

Ione Cardinals stymie Mustangs, 73-49

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Ione Friday, Dec. 13, and came out on the short end of a 73-49 game. After beating the Cardinals 86-56 just two weeks ago, the Mustangs thought this game would be easy.

The game was close at half-time, as the Mustangs led 30-26. Heppner picked apart the Cardinal zone for some easy baskets, but the Cards bombed away from three-point land to keep it close.

In the second half, the Mustangs' cold shooting caught up with them. They scored only 19 points in the second half, shooting only 16 for 62 from the floor for the game and 13 for 28 from the charity stripe.

Meanwhile, Ione was lighting up the scoreboard. The Cards were led by Jake McElligott and Mark Orem with 17 points each. Point guard Steve Allen had 14 points and Luke Swanson, back from surgery, had 10. Jon Garrett hit three treys in his first action of the season.

Senior Justin Matteson hit for 14 points to lead the Mustangs and Jim Schlaich had 10 points.

The loss dropped the Mustang season record to 3-2.

Heppner: 11 19 11 8-49.
Ione: 12 14 22 25-73.



Steve Allen goes up high over Heppner's Jim Schlaich and Tim Dickenson.

Ione Cardinals, Heppner Fillies battle into overtime

By Kara Miller

The Heppner Fillies trotted into Ione Friday to challenge the Ione Lady Cardinals, whom they had beaten a week earlier. But, as the game started, it looked like there was a storm brewing inside the Lady Cards.

Ione got the tip-off to take it down the court. Heppner stole it away, but their basket attempt was unsuccessful. Suzy Heideman rebounded and assisted with a full-court pass to Stephanie Hagewood for two points.

Heppner did not respond until after LaRee Anderson had added two more for the Cards. Then the Fillies' Mindy Binschus, Lexi Matteson and Jill Barber each put two on the board in succession.

Both teams were having problems with turnovers and fouls throughout the whole game.

For the game, the Cardinals went to the line 12 times to Heppner's 17 turns at the charity stripe.

At the end of one quarter, the score was 9-9 and the crowd could see how important the last possession of the game was going to be. Ione jumped out to another quick start in the opening of the second quarter. After Heppner's Annie Hisler made one, Ione's Heideman put in two, Brenda Burright made a trey and Camie Crum put her first two points on the board.

Heppner's Lori Moeller came down with a short bank shot for the Fillies to help them stay with the lead-building Cards. At halftime, the score had widened to Ione, 29, Heppner, 20.

Following halftime entertainment by the pee wee boys' teams, coached by Justin Miller

and Stacey Herrick, the battle of south Morrow County continued. The Fillies took control of the third quarter, outshooting the Cards 17 to 5. Hisler scored a three-point shot and Moeller added eight of her game-high 20 points to finish the quarter, Fillies, 37, Cards, 35.

The Lady Cardinals fought to stay on top, but turnovers and fouls were costly and hurt them in the end. Heppner made their foul shots and scored two at the buzzer to put the game into a 50-50 tie. During the four minute overtime, Ione could not get back on top and Heppner completed a 61-56 victory over the Cards.

Heideman and B. Burright both led the Cardinals with 14 points, Heideman led rebounds with 17 and B. Burright added six steals.

Fillies make comeback to beat Cards, 61-56

by Molly Rhea

After trailing for most of the game against the Lady Cardinals on Friday, December 13, the Heppner Fillies leaned into the traces and won the game going away, 61-56.

"The girls made a great comeback," said varsity Coach John Boyer. "They played with determination and made the necessary plays (in the overtime) to win."

The game started out slow with both teams jockeying for position and pressuring the ball. After one quarter the score was even at nine. Due to costly Filly turnovers in the second quarter the Lady Cards surged ahead to lead 29-20 at the half.

The second half the Fillies but forth a steady effort to chip away at the Cardinals' lead. The end of the third quarter the Fillies trailed by only two points, 35-37. With seconds remaining in regulation play, Lexi Matteson ruffled Cardinal feathers as she scored off a rebound and sent the game into overtime at 50 apiece.

The overtime period was Heppner all the way as the Fillies took the bit in their teeth and outscored the Lady Cardinals 11 - six to cap the win, 61-56. Five foot, nine inch Lori Moeller led all scorers with 20 points and corralled 14 rebounds. Jaci Hughes and Jill Barber also achieved double-digits, scoring 12 and 11 points respectively.

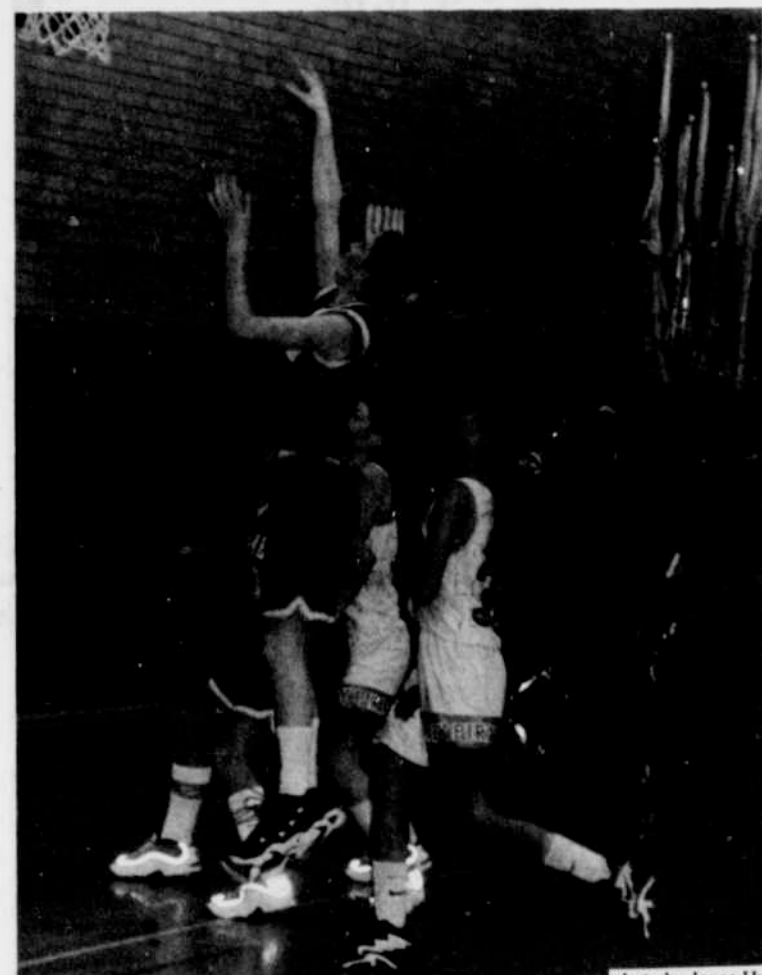
Six foot center, Suzy Heideman, led Ione's scorers with 14 points and 17 rebounds. Dawn Boor and Brenda Burright each added 12 to the Lady Cards' total.

The JV Fillies had a frustrating game against the varsity laced Ione Jvs, losing 60-26. Ione's Cammie Burright led all scorers with 16 points, followed by Kemmery Burright with 12 and Nikki McElligott with 10. Heppner's Ashley Ropp scored eight points and Casey Ingraham, six, for the losing effort.



Ione's Camie Burright (30) wrestles with Jill Barber for the ball.

Heppner Fillies sink Boardman Riverside Pirates



Lexi Matteson goes for the bucket against Riverside

Swanson, Bacon, all state picks

Luke Swanson, a senior at Ione High School, has been selected for the Class 1A All State First Team. Swanson is the son of Jim and Monica Swanson, Ione.

Joe Bacon, also a senior at IHS and the son of Bill and Marcy Bacon, Ione, was selected for the second team.

Complete 1A all state picks are as follows: First Team-Swanson, Jim Adamek, junior, Powers; Kevin Huck, junior, Culver; David Russell, senior, Eddyville; Seth Coleman, senior, Wallowa; Clint Swearingen, senior, Elkton; Mike Hiller, senior, St. Paul; and Roger Anderson, senior, Cove.

Second Team- Bacon; David Lehnert, senior, Powers; Brandon Underhill, senior, Duffur; Garth Brushe, senior, Jewell; Colby Johnson, senior, Cove; Jim Stever, sophomore, Days Creek; Andy Robinson, senior, St. Paul; Rory Johnson, senior, Wallowa.

Honorable Mention-Mark Shelley, senior, Powers, J.C. Udey, junior, Wasco County; Ryan Gassner, senior, Eddyville; Trent Siddoway, senior, Burnt River; Cimeron Karandi, senior, Camas Valley; Seth Boyer, sophomore, Culver; Jake Anderson, senior, Alsea; Glen Boughman, senior, Prairie City; Ryan Leehman, senior, Paisley; Mike Olson, senior, Condon; Logan Imponen, senior, Triangle Lake; Josh Hicks, senior, Prairie City; Russell Badgely, junior, Days Creek; Randy Townsend, senior, Culver; Wes Cessnun, senior, Eddyville; Ryan Martin, senior, Adrian.

Park district meeting changed

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Willow Creek Park District has been changed to Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at Heppner City Hall.

Condon Blue Devils outscore Fillies, 65-42

by Molly Rhea

The Heppner Fillies pretty much got beat all the way around as the visiting Condon Blue Devils out hustled, out shot and beat the Fillies on the boards to whirl into a 65-42 win.

The only time this game was close was when the score was even at six. From that point on the Blue Devils looked more like the infamous "Taz" as they demonstrated their quickness with a good transition game and led 16-6 by the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter Condon racked up another 16 points to Heppner's 13 to widen the gap to 13 at the half.

The Fillies made an honest run in the third, outscoring the Blue Devils 15 to 11 and briefly narrowing the gap to eight. The final period was a witness to the Devils' whirling back, running off nine unanswered points to outscore the Fillies 22 to eight and win going away.

Lori Moeller and Lexi Matteson shared top scoring honors for Heppner with 10 points each. Condon's Kacey Kennedy led all scorers with 19, followed by 6' junior, Margaret Schott, with 14 points.

On this, their third outing, the JV Fillies trotted in with their second victory, topping Condon's JV's 41-34. The score was tied at 10 after the first quarter. In the second quarter the young Fillies pulled out to a seven-point lead (25-18) and maintained that margin until the final buzzer sounded.

Kathleen Greenup led the JV Fillies' balanced attack with



Jaci Hughes guards Condon player

10 points, followed by Ashley Ropp with eight. Condon's

Tina McGuire scored 10 in their losing effort.

Lady Cards start preseason play

By Kara Miller

Once again, Ione Lady Cardinals coach Dana Heideman has just enough players to put a varsity team on the court with a few subs floating between junior varsity and varsity playing time. Returning starters from last year are seniors Suzy Heideman, LaRee Anderson and Stephanie Hagewood. Others returning are senior Dawn Boor, junior Maci Childers and sophomore Tori Odinet. New faces to the lineup in-

cludes sophomore Niki Sullivan, junior Brenda Burright, senior Kemmery Burright and four freshmen, Nikki McElligott, Camie Burright, Sybil Krebs and Brandi Brantley.

This team is challenged by its youth and inexperience. A spokesperson for the team said, "They are improving every game they play and with the teams they're playing during preseason, they should be pretty good by league. There's lots to see in this young team. Don't miss a game."

Hisler and Lexi Matteson each had 10. Riverside's Jamie Downey earned game high scoring honors with 16 points.

The JV Fillies controlled the tempo of their game against the Riverside JV squad, leading throughout only to watch the win slip away to the Pirates, 31-29. "The girls played well, displaying good rebounding," commented JV coach Dana Reid. "This team just needs to learn how to pull out the win at the end."

For the rematch of these two teams, Heppner varsity teams hosted Riverside on Tuesday, December 17. Friday, December 20, sees varsity and JV in action against visiting Imbler. To wrap up December's schedule, the four Heppner teams travel to Echo on Saturday, December 21, to tangle with the Cougars.

HHS basketball C-team preview

By Lonnie Rill

This year Greg Grant is back at the head of the Heppner High School (HHS) men's basketball C-team. Grant took two years off to coach the seventh grade at the junior high. The last time he coached at the high school was with the freshman class that are seniors now.

With a fresh class, he says, the team will be a hardworking group, physical, that has a great defense, rebounds well and isn't the flashy team that has been seen in the past. The team's strength is its aggressiveness and toughness. This team should surprise a lot of people this year, and also help in the years to come at HHS.

Post Office to close early Dec. 24

The Heppner Post Office will close at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24, so the Post Office employees can be home with their families.

Mail must be in by 3:30 p.m. that day.