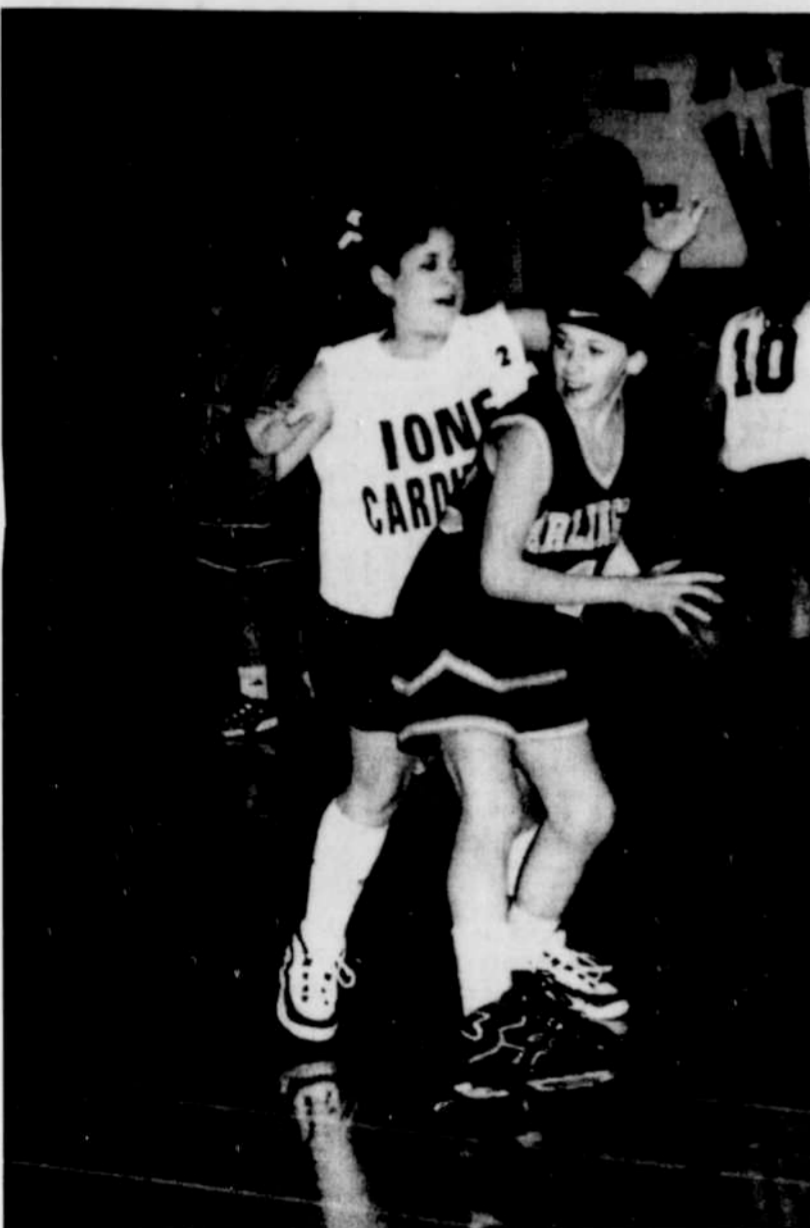


## IMS Lady Cards end with a win



Adrienne Swanson (2) guards Arlington player

By Jennifer Thompson  
The Ione Middle School Lady Cardinals finished a marvelous season, winning their fifth of 11 games on Friday, Feb. 7, against the Arlington Honkers, 16-13. The Cardinals played a good game and out-powered the Honkers with their

strength and height.

The Cards' top scorers were eighth graders Rose Parm and Allison Halvorsen with four apiece. Charissa Gates, Amellia Peck, Salli McElligott and Jeanette Brantley followed with two each.

The Lady Cards have eight eighth graders leaving them this season.

## Heppner Mustangs fail to repeat win

The Heppner Mustangs tried to duplicate their early season upset of the talented Umatilla Vikings but weren't up to the task as they finished up on the short end of a 76-56 score at home Saturday night, Feb. 8.

The tempo was to the Vikings' favor as they used a run and gun and very aggressive press to race to a 39-22 half-time lead. The Mustangs could get no closer than 15 points the rest of the way.

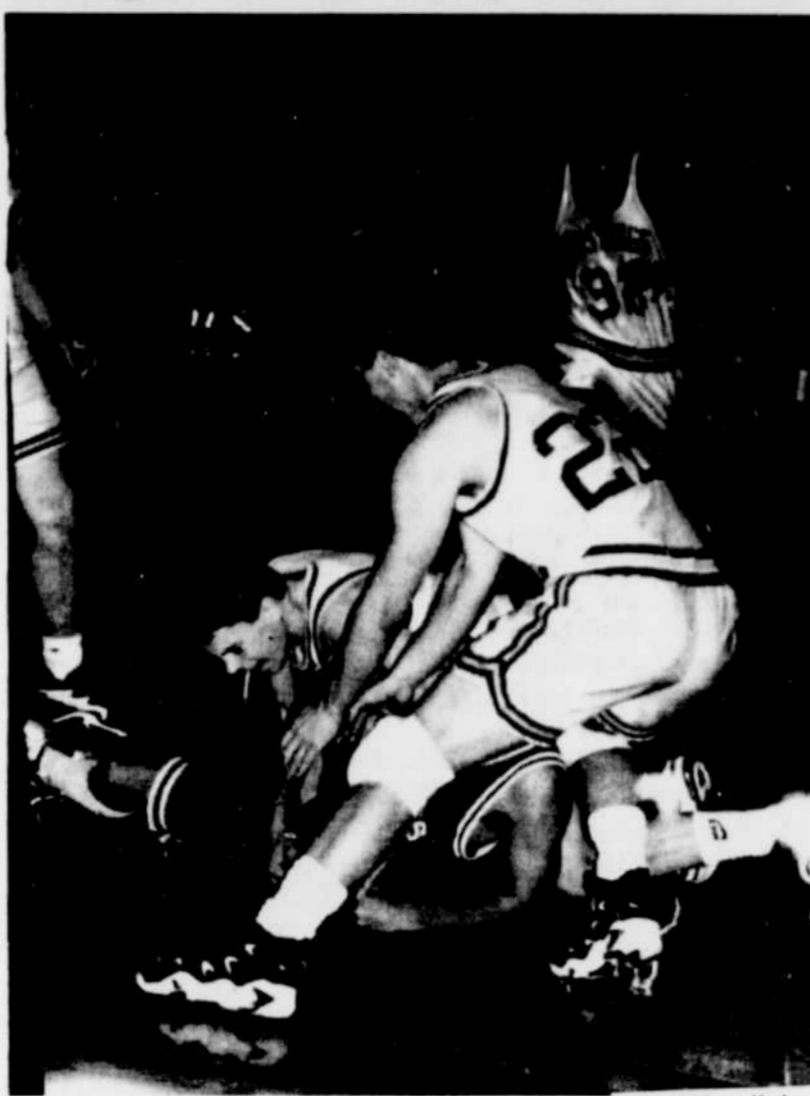
"We didn't play defense and didn't execute on offense. You can't do that and expect to be in the game against a good team like Umatilla," said coach Bob Ployhar.

Brian Koffler led the Mustangs in scoring with 13 points, including three-four from beyond the three point line. Jim Schlaich had 11 points and nine rebounds to help pace Heppner.

The Vikings had four players in double figures. Senior Lee Lafferty led Umatilla with 25 points. Tyson Jones added 11 points and Jim Kurtz and Troy Johnson each had 10 points for the league leading Vikings.

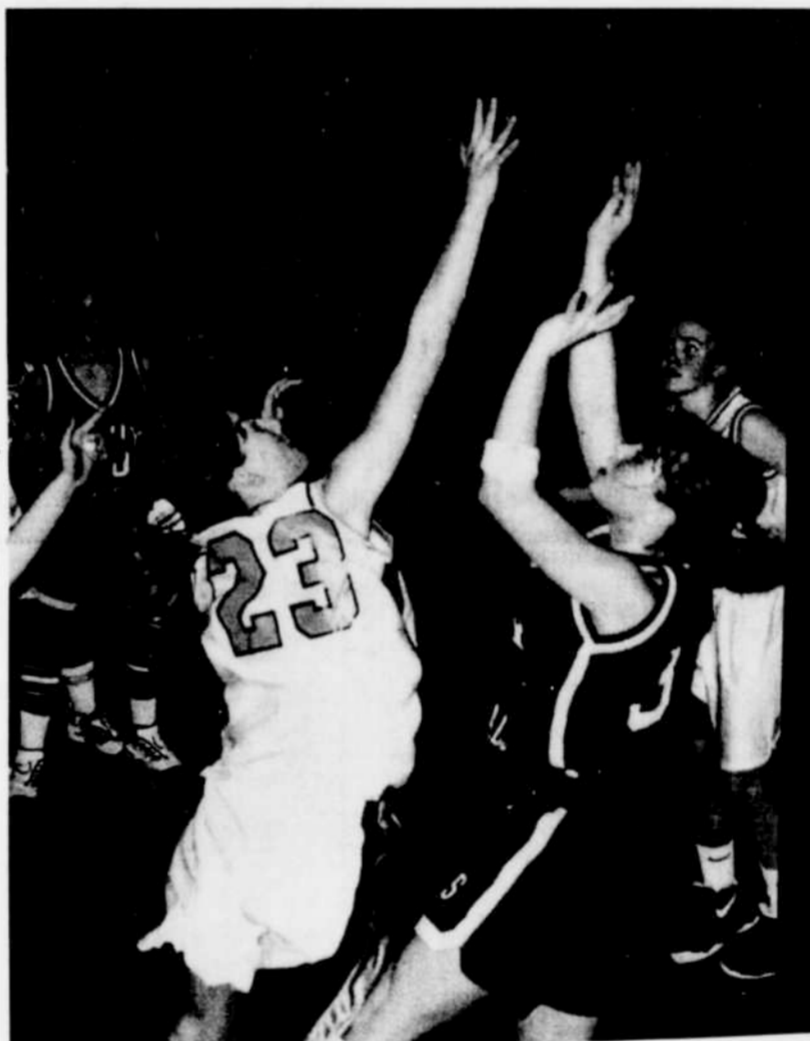
Heppner enters the last weekend of the league season with a 7-4 record. They travel to Stanfield Saturday night, Feb. 15, to play the Stanfield Tigers to end the regular season.

The Mustangs have clinched third place and will most likely play the loser of the Umatilla-Weston McEwen battle in the district tournament in Pendleton the next weekend.



Shane Matheny and Justin Matteson fight with Umatilla for the ball

## Lady Cardinals hold on to second place



Brenda Burright puts up a shot against Echo

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## Mustangs soar over Wahtonka Eagles



David Michael (41) attempts to steal the ball from a Wahtonka Eagle

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to The Dalles Friday night and came away with a surprisingly easy 66-43 win against the Wahtonka Eagles.

After taking a 34-25 half-time lead, the Mustangs exploded in the third quarter, outscoring the Eagles 21-13 to take a 55-38 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs were on fire in the third quarter and for the entire game, shooting 28-52 from the field for 54 percent, one of the highest of the season.

Senior Eric Schonbachler had 23 points for the Mustangs, including 8-10 from the foul line. Jeff Watkins added 11 points and Jim Schlaich had nine points and 12 rebounds against the taller Wahtonka squad.

Sam Evans and Dave Smith had 11 and 10 points for the Eagles.

Coach Bob Ployhar called the game, "Our best team effort of the year. Everybody contributed." The win brought the Mustangs' league record to 7-3 and put them solidly in third place in the CBC.

### Wheat meeting

The Oregon Wheat Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 19, at the Shilo Inn, Celilo Room. The Shilo Inn is located at 3223 Brett Clodfelter Way, The Dalles, at 8 a.m.

league game Saturday night, Feb. 8, against Wheeler County at Fossil.

By Kara Miller

It may not have been a "playoff" game, but it was the game that named the #2 team to go onto district for the east half of the girls' Big Sky League. The One Lady Cardinals just slipped by the Echo Cougars to win 57-49 at Echo Friday night, Feb. 7. The win could ensure the Cards a trip to the district playoffs in Hermiston next weekend, if they won their last

league game Saturday night, Feb. 8, against Wheeler County at Fossil.

It took two times, but the jump ball went into Echo's hands. The Cougars' senior, Jessie Fisher, missed her put up and the Cards' Camie Burright brought down the defensive rebound. The Cards went on a short scoring streak, putting six points on their side of the board before Echo's Casey Seeger swished a three-pointer to stoke Echo's momentum. The second quarter was in the hands of the Lady Cards as they outscored their opponents 16 to nine, leaving the floor at half-time with One out in front, 30-18.

What looked like a pretty fair lead for the Cards, dwindled in a hurry in the third quarter of play. The ladies were slow getting back into their game and the Cougars slipped back to within five. However, in the last eight minutes of the game, the One bench was set on fire and the intensity showed in the girls' faces.

Brenda Burright led the Cardinals with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Camie Burright put in 13 points and brought down six rebounds. Dawn Boor led the defensive effort, for One with six steals. Jessie Fisher led Echo's attack and had a game high 26 points, but it wasn't enough for the Cougars who fell to third place with the loss to One, 57-49.

## Ione Cardinals complete Cinderella season

The Ione Cardinal boys completed their Cinderella season with a 79-66 victory over the Wheeler Falcons Saturday, Feb. 8. The Cardinals, with a 10-0 record, advance to the Big Sky District Tournament Friday, Feb. 14, in Hermiston. They will play the Culver Bulldogs.

The Cardinals held a 12-point lead ending the first quarter and increased it to 41-26 at the half. Luke Swanson had an outstanding third quarter, scoring three-three pointers. He finished

the game with 23 points and five rebounds. Swanson was four for four from the free throw line.

Jake McElligott also had a good game for the Cardinals with 20 points and 17 boards. Steve Allen and Jon Garrett had 11 and 10 points respectively.

Although the Cardinals' shooting percentage was low, they rebounded well and made 80 percent of their free throw attempts.

Coach LaRue was pleased with his win, he said his players "didn't put much emphasis on the game because they knew they were assured a spot at the district tournament."

Box score: Ione-Allen 3 5-6 11; Swanson 7 4-4 23; McElligott 9 2-3 20; 4 0-0 10; Bacon 0 2-2 2; Orem 1 5-8 7; Crowell 2 0-0 2; Morgan 1 0-0 2; Scott 0 2-2 2; Taylor, Rietmann. Totals 26 20-25 79.

Wheeler-Kirby 8 1-2 22; McNeill 4 0-1 8; Leavitt B 9 8-9 27; Williams G 0 7-8 7; Osborn 0 2-2 2; Cody, Leavitt J, Williams J, Shaffer, Crouch, Ward. Totals 22 18-23 66.

Three point goals: Ione-Swanson (5), Garrett (2); Wheeler-Kirby (5), B. Leavitt. Fouled out: Ione-Allen, Wheeler-Kirby, McNeill.

## Cardinals take 69-48 win over Cougars



Steve Allen brings ball up against Echo Cougars

The Ione Cardinals demonstrated that they are the best in their league with a 69-48 win against the Echo Cougars. The Cardinals led by a measly one point at the half but increased it to seven at the third quarter.

The Cardinals were led by junior Jake McElligott who scored 26 points, 18 of which were in the third quarter. Luke Swanson scored 11 points and ripped down six rebounds. Jon Garret also pitched in with nine points, all of which were three-pointers.

Other scorers included Steve Allen and Joe Bacon with six apiece, Marc Orem with five and seniors, Jory Crowell, Kelly Morgan and Jacob Taylor, with two each.

Head Coach Del LaRue said that "the first half wasn't very good," but added that his team "picked up offensively and defensively in the second half."

Box Score: Ione-Allen 2 1-2 6; Swanson 5 0-0 11; McElligott 12 2-2 26; Garrett 3 0-0 9; Bacon 2 2-2 6; Orem 2 1-1 5; Crowell 1 0-0 2; Morgan 1 0-0 2; Taylor 1 0-0 2; Rietmann, Scott. Totals 29 6-7 69.

Wheeler-Brown 7 0-0 14; James 7 0-0 14; Lopez 1 0-0 2; Campbell 1 0-3 2; Fisher 2 4-6; Hartstein 1 4-6 6; Newman 1 0-2 2; Moreno, Seeger, Munoz, Marcum. Totals 20 8-17 48.

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