

## Cardinals comeback effort too late, bring home fourth place trophy

By Anne Morter

The Cards were back on the court 15 hours after their fall to Butte Falls, this time against Umpqua Valley Christian in a battle for third. The one point loss from the night before had taken its toll as LaRue found his team emotionally and physically drained and the Monarchs marched away with a 71-68 win.

The Monarchs got out to a 17-9 first quarter lead and still maintained a seven point edge at the half, where they led 34-27. It looked like the game was over in the early going of the fourth quarter but somewhere, somehow, the Cards reached way down and found a little energy for the final four minutes of the game. All of a sudden, it was a ball game again as the Cardinals pulled to within one point on a three-pointer by Gabe Garcia with 47 seconds to go. The Monarchs and the Cards took turns at the free throw line, but in the end Umpqua Christian hit two and came away with the 71-68 win.

Mike Garrett finished the game with 24 points, bringing his tournament total to 85, a new record. Garcia added 23. Garrett also had 16 rebounds which put him in the record book again for his tournament total of 51 rebounds. Aaron Heideman had eight, Ryan Halvorsen grabbed seven and Deacon Heideman six. Garcia had seven assists in the game, bringing his tournament total to 25 and giving him another



Photo by Wayne Hams

lone's Gabe Garcia (10) drives around defender during state playoffs in Baker. Garcia set a new state tournament record, 13, for single game assists and tournament record of 25 total assists.

record. David Wagenblast finished out the game with five assists, and a tournament total of 21, tying the old record.

The Cardinals' fatigue showed in their shooting percentages. From the floor they hit 26 of 67 for 39 percent, a considerable cooling from the two previous

games. At the line, they shot 12 of 18 for 67 percent.

"We never quit," said coach LaRue. "We just had no legs and no emotional intensity."

And so, while the Cards returned home without the much sought after hardware, they did leave their mark on the record book in Baker City. "We made our impact," said LaRue.

## Garrett & Garcia set new records in opening game against Wallowa

By Anne Morter

One healthy win and two heart-breaking losses was the story of the Lone Cardinals' trip to the Class 1A State Tournament held last weekend in Baker City.

But it wasn't the whole story for the Cards as they managed to leave their mark with a string of tournament records. Mike Garrett and Gabe Garcia were both named to the All Tournament First Team.

The Garcia-Garrett combination was formidable in the Cards' opening game, where they downed the Wallowa Cougars, 87-65. Garrett poured in an incredible 43 points on 19 of 27 shooting from the floor, setting new records in both points and field goals in a single game. The majority of his mighty point total came from short inside shots and at least 10 were off offensive rebounds. Helping Garrett along was Gabe Garcia who dished out a tournament record 13 assists in the game. As a team, the Cardinals combined for 27 assists, yet another single game tournament record.

The Cardinals took control of the game jumping out to a 17-4 lead in the early going. In the third quarter, the Cougars pulled to within nine when Garrett was out getting a sprained ankle taped. Showing that he hadn't lost his momentum, Garrett returned to the game and scored eight straight points to put the game out of Wallowa's reach.

Besides Garrett's 43, Garcia and David Wagenblast also hit double figures with 11 and 10 respectively. Mike Garrett also

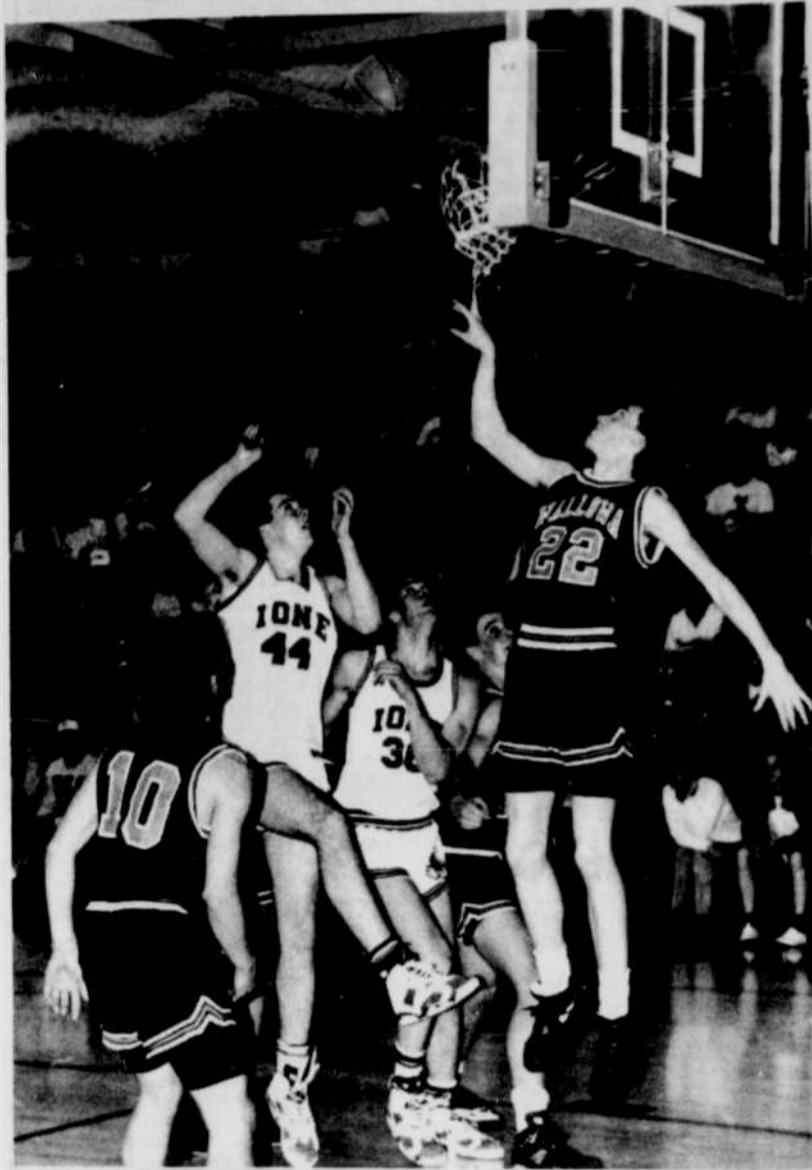


Photo by Wayne Hams

Mike Garrett goes for two against Wallowa in their opening game at Baker City. Garrett scored 43 points in the game, a new state record for a single contest.

led the rebounding attack with 19. Deacon Heideman helped out with 13 more rebounds and three blocked shots.

The Cards continued this statistical dream game, hitting 39 of 81 from the floor for 48 per-

cent and seven of 10 at the line for 70 percent.

"They were very definitely ready to play," said coach Del LaRue. "It was a good ball game, we got a good effort from everyone."

## Fillies end season with defeat to Vale

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Fillies' overachieving season came to an end Friday March 6 in Pendleton at the hands of the Vale Vikings during the first round of the Regional Tournament playoffs. The Vikings handed the Fillies a 53-36 loss. The Fillies came into the tournament as the number 2 team from the CBC conference with a 14-8 record to play the number 2 team from the Waipiti league the Vale Vikings, with a 22-2 record.

The game started out dead even as the Vikings and the Fillies traded baskets for the entire first quarter. The Fillies led by a slim two points after the first quarter of play. Heppner started to cool down in the second quarter and Vale jumped out to a seven point lead midway in the second quarter. The Fillies began to chip away at the lead but the Vikings held their ground and led 24-19 at the half.

The Vikings began to pull away in the third quarter and showed their superior height advantage which led to easy lay ins. The smaller Fillies didn't give up and were hitting their jumpshots and stayed within the lead after the third quarter was in the books.

Heppner was down by a big margin after a couple of quick Vale baskets to start the fourth and final quarter of play. The Fillies had to resort to fouling late in the fourth quarter but the Vikings shot 11-14 at the charity stripe and put the Fillies away. The Vikings outrebounded the



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Jodi Johnston (24) wrestles for loose ball against the Vikings

shorter Fillies 33-25 and shot 42 percent to just 27 percent for the Fillies. Holly Eckman led the Fillies with 11 and Jodi Johnston chipped in 10.

The Vikings advance to the state tournament by beating Imbler who had lost earlier to the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots. The Fillies ended their season with a 14-9 record.

## Two file for county surveyor

Two people have filed for the Morrow County surveyor's spot, a non-paid position.

Incumbent Denny Edwards and Susan Newstetter, Mt. Vernon, both democrats, will vie for the position in the May 19 election.

## Cards fight hard battle

By Anne Morter

With dreams of state titles dancing in their heads, the Cards took the floor against Butte Falls in the 8:45 p.m. Friday game and walked away with a disappointing loss 64-63.

The first half was close with the Loggers holding a two-point edge at the end of the first quarter and a four-point lead at halftime. A hot third quarter saw the cards go ahead 49-44 by the end of the period. But four straight three pointers by the Loggers were hard to answer. With 2:30 to go, Butte Falls hit yet another three pointer and this was the one that put them ahead to stay. "It was one of those games that whoever got the last shot would win," said coach LaRue. Unfortunately for the Cards, it wasn't them, as they failed to capitalize on their last opportunity with 14 seconds to go in the game. The Cardinals got the shot off but it didn't go. When

the Loggers came up with the ball, they also got away with the 64-63 win.

Mike Garrett had 18 points to lead four Cardinals into double figures. Ryan Halvorsen had 14, David Wagenblast added 12 and Aaron Heideman chipped in 10. Garrett also had 16 rebounds followed by Halvorsen with nine. Wagenblast paced the team with seven assists followed by Gabe Garcia and Garrett with five each. Deacon Heideman had three blocked shots.

The Cards had another hot shooting night, from the floor at least, where they hit 26 of 48 for 54 percent. Their performance at the free throw line was not as shiny. Making just eight of 17 "really killed us," commented coach LaRue. "One or two more free throws and we could have won," he said.

## Caught duckless? go to jail

Get your duck for the O'Ducky race or visit the O'Quacker County Jail.

The Duck Squad will be patrolling the downtown area Sat. March 14 from 9 a.m. until race time. Anyone who doesn't have proof that they have rented a duck for the race will be put in the O'Quacker County Jail.

The jail and duck booth will be on main street on Saturday. Ducks cost \$3 to rent. Prizes are \$100 for first; \$75 for second; \$50 for third. O'Ducky T-shirts will be given to the first 10 lucky ducks to cross the finish line.

Beware...rent a duck or go to jail and pay a buck to get out. It's either a buck or a duck.

# Murray's Drug

We're Your

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY STORE

Remember to get your

"IRISH ROVERS"

IRISH MUSIC CASSETTE TAPES

WISHING EVERYONE A GREAT ST. PAT'S WEEKEND!

# Murray's Drug

217 North Main  
Heppner  
676-9158



Over the years some things never change at a quality dealership

HONESTY-INTEGRITY-RESPONSIBILITY-SERVICE

Doing business for over 45 years in the same old fashioned way



## SHERRELL CHEVROLET

Hermiston, Oregon

Phone 567-6487