

Mustangs outplay Riverside Pirates, 52-48



Tim Dickenson (42) has shot blocked by Pirate photo by Joyce Hughes

Twice, in only four days, the Heppner Mustangs outplayed the visiting Boardman Riverside Pirates, 52-48, on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

As in the previous game with the Pirates, Heppner roared to a good lead at the half, 35-21. The Mustangs used a sticky man-to-man half court defense and a zone press to befuddle the visitors. The only thing that gave the Pirates hope was a late run in the fourth quarter.

"The kids played 3 1/2 excellent quarters of basketball," said coach Bob Ployhar. "They got a little excited and put up some ill-advised shots in the fourth quarter. That let Riverside back into the game. It was a good learning experience."

Senior Jim Schlaich had a strong game for Heppner. He tallied 11 points to go with his 14 rebounds to lead the Mustangs. Justin Matteson, who is quickly establishing himself as the Mustang floor general, lead Heppner in scoring, with 16 points.

The Pirates were led by Kevin Baker, a slick looking 6'3" sophomore, with 10 counters.

The win brought the Mustang record to 5-2 before week-end games against Imbler and Echo.

Cardinals dominate Redside tournament



Ione Cardinals collect first place Wasco County Tournament trophy

The Ione Cardinals got off to a slow start in the championship game of the Redside Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 21 at Maupin, but the Cards came on strong in the second quarter and breezed to a 69-48 win.

Neither team scored for the first three minutes of the game until Ione's Kelly Morgan broke the ice. Second quarter action saw Jon Garrett score eight points to ignite the Cardinals to a 21 point outburst and outscore the Redside 21-10, for a 13 point edge at the break.

In the third quarter, the teams played even, with the Redside outscoring the Cards by one, 16-15, but the Cards still had a 12 point lead. Fourth quarter action saw the Cardinals put up 24 points to the Redside's 15, for the final 69-48 margin.

Marc Orem led all scorers, lighting up the second half for 18 of his game-high 20 points. Luke Swanson followed with 13, and Garrett had 11. Jory Crowell came off the bench and followed Jacob Taylor's Friday night performance by leading Ione with 11 rebounds and a stellar performance. Steve Allen led the team with seven assists, followed by Swanson and Garrett with five each.

In every game this year, the Cardinal bench players have been big contributors to the Cardinal's efforts, said coach



Marc Orem makes two in Wasco game

Del LaRue. "It makes it awfully tough to get everyone the kind of playing time that they would like to have, but it is a great luxury to be able to have that kind of effort from nine or

10 players whenever it is needed," said LaRue.

The Cardinals will travel to Umatilla on Friday, Dec. 27, to take on the Umatilla Vikings, who are highly rated in the CBC this year.

Box Score: Ione-Rietmann 1 0-0 2; Allen 2 2-2 7; Swanson 5 1-1 13; Garrett 4 0-0 11; Bacon 2 0-0 6; Orem 8 4-6 20; Crowell 2 0-1 4; Morgan 3 0-0 6; Taylor 0 0-0 0; Eberhard 0 0-0 0. Totals: 27 7-10 69.

Wasco County: Bell 0 0-0 0; Smith 0 0-0 0; Ralston 1 0-0 2; Miller 0 0-0 0; Russell 0 0-0 0; Udey 1 0-0 2; Martin 5 1-2 11; Delco 2 1-3 5; Laffin 4 4-6 14; Balentine 3 1-2 7; Ashley 2 2-3 7. Totals 18 9-16 48.

Cards take victory over Tigers



Jon Garrett goes up for a layup against Stanfield

By Shelby Krebs

An early lead led to an Ione Cardinal boys' basketball victory over the Stanfield Tigers in a non-conference game Tuesday, Dec. 17. The Cardinals' hustle and team effort helped them defeat the Tigers, 71-52.

With seconds remaining in the second quarter, Jon Garrett's half court shot put the Cards on top, 48-21. Garrett finished the game with 10 points and three rebounds.

Jake McElligott led the Cardinals with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Joe Bacon followed with 13 points, 7 rebounds and two assists.

Condon Blue Devils beats Ione Lady Cards in championship game

By Kara Miller

On the second day of competition at the Wasco County Tournament in Maupin, the Ione Lady Cardinals were defeated by the Condon Blue Devils in the championship round, 41-37.

Condon jumped to an early start with Kacee Kennedy putting in three points. Suzy Heideman stole the ball and put it in for two for the Cards. That seemed to be the turning point for the Ione guards. They began stealing the ball and running it back to set up the offense.

Ione's Heideman had a big job on her hands, stopping Margaret Schott, the 6' forward for Condon, who made four of her 10 points during the first quarter. However, Heideman made four of her game-high 14 points, also in the first quarter.

Camie Burright came off the Cardinal bench to help the Ione girls gain the lead in the second quarter, but it was temporary, as the Blue Devils came back within one at the end of the third.

Time stood still in the fourth quarter, as each team battled to

become the winner of the tournament. In the beginning, it looked like Ione would win the championship trophy. They made six points and held Condon scoreless in the first three minutes. But then the Devils made the tables turn and the exhausted Cardinals couldn't stop them.

Stephanie Shaffer and Schott were the only players to make points for the Blue Devils, but they did their job. The two girls helped their team pass up the Lady Cards for a 41-37 win.

Heideman led Ione with 11 rebounds, while Brenda Burright added six boards and five steals. A spokesperson for the team said, "This game truly was a test of each team's guards; their hustle and 'want' determined who won. It will be interesting to watch these two teams when pre-season is over."

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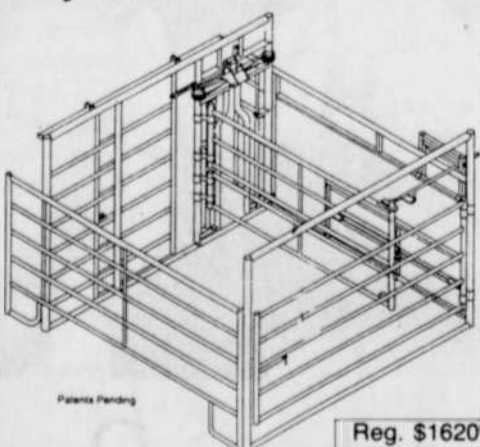
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