

Mustangs beat Ione, 73-61

By Anne Morter
Heppner jumped on the Ione Cardinals early in the game Saturday Dec. 4, downing the Cards 73-61 on the Mustang home court.

The Cards struggled in the first half, shooting and executing poorly. The Mustangs' press added to the Cards' woes. "We were tighter than a banjo in the first half. We panicked a bit," commented LaRue. The Cards relaxed and played better in the second half and Heppner pulled off its press, leading to the final 73-61 score in Heppner's favor.

Jim Logan was the game's high scorer with 23 points, including five three-pointers. All of his points came in the second half, 15

in the fourth quarter. Aaron Heideman added 19 and Jake Bacon had 11.

Ione tallied 26 rebounds to Heppner's 28. Heideman led the Cardinal effort with eight and Halvorsen added seven. Bacon had four steals and three players, Logan, Jason Proudfoot and Steve Allen, had three assists each.

The Cards hit 27 of 65 shots from the floor for 41 percent and the Mustangs made 27 of 56 for 48 percent. But the Mustangs shot 19 of 24 for 79 percent from the line while the Cardinals managed just one of five for 20 percent.

"They're going to be a good ball club," said LaRue of Heppner. "They have good depth and quickness."

LaRue noted that the weekend was not a bad start for the team. "It gave us some direction and showed us the things we need to work on. It was nothing to be disappointed in," he said.

The Cards take on Stanfield on Friday, Dec. 10 and Cascade Locks Saturday, Dec. 11. Both games will be played in Ione.

Cardinals lose to Fillies



Photo by Joyce Hughes
Melissa McElligott guards Heppner's Kelsie Evans in Sat. game.

The Heppner Fillies game against the Cardinals Saturday night in Heppner lasted about 10 seconds too long for the Ione team and fans as Heppner beat Ione in a last 10 second left handed lay-in by Kelsie Evans that pushed the Fillies ahead for the win 48-47. Heppner led in the early minutes, 4-0, before the Cards overtook them and led until the last 10 seconds.

The lady Cardinals led 27-18 at the half and 38-27 at the end of three. But things started to go sour for the lady Cardinals as they watched a 14 point lead evaporate. "They started making and we started missing. We did everything wrong. We started playing not to lose rather than to win," said coach Dana Heideman. The Fillies outscored the Cards 21-9 in the fourth quarter.

Only two players were in double figures. Heppner's Ruth Norton was the game's high scorer with 14 and Ione's April Taylor had 12.

The Cards were thumped on the boards, 30-50 with last year's leading rebounder, Jamie Lovett parked on the bench in major foul trouble. Melissa McElligott led the Cards in rebounds with six while Taylor and Becky Wagenblast each added five. McElligott paced the team with four steals and three assists.

Ione shot 18 of 48 from the floor for 38 percent. At the line, they connected on 10 of 21 for 48 percent. The Fillies were 19 of 65 for 29 percent from the field and 10 of 25 for 40 percent at the line.

Heideman feels that "dumb mistakes" down the stretch and troubles on the boards were big problems for his team. Also he felt the girls learned a lesson. "You have to keep going at the other team," he said, "even if you have a comfortable lead."

Overall Heideman ranked his team's weekend effort as "good". "We did pretty well. We're going to keep getting better," he added.

This weekend, the lady Cards play Stanfield on Friday, Dec. 10, with the JV game starting at 3 p.m. and Cascade Locks on Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 1 p.m. Both are home games.

Pirates nip Mustangs 51-48



Photo by Joyce Hughes
Rick Koffler keeps ball away from Pirate

The Heppner Mustangs opened the 1993-94 basketball season with games against county rivals Riverside and Ione. The Mustangs were nipped 51-48 by the Riverside Pirates Friday, Dec. 3 in Boardman and drilled the Ione Cardinals Saturday, Dec. 4 in Heppner.

The Mustangs faced the 3A Riverside Pirates Friday night and the game was a typical early season tilt for the Mustangs. The Pirates broke on top early, leading 17-11 at the first quarter break and 31-21 at the half.

The Mustangs were plagued by turnovers, poor shooting and confusion on offense. Heppner could manage only 12-52 shooting from the field for 23 percent.

The Mustangs continue to struggle in the third quarter, scoring only five points. The Pirates

led 40-26 and it looked like a rout was on.

The Mustangs finally caught fire in the fourth quarter outscoring the Pirates 22-11, coming within three points. The final score was 51-48.

Len Brittner sparked the Mustang rally with 14 of his game-high 22 points in the final stanza. Brittner added eight rebounds to pace the Mustangs on the boards.

The Pirates were led by Jon Tallman with 14 counters with 6'8" junior Aaron Keizer grabbing seven rebounds.

One bright spot for the Mustangs was their free throw shooting. The over aggressive Pirates were whistled for 28 fouls and Heppner shot 23-32 for 72 percent from the line.

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By Delpha Jones
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Lady Cardinals roll to convincing win over Umatilla Vikings

By Anne Morter

The Ione lady Cardinals started their season off with a win and a loss last weekend, rolling to a convincing 60-35 win over Umatilla on Friday Dec. 3 and losing a squeaker to Heppner Saturday, Dec. 4.

Umatilla got a stiff dose of Ione's trademark pressure defense and couldn't respond, giving the lady Cards the early lead despite a case of the first game jitters. Both teams had trouble finding the basket and executing in general in the early going. The Cards settled down midway through the second quarter, building a 25-14 halftime advantage. The lady Cardinals cracked the game wide open scoring 24 points in the fourth quarter, "playing the kind of ball we should," in the words of coach Dana Heideman. The final score was Ione 60, Umatilla 35.

Fouls could have been a problem if the game had been closer with three starters. April Taylor, Jamie Lovett and Melissa McElligott in foul trouble in the first quarter. The Cards had a total of 28 fouls for the game to the Vikings 10. Eventually, Lovett and freshman Suzie Heideman fouled out.

McElligott was the game's high scorer with 18 points. Taylor added 15, including two three pointers.

Suzie Heideman led the Cards' rebounding effort with nine boards. Lovett had six and McElligott added five. Umatilla had the team rebounding edge 29-27.

The lady Cards got 62 shots off, connecting on 26 for 42 percent. At the line, they struggled on six of 14 shooting for 43 percent. Umatilla hit 12 of 39 from the floor for 30 percent and 11 of 29 for 38 percent from the line.



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