

Missed shot gives lone the win

By Kara Miller

Kelly Browning, the Echo Cougars' senior point guard, tossed up a last second shot from beyond the three-point arch. In answer to lone's prayers, the ball hit the back of the rim and bounced down to the Cardinals' guards waiting below, as the final buzzer sounded. The Lady Cardinals captured the win, 45-42, on Friday, Jan. 24. If Browning's three-pointer had connected, the game would have gone into overtime.

In the first half, scoring was very close, with both teams playing tight defense. For lone's offense, Suzy Heideman's game-high 13 points led the Lady Cards, while her matching opponent, Jessie Fisher of Echo, was one basket behind her with her team-high 11 points for the Cougars.

Defensive pressure was the key to lone's game, all the guards had many good plays. Dawn Boor,

Brenda Burright, Stephanie Hague-wood, Camie Burright and Nikki McElligott each added steals for the Cardinals. Haguewood was strong at the line, putting in seven for eight for lone. C. Burright led lone on the boards with five. lone's defense kept Echo's Browning to seven points, and Casey Seeger to only eight, as the Cards put away the 45-42 win and secured second place in the Big Sky East with a 4-1 record for the season.

lone (45): Boor 2 0-0 5, Anderson 1 4-5 6, Haguewood 1 7-8 9, McElligott 0 1-1 1, C. Burright 3 2-5 8, B. Burright 1 0-2 3, K. Burright, Heideman 6 1-5 13. Totals 14 15-27 45.

Echo (42): A. Lewis, J. Lewis, Fisher 4 3-4 11, Holben, Browning 1 4-6 6, Bevan 2 0-0 4, Seeger 3 1-2 8, Moreno 3 3-7 9, Madison 1 2-2 4. Totals 14 13-21 42.

Three-point goals: Echo-Seeger, lone-Boor, B. Burright. Fouled out: Echo-Bevan; lone-B. Burright. Total fouls: Echo 17, lone 18.

The Lady Cards JV squad was idle over the weekend, but will see action again this coming weekend at home against the Condon Lady Blue Devils.

Cardinals snap Grizzlies' winning streak



Kelly Morgan grabs a rebound against Helix.

By Shelby Krebs

In preseason, it was said it was going to be lone's toughest game of the season. But lone held their heads high as they beat the Helix Grizzlies Tuesday, Jan. 21, 72-43, and snapped the Grizzlies' 10-game winning streak.

Jake McElligott led the Cardinals in scoring, with 20 points. He also pulled down 11 rebounds. Jon Garrett came off the bench to score 14 points for the Cards, plus had six boards and three assists.

Luke Swanson scored 12 points, while Steve Allen had nine. Marc Orem and Joe Bacon checked

in with six each. Allen and Bacon shot 100 percent from the free throw line.

The lone fans had been looking forward to this game all season, and head coach Del LaRue said his team "came out ready to play, and rebounded well. Defensive was the key."

Box scores: lone-Allen 3 2-2 9; Swanson 5 0-0 12; McElligott 8 4-6 20; Garrett 6 0-0 14; Bacon 2 1-1 6; Orem 3 0-0 6; Crowell 0 2-2 4; Morgan 0 0-0 0; Scott 0 1-2 1; Taylor 1 0-0 2. Totals 28 10-13 72.

Helix-R. Raymond 2 0-2 4; Walker 0 1-2 1; B. Maney 8 4-6 21; Peters 5 3-6 13; T. Raymond 1 0-0 2; Whaley 0 0-1 0; Peters C. 1 0-0 2; Campbell 0 0-0 0; B. Maney 0 0-0 0; Smith 0 0-0 0. Totals: 17 8-21 43.

Kemp named scholarship semifinalist



Toni Kemp

Heppner High School senior Toni Kemp has been notified that she is a semi-finalist in the 1996-97 Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

Kemp was selected for her "outstanding leadership, achievements and potential", said J. Mark Davis, executive vice president of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Of the 1,821 semi-finalists, 151 will be selected as finalists to attend the 1997 Scholars Weekend to be held in Atlanta April 3-6. Of the finalists, 51 will be awarded national scholarships of \$20,000 and 100 will receive regional scholarships of \$4,000 each.

Kemp, the daughter of Gary and Marcia Kemp of Lexington, plans to attend Oregon State University next fall, majoring in agriculture business. She hopes to have a career in international marketing.

Kemp is president of the Heppner FFA Chapter, a member of National Honor Society, OSSOM and senior class vice-president.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Clarence LeRoy Proctor, 44, Lexington-Violation of the Basic Rule, 71 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$77 fine.

lone Cardinals beat Wheeler Falcons, 96-45

By Shelby Krebs

The lone Cardinals jumped out to an early lead against Wheeler, Saturday, Jan. 18, and they never looked back. lone beat the Falcons, 96-45.

Luke Swanson had an outstanding game, scoring 20 points in the first quarter. Swanson finished the game with 27 points, five rebounds and seven assists. He shot 58 percent from the field, and was 100 percent on the free throw line.

Jon Garrett and Jake McElligott followed Swanson in scoring with 14 points each. They both shot 86 percent from the field. Joe Bacon

and Kelly Morgan pulled down eight boards. Bacon had 10 points, while Morgan had eight.

Head coach Del LaRue said his team had an "unreal first quarter." He also added that "it was one of those situations where everybody just continued what we got started."

Box score: lone-Allen 3 0-0 7; Swanson 11 1-1 27; McElligott 6 2-3 14; Garrett 6 2-3 14; Bacon 5 0-0 10; Orem 6 0-0 12; Crowell 1 0-0 2; Morgan 4 0-0 8; Scott 1 0-0 2; Taylor 0 0-0 0. Totals 43 4-6 96.

Wheeler-Kirby 1 1-3 4; G. Williams 4 2-2 11; B. Leavitt 7 1-6 15; J. Leavitt 2 0-0 4; Cody 0 0-0 0; Ward 0 0-0 0; Osborn 0 0-0 0; J. Williams 0 0-0 0; McNeil 5 1-3 11; Shaffer 0 0-0 0; Crouch 0 0-0 0; Monette 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 5-14 45.

IMS girls earn tourney fourth

By Shelby Krebs

The lone Middle School Lady Cardinals competed in the Helix Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 25, and received fourth place.

The Lady Cards just can't seem to stop those Lady Cougars. The first game saw lone lose to Echo, 31-29. At the end of the first quarter, the Cardinals trailed by two, and stuck with it until one minute remaining in the half. Echo's Audrey Yunker canned two three-pointers and another bucket to give the Cougars a 10 point advantage that lone couldn't overcome.

Amelia Peck led the Lady Cards in scoring with nine points, followed by Charissa Gates with eight.

Shelby Krebs and Salli McElligott each had five, Jennifer Thompson, two, and Jeanette Brantley, one.

Yunker led Echo with 21 points, while Tia Thomas added six.

The Lady Cards played the Helix Grizzlies for a shot at third place, but, despite "great hustle and determination", were defeated 32-30. Allison Halvorsen and Krebs led lone in scoring with eight points each. Gates and Thompson checked in with four each, and Peck, Nonnee Walters and Diana McElligott chipped in two apiece.

Head coach Steve Schaber said his team "improved immensely and everybody played well."

Cards dominate Cougars, 70-53

By Jeremy Rietmann

The lone Cardinals seized another victory with a dominating 70-53 win against the Echo Cougars. The Cards trailed by eight at the quarter, but inched ahead of the Cougars at the half by one point. The Cardinals led the rest of the game and finished with a 17-point victory. Head coach Del LaRue commented, "It was a big win

for us; it put us in the driver's seat."

The leading scorers were Jake McElligott and Marc Orem with 16 points each. McElligott also tore down 10 rebounds. They were followed closely by Luke Swanson with 12 points and one blocked shot. Joe Bacon racked up nine points; Jon Garrett threw in seven; and Steve Allen followed up with four.

Cardinal JVs crush Wheeler Falcons

By Jeremy Rietmann

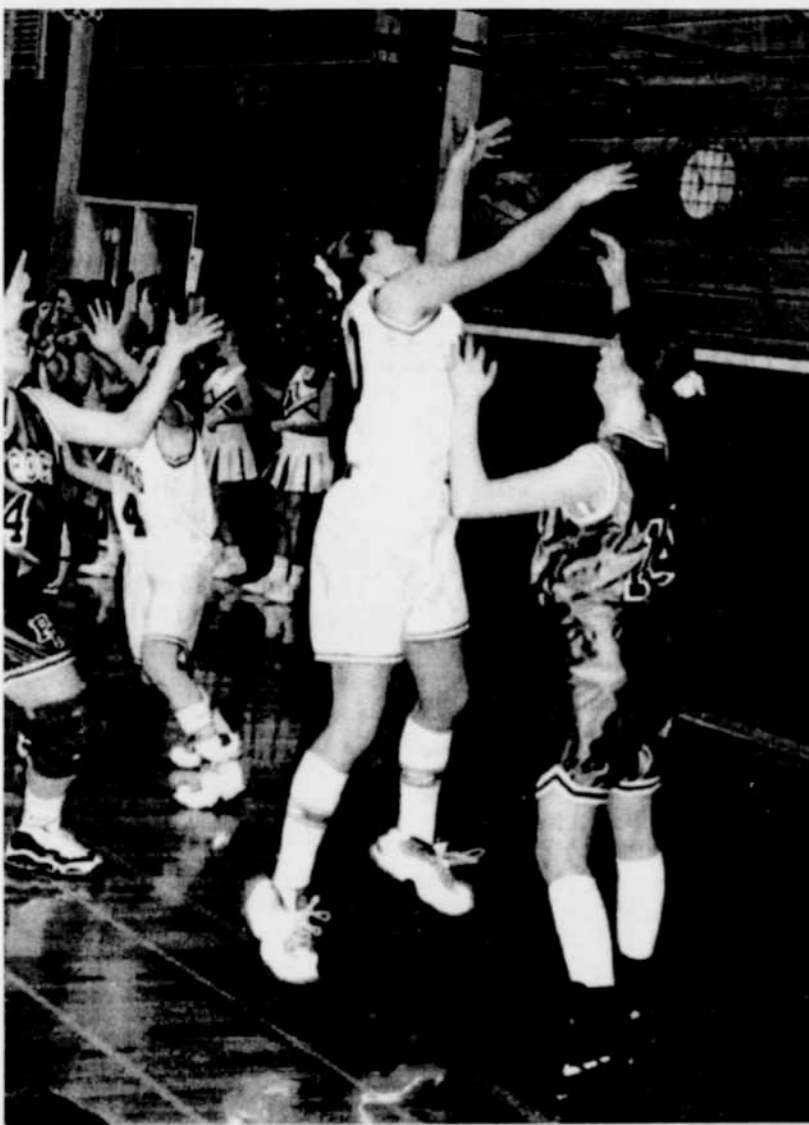
The lone Cardinal junior varsity team crushed the Wheeler Falcons, 66-43, for the Cardinals' fifth win of the season. "It was our best overall game of the season. Our defense finally clicked," commented head coach Dean Robinson.

The Cardinals were leading 32-24 at the half and held the lead the rest of the game. Overall, the team

stole the ball 20 times and blocked six shots.

Freshman Alan Gribkov led the team with 14 points and two rebounds, followed by Patrick Eberhard and Nathan Rietmann, each with 13 points. Randy Scott, also one of the leading scorers, dumped in 12 points and one assist. Mark McElligott scored eight points and had eight assists. Other scorers includes Pete Cantu with four and Steve Crum with two.

Mustang girls get victory over Pilot Rock Rockets



Lori Moeller blocks a Rocket shot.

by Molly Rhea

The Heppner Mustang girls managed to jettison the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets on Tuesday, January 21, 47-40. This weather-related makeup game was marked by vastly contrasting halves.

The Rockets blasted through the first half with hot shooting and strong rebounding. Almost too hot to handle, they outscored the Mustangs 16-9 in the first quarter and 12-6 in the second to finish the half with a 28-15 lead and the Pilot Rock boosters on their feet.

The Heppner fans are in hopes that Coach John Boyer recorded whatever it was that he said during the break. The third quarter was as if a different set of girls showed up, as the Mustangs took the bit in their teeth and went on a 15-0 scoring run to effectively defuel the Rockets and finish the third period leading 30-28.

The Rockets attempted to resurrect their press in the fourth but they were unable to rein in the Mustangs as the Heppner squad poured in 17 points for a final score 47-40. Pilot Rock's Amber Evans, a 5'9" junior, scored all 12 of the Rockets' points in the fourth quarter. Evans led all scorers with 18 points. The four other Rockets who scored were able to post no more than six points apiece.

Once again eight members of Boyer's team contributed to the

No. 4 is Casey Ingraham.

scoring effort. Annie Hisler led the Mustangs' herd with 13 points, including a three point goal and went two for two at the charity stripe. Hisler also pulled in four rebounds, three steals and dished out an assist.

Mindy Binschus played strong with eight points, three boards and two steals. Lori Moeller pulled down 10 rebounds, grabbed four steals, and was credited with an assist to go along with her six points. Lexi Matteson also scored six points, snagged four rebounds, two steals and two assists.

Jaci Hughes popped in six points, captured four steals and dished out three assists. Jill Barber had six steals, four rebounds, four points and an assist. Casey Ingraham had two points along with two rebounds and Brooke Boyer had a bucket, a rebound, a steal and an assist.

The Mustangs shot an outstanding 77 percent from the line, hitting 10 for 13, while the Rockets only converted four of 13, for a dismal 31 percent. In the turnover department, Pilot Rock blew their possession 27 times while the Heppner squad was charged with 19 blunders.

In this wild and crazy match, the Heppner squad again won by playing the second half game. To succeed against a more consistent team, the Mustangs will need to sequence two halves of solid basketball.

Mustang varsity girls have Tigers chasing tails

by Molly Rhea

The varsity Mustang girls may have been playing a low key defense, but they still had the visiting Stanfield Tigers chasing their tails as Heppner trotted to a 69-16 win on Saturday, January 25.

The quarter scoring breakdown was 15-6 for the first, 32-7 at the half and 51-13 for the third quarter. The game ended at 69-16 with Heppner playing four sophomores and a freshman for most of the fourth.

Eleven Heppner girls suited down, and every one of them scored. Lori Moeller led all scorers with 14 points, seven rebounds and two steals.

Janelle Healy revealed some of what she is capable of by scoring 12 points and scooping four rebounds and a steal. She was also credited with one assist. Annie Hisler played tough, scoring nine points, while capturing three boards and two steals. Mindy Binschus matched her four points with four rebounds and her steal with an assist.

Jill Barber hit for eight points, grabbed a board and two steals, while dishing out two assists. Brooke Boyer also popped in eight points and captured three steals. Lexi Matteson had four points, five rebounds, and one assist. Casey Ingraham scored four points, had an assist and two rebounds.

Heppner fans were happy to see Jessica Maben back in the line up after a long bout with mono. On this, her first outing, she scored two points, and pulled down five rebounds.

Jaci Hughes and Kathleen Greenup also each scored two points. Hughes grabbed two rebounds and four steals, while dishing out two assists. Greenup gets credit for one board and one steal.

Now with only five regular season games to go, Heppner travels to Pilot Rock on Friday, January 31, and will play host to Sherman County on Saturday, February 1.

The Heppner girls suffered their only league loss at the hands of the Sherman County Huskies, and their notorious officials, on January 4. It looks as though the Mustangs might be ready to stomp some dogs when the Huskies mush into town this Saturday.



Kathleen Greenup (50) goes for the ball against Stanfield

IMS boys win third in tourney

By Shelby Krebs

The lone Middle School boys' basketball team competed in the Helix Tournament, Saturday, Jan. 25, and received third place.

For the opening game, they played the Echo Cougars and lost 42-23. Corey Morgan led the Cardinals in scoring with eight points. Jeremy Rietmann had seven; Adam McCabe, four; and Brad Burright

and Dustin Haguewood each added two.

Although their shot at the first-place trophy was gone, the Cardinals came back and beat the Helix Grizzlies for third place. lone outscored Helix, 65-51. Morgan had an outstanding game, scoring 26 points. Burright had 13 points, while Rietmann added eight. Helix's Parker led the Grizzlies with 20 points.