

Vikings can't get past Lady Cards



Maci Childers shoots against Umatilla. Camie Burright fights for a possible rebound position.

By Kara Miller

The Umatilla Lady Vikings rowed their way into Ione, Saturday, Jan. 4, only to be capsized by the Lady Cardinals' varsity, 44-30. Strong guards were the advantage the Cards had over the Vikings, in both the JV and varsity matchups.

In the JV game, freshman Nikki McElligott had seven steals and eight rebounds. Niki Sullivan led the Cards with 12 points. Camie Burright followed closely with 11. They hustled their way to a 44-36 final score and extended their record to 6-2.

The Cardinals' varsity squad came out on the court ready for a strong match after Ione beat Umatilla on their home court just a week ago. The scoring was close in the first quarter, with Ione's Suzy Heideman and Umatilla's Alecia Johnson battling it out under the basket.

Heideman put in eight of her game-high 20 points in the first quarter and Dawn Boor added a three-point goal for a total of 11 points on the Cardinals' side. Johnson put in six of her team-high 17 points, with shots from Tina Kik and Cherra Charlo to put Umatilla at 10.

In the second quarter, the

Viking offense stepped it up with all their guards scoring. By hustling and running fast breaks, they met and passed the Cards by seven on the scoreboard, with Ione 15 and Umatilla 22 at the half.

When the Lady Cardinals came back out on the court in the third, the intensity was back in their faces. Brenda Burright and Heideman were the only scorers in the quarter, but they both shot on the mark and brought the Cards back up to the lead on the scoreboard. Steals from Tori Odinet, La-Ree Anderson and Dawn Boor helped Heideman and Burright complete the offensive game. The score was 28-24 at the end of the eight minutes.

The Lady Cards pulled away in the final quarter, as Umatilla was in foul trouble. The Cards made their bonus shots and although the Vikings' Johnson scored, it wasn't enough for a comeback against the Cardinal offense. The Cards finished the evening with a 52-27 victory to bring their preseason record to 6-4.

All of the Cardinal teams will travel to Condon on Friday, Jan. 10 to open league play against the Condon Blue Devils. Play starts at 3 p.m. with the girls' JV game.

Ione downs Dufur 66-47



Luke Swanson goes high over the Dufur team for two of his game-high 20 points

On the strength of a strong second half the Ione Cardinals defeated the Dufur Rangers 66-47 and gave head coach Del LaRue his 400th career win.

The Cards pulled ahead by eight points at the end of the first quarter, but when the Rangers found their three point range and popped in five threes Ione saw its lead evaporate to one point.

Luke Swanson led the Card's offensive muscle with a game

high 20 points including two three pointers.

Jake McElligott led Ione off the glass with 11 boards, while also scoring 11 points.

Joe Bacon and Kelly Morgan grabbed 10 rebounds apiece for the winners. Bacon was also the second leading Cardinals scorer with 15.

The Cardinals received strong floor leadership from the 10 assists of Steve Allen.

Heppner Mustangs whip Sherman County



photo by Joyce Hughes

Eric Schonbachler on the fast break at Sherman

The Mustangs used a 20-8 fourth quarter to shake the pesky Sherman County Huskies at Moro to even up their league record to 1-1 and bring their season record to 8-3. Heppner won the game, 52-33.

The Mustangs led 13-9 at the first quarter break and 23-17 at the half. The Huskies used a tight zone defense and the Mustangs weren't shooting the ball well from the perimeter.

Heppner used Justin Matteson's 11 points and Tim Dickenson's nine points to run away from Sherman County. Jim Schlaich dominated on the boards with 13 rebounds.

Jesse Thomas led Sherman County with nine counters.

The Mustangs have a bye on Friday, Jan. 10, then travel to Umatilla to face the league favorite Umatilla Vikings Saturday, Jan. 11.

JH Lady Cards lose to Cougars



Allison Halvorsen takes a shot over Echo in the Ione Jr. High game vs. Echo

By Jennifer Thompson

The Ione Lady Cardinals played the Echo Cougars in Echo on Friday, Jan. 3 and lost to the Cougars, 33-21.

The Lady Cards had suffered a tough loss to Echo on Dec. 14, and had hoped to make a comeback.

The top scorers for the Cards were eighth grader Charissa Gates and seventh grader Amellia Peck, with eight. Allison Halvorsen followed with six points.

Coach Steve Schaber said, "The score says we lost, but as a team, it was a victory."

Past Noble Grands meet

By Delpha Jones

The Past Noble Grand Christmas supper was held recently at the Cecil Jones' ranch, with Luella Taylor as hostess.

A business meeting was held following the dinner, with an election of officers. Delpha Jones was elected chairman, Annetta Padberg, vice chairman and Kathy Tellechea, secretary. Secret Sister names were revealed and new names drawn. Dates were chosen for the year's hostesses. Each member received a Christmas ornament and a magnet teapot for refrigerators.

Members present were Kathy Tellechea, Annetta Padberg, Dorothy Jackson, Leila Palmer, hostess Luella Taylor and Delpha Jones.

The next meeting will be in March.

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Cards lose to Vikings, 70-58



Joe Bacon goes up for a shot against Umatilla. Jake McElligott gets ready for the rebound.

By Shelby Krebs

An exciting game ended in an Ione Cardinal loss to the Umatilla Vikings Saturday, Jan. 4. The Vikings, highly rated in the Columbia Basin Conference league, beat the Cardinals, 70-58.

Junior Jake McElligott had an outstanding game, leading the Cardinals with 22 points and 10 rebounds. McElligott shot 82 percent from the field

and was four for four on the free throw line.

Coach Del LaRue said, "We didn't play as well as we should have. We tried to do some individual things rather than staying in our team focus. As a result, we didn't play as well."

The Cardinals will begin league play Friday, Jan. 10, when they travel to Condon to take on the Condon Blue Devils.

Echo beats Ione Cards, 32-12



Dustin Haguewood makes a shot against Echo

By Jennifer Thompson

The Ione Cardinals traveled to Echo to take on the Echo Cougars, Friday, Jan. 3. The Cards' performance didn't prove to be enough to defeat the Cougars. Ione couldn't match up to Echo's height and hustle and was defeated, 32-12.

The Cardinals' top scorer was eighth grader Dustin Haguewood with six points. Corey Morgan, Jeremiah McElligott and Brad Burright followed with two points each.

The Cardinals will take on the Blue Devils when they travel to Condon on Friday, Jan. 10.

Willow Grange conference set

By Delpha Jones

Saturday, February 1, has been chosen for a Grange conference at the Willows Grange Hall.

This is a meeting for all grangers concerning a leadership and programming project. State officers will be present to conduct the meeting, which

will be from 5-8 p.m.

The card party held recently at the Rebekah hall was well attended. Winning prizes were high-Bob Taylor and Ginger Keithley, individual high-Lyle Peck and Joyce Buchanan, and traveling-Ginger and Vern Keithley. Refreshments were served following cards.

Commission to meet

The next meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families (MCCCF) will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m., at the Morrow County annex building in Irrigon.

The main topics of discussion will be the approval of the Comprehensive Plan and

the Child Care Development block grant proposals. This is a public meeting and any interested party is encouraged to attend and participate in the discussions, said Dar Merrill, MCCCF director.

For more information, call 676-9675.