. The Cardinals' offense worked great with a first period score of 18-0. Ione, Suzy Heideman made eight of her 16 points in the first quarter.

In the second half the Cardinals slacked off on both ends of the court. In an attempt to even up the score, Ione made only five points in the third quarter. In the final stanza the Cards played the perimeter on offense. Melissa McElligott and Suzy Heideman each scored three point goals. The game ended 35-14.

In addition to Heideman's 16 points she led the Cardinals with seven rebounds and three steals.

On January 18 the Cardinals met up with the Heppner Ponies in a tough battle that saw Heppner finish with the win, 19-16.

Ione started out slow, making only three points in the first quarter. The Ponies led, 6-3.

The second quarter looked better with the Cards fighting back to a 9-8 lead. The man-to-man defense worked well, holding Heppner to three points. Ione had 13 rebounds and 11 steals in the first half.

The third quarter was another close one and Ione kept the lead, 13-12. Another low scoring period held each team to four points.

The fourth quarter was no better for scoring as the Ponies pulled out for the win 19-16.

Ione had 24 rebounds with Melissa McElligott and Becky Wagenblast leading with seven each. The Cards had 27 steals, McElligott led with 11. Lynde Minster, McElligott and Wagenblast each scored four

points for the Cardinals. Dawn Boor and Marie Tworek chipped in two apiece.

Ione travels to Helix on Jan. 30 and again in a tournament on Feb. 1, starting at 9:30 a.m.



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Coil also scored best in the handicap event with 23 out of 25. Loren Woodside and Jeff Cutsforth placed second with 22's. Coil and Roger Mortimore each won an Annie Oakley event. Shooting Sunday, Feb 2 will begin at noon.

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