

Ione Lady Cardinals stomp Touchet Indians

By Kara Miller
The Touchet, WA girls weren't prepared for the Ione Lady Cardinals from Oregon. In a day of firsts, the Ione flock, with coach Kelley Swarat at the helm, flew into town for their first experience with the Washington shot clock and their first meeting with the Touchet Indians. Ione won, 62-34.

Nikki McElligott put the opening tip into Camie Burright's hands and the Cards were down the floor for their first attack from the paint. There was a turnover and the pace slowed as Ione didn't swing very quickly. Kara Miller was fouled and put the first score on the board with a free throw.

Burright and McElligott hit the offensive boards hard and Touchet turnovers turned into Cardinal points, putting the visitors from Oregon up 17-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Coach Swarat changed the Cards' lineup, moving Sybil Krebs and Brandi Brantley into position to continue the pressure on Touchet. The Indians put themselves into foul trouble early in the second quarter, which gave Ione many trips to the charity line where the team shot a much improved 53 percent from the line for the night. Working their fast break offense, Ione left the floor at the half in the lead, 36-11.

The Cardinals came back for

the second half running unpredictably. Finally, with 6:30 left on the clock in the third, Miller put up two points and Nikki Sullivan added two more from underneath. Charissa Gates, Shelby Krebs, Brantley and Allison Halvorsen took over for the Lady Cardinals and increased the score to 52-23 when the buzzer ended the third quarter of play. The assault continued through the fourth quarter and the Lady Cardinals finished with another win, 62-34.

Statistics:
Ione (62)-C. Burright 7 1-2 15, McElligott 5 3-4 13, Miller 3 2-5 10, B. Burright 5 0-0 10, Sullivan 4 0-0 8, Brantley 2 2-4 6, Sybil Krebs, Shelby Krebs, Halvorsen, Gates. Three-point goals: Miller 2.

Lady Cards beat Umatilla Vikings, 61-36

By Kara Miller
Saturday, Jan. 10, the Ione Lady Cardinals hosted the Umatilla Vikings and beat the Vikings, 61-36.

When the two teams met in late December, Ione had been the controlling force throughout three quarters of the game and the situation didn't change in this meeting. The Cards came out strong with the opening tip from Nikki McElligott to Kara Miller for two points. The Vikings' Zenia Leyva answered with a three-point swisher to give the visitors a one point lead, which increased to five through the first quarter. Neena Kik was the Vikings' main weapon as she made seven of their 11 first quarter points. Miller was the only scorer for the hosts,

putting up six for the quarter. Ione was down 11-6 after one period of play.

Niki Sullivan started the second quarter with a steal for the Cardinals, which culminated in two points by Brenda Burright. The Cards began to attack with more success and pulled ahead at the half, 24-17, helped by McElligott's nine points and five from Camie Burright, while Umatilla only added six to their score.

The Burright sisters opened up the second half with a couple of baskets. Changing their defense around to get experience gave the Lady Cards leverage as they found more steals and transition opportunities. At the end of three, Ione extended their lead to 49-27.

The fourth quarter gave Ione's reserves some playing time as coach Heideman worked the younger girls onto the floor. The lead never fluctuated as Ione continued their half-court pressure defense and their high percentage shooting from the floor. Viking fouls sent Ione to the line where they shot 47 percent for the night. The Lady Cards smoothly ironed out a win, 61-34.

The Cardinal teams will start off league play Friday, Jan. 16, against Big Sky rival Condon at home.

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Blue Devils hand 48-40 loss to Mustang girls

By Molly Rhea
The Condon Blue Devils once again proved too much for the Mustang varsity girls, as they handed out a 40-48 point loss at Condon on Tuesday, January 6.

The Blue Devils controlled the tip and the first quarter, whirling to a 16-8 lead in the first eight minutes. Condon's 6'1" Molly Durfey and 6' Margaret Schott teamed up to score 10 of the Blue Devils' first 16, while Heppner's Mindy Binschus played strong, scoring six of her eventual 12 points in that first quarter.

The Mustangs worked hard to outscore the Blue Devils in the second quarter. With only six seconds remaining in the half and the Mustangs behind 21-28, Lexi Matteson grabbed a Blue Devil rebound, slung the ball down the court to Petra Elguezabal who passed it to Mindy Binschus to score two at the buzzer. The Mustangs trotted into the locker room for the halftime break trailing 23-28.

The Blue Devils again took control of the game in the third quarter, leading by as much as 12 points, and finished the stanza with a 10 point, 41-31, lead.

The Mustangs again made a run on the lead in the fourth and, with less than a minute remaining, had narrowed the margin to five, 40-45, when they were forced to foul in the attempt to gain possession. Although Condon was able to sink only one of their attempted six freethrows, they managed to add another field goal to cap the win, 48-40.



Casey Ingraham shoots over Condon player photo by Joyce Hughes

Heppner 8 15 8 9 - 40
Condon 16 12 13 7 - 48
Heppner (40) Ingraham 2 0-0 4, Hisler 2 0-0 5, Binschus 4 4-4 12, Childers, Boyer 2 0-0 4, Greenup, Healy 2 1-2 6, Matteson 1 0-0 3, Maben, Elguezabal 1 4-4 6. **Totals** 14 9-10 40. Three point goals-3, Hisler, Healy, Matteson. Total fouls 10, fouled out, none.

Condon (48) Nicholson, Farrar, A. Durfey 1 0-0 3, McGuire, Selby, Kennedy 3 2-3 8, Jamieson, Shaffer, Barnett 1 0-0 2, Schott 7 0-1 14, Osterlund 0 0-2 0, M. Durfey 6 0-1 12, S. Durfey 4 1-2 9. **Totals** 22 3-9 48. Three point goals-1, A. Durfey. Total fouls 9, fouled out -none.

Heppner girls JV overtaken by Condon

By Molly Rhea
The junior varsity Mustang girls jumped out to a big lead against the Condon JVs on Tuesday, January 6, only to be overtaken and lose the game, 33-36.

Heppner led 10-0 before allowing the Blue Devils on the board and finished the first quarter ahead 14-3. Condon stepped up their play and put in 10 points in the second period, while allowing the Mustangs to score only three. The Mustangs still had the edge, 17-13, going into the half.

The Blue Devils tied the score at 19, but the Mustangs pulled ahead, 25-23, at the end of three. The fourth quarter saw the score tied at 25, 27 and 31 before the Blue Devils gained their biggest lead of 36-31. The young Mustangs came back within three points, and after gaining possession with only 14 seconds remaining, attempted to extend the game with a trey. The Blue Devils swarmed the perimeter as the three-point attempts just missed their mark, with a final score of 33-36, in favor of the Blue Devils.

Condon's Christi Reed and Rondi McCall shared high point honors with eight points each. Jessica Maben led the losing effort with six points. Amy Papineau led the Mustang rebounding with nine boards, while Ashley Ropp dished out four assists.

Heppner 14 3 8 8 - 33
Condon 3 10 10 13 - 36
Heppner (33) Ropp 2 0-0 4, Clough 1 0-0 2, Pointer 1 0-0 2, Kahl 1 0-0 2, Rhea 0 0-2 0, Adams 1 0-0 2, Greenup 0 3-6 3, Watkins 2 0-0 4, Papineau 2 0-2 4, Maben 3 0-0 6, Sykes 2 0-0 4. **Totals** 15 3-10 33. Three point goals, none. Total fouls 14, fouled out -none.

Condon (36) Anderson 2 1-2 5, Reed 3 2-2 8, Parm, McCall 4 0-0 8, Wiemer 0 1-3 1, Fritz, Smith, Wilkins 2 2-5 6, Rowell, McCall 2 0-2 4, Jamieson 1 0-0 2, Standiford 1 0-0 2. **Totals** 15 6-14 36. Three point goals, none. Total fouls 12, fouled out - none.

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Lady Cardinals outgun Dufur Rangers, 42-28

By Kara Miller
Tuesday, Jan. 6, the Big Sky East Division Dufur Rangers visited Ione for a non-counting encounter. The Lady Cards won the game, 42-28.

The Cards controlled the opening tip-off and that told the outcome of the game. Camie Burright put the first two points in for Ione, while the Rangers' Anderson answered with two from short range. The Cardinal offense, sparked by C. Burright, Nikki McElligott and Brenda Burright, got Ione out in front 14-4.

Kara Miller started the second quarter with a three-point shot for the Cardinals, but Dufur outscored the home team and cut their lead to one, 19-18, at halftime. The Rangers had possession in the opening of the third quarter and briefly took the lead by one, with Heather Duncan's two from outside the key. C. Burright came back down the floor and put in two points for Ione. Teammate Niki Sullivan added two more and the Lady Cardinals picked up their momentum, finishing out the third period of play, 33-26, against the inside threat from

Emily Thomas for Dufur.

Opening the fourth quarter, Dufur had a turnover to give Ione's front line a chance to put some more points on their side of the board. Ione called a time-out two minutes into play to change some strategies. Their changes worked, as C. Burright added six more to her game-high 18 points. The Lady Cardinals finished on top, 42-28.

Statistics:
Ione (42)- C. Burright 9 0-1 18, McElligott 4 1-2 9, B. Burright 3 0-0 6, Miller 2 0-1 5, Sullivan 2 0-0 4, Brantley 0 0-1 0, Krebs. Three-point goals: Miller.

Mustang Varsity girls lose to W-M TigerScots

By Molly Rhea
The Mustang varsity girls were unable to shake the Tiger-Scots on Friday, January 9, losing 41-45 at Athena. With 15 Weston-McEwen points coming from behind the freethrow line, compared to only six for the Mustangs, The Tiger-Scots won this game from behind the charity stripe.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 8-2 point lead in the first quarter but then Weston-McEwen's Misty Krey poured in six of her 12 point total to finish the first period Mustangs, 11, Tiger-Scots, 8. The second quarter Heppner played like the North Wind, scoring only six points and giving up the lead to finish the

half trailing, 17-20.

Mindy Binschus scored six of her 11 points in the third quarter and the Mustangs tied the score at 29 after three. Heppner fans breathed a sigh of relief as Casey Ingraham scored six unanswered points to start the fourth period. The relief was short lived, however, as the Tiger-Scots came clawing back to claim the lead, which they did not again relinquish.

Casey Ingraham scored all of her 14 points in the second half to lead the Mustang scoring effort. She also pulled down seven rebounds. Lexi Matteson scored 10 points and grabbed nine boards, while Binschus and

Petra Elguezabal each scooped 10 rebounds. Annie Hisler had four assists.

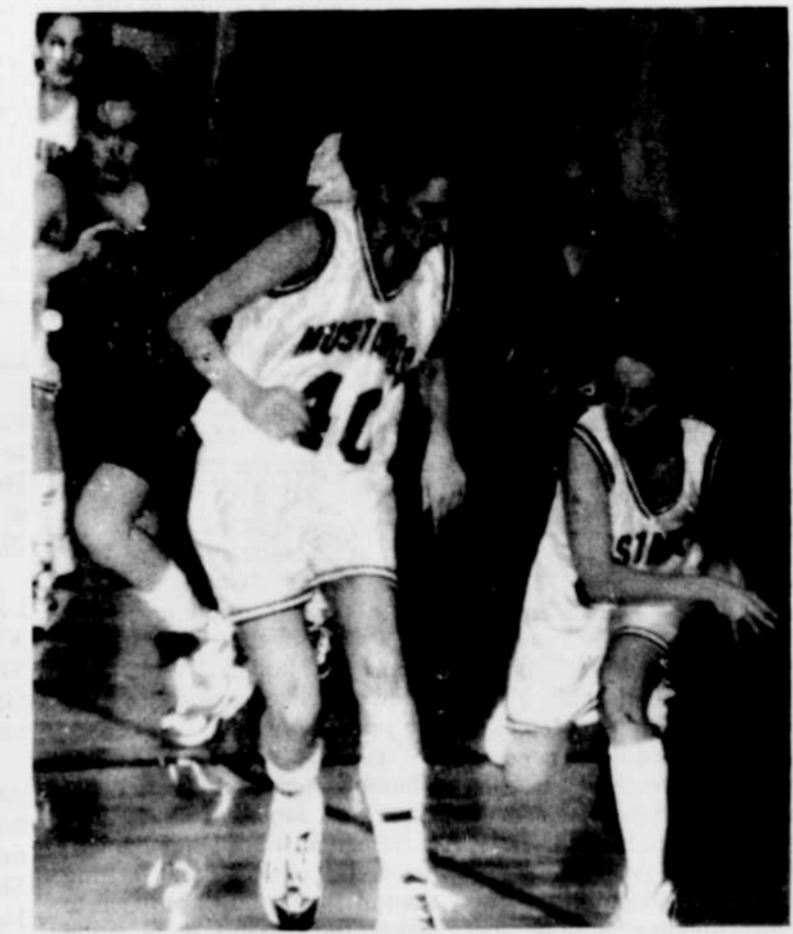
Bethany Hansell and Amber Weatherspoon had 14 points each for Weston-McEwen, with Krey adding 12.

Heppner 11 6 13 12 - 41
Weston-McEwen 8 12 9 16 - 45
Heppner (41) Ingraham 5 4-4 14, Hisler 1 0-0 3, Binschus 5 1-2 11, Childers, Boyer, Barber, Greenup, Healy 1 0-0 2, Matteson 5 0-0 10, Maben, Elguezabal 0 1-2 1. **Totals** 17 6-8 41. Three point goals - none. Total Fouls 18, fouled out - none.

Weston-McEwen (45) Hansell 4 6-7 14, Parker, Enos 0 1-4 1, Heilman 2 0-0 4, Krey 6 0-0 12, Weatherspoon 3 8-11 14, Smock, Velazquez, Shoemaker, Thompson. **Totals** 15 15-22 45. Three point goals - none. Total fouls 11, fouled out - Weatherspoon.

Heppner Varsity girls defeat Sherman Co. Huskies

By Molly Rhea
The varsity Mustang girls pulled out a close one Saturday, January 10, defeating Sherman County 51-47 to even both teams' league record at 1-1.



Jessica Maben (40) and Brooke Boyer go for the ball photo by Joyce Hughes

In this evenly-played match the Mustangs enjoyed at least a slight lead for most of the contest. Heppner led 14-12 after one quarter as Petra Elguezabal put in seven of her eventual 13 points. With Lexi Matteson sinking six of her 10 in the second quarter, the Mustangs had a 27-23 lead at the half.

Although the third quarter remained close, the Mustangs maintained the advantage and led 37-34 at the end of three. The Huskies were able to tie up the score at 40 and 45 in the fourth quarter, then with 58 seconds remaining and the score knotted at 45, Mindy Binschus was sent behind the line to sink two freethrows which put Heppner in the lead for good.

Of Heppner's 14 fourth quarter points, 12 came from behind the charity stripe. The Mustangs ended hitting 23/38 (61 percent), compared to the Huskies' 11/21 (52 percent).

Elguezabal led the Mustangs

with 13 points and eight rebounds, followed by Matteson with 10 points and Annie Hisler with 10 points and three assists. Maria McNab and Heidi Beers had 13 points apiece for the Huskies.

Sherman Co 12 11 11 13 - 47
Heppner 14 13 10 14 - 51
Sherman Co (47) Pinkerton, Neil, Shull 4-2-2 10, H. Beers 5 3-5 13, Sanderson 1 0-0 2, Timblin 1 0-1 2, Slay, B. Beers 2 3-4 7, Stroud 0 0-3 0, McNab 5 3-6 13. **Totals** 18 11-21 47. Three point goals, none. Total fouls 29, fouled out B. Beers, Stroud.

Heppner (51) Ingraham 2 4-6 10, Hisler 3 4-6 10, Binschus 0 2-2 2, Childers 0 1-2 1, Boyer 0 4-5 4, Greenup 1 0-1 2, Healy, Matteson 4 2-5 10, Maben 0 1-2 1, Elguezabal 4 5-9 13. **Totals** 14 23-38 51. Three point goals, none. Total fouls 17, fouled out, none.

HHS C-team loses to the Rockets

By Merilee McDowell
Missed shots plagued the Mustangs C-team girls Monday, Jan. 5, causing a 38-26 loss to the Pilot Rock Rockets.

The Mustangs were outscored 13-5 heading into the second quarter and could never catch up with the Rockets from then on.

Mindy Smith had a team-high 10 points to go with her six rebounds. Marissa McCabe scored eight points and grabbed six re-

bounds also. Jenni Patton put in six points, scooped three boards, had three assists and one steal.

"I'm proud of the girls; they blocked out well and did an exceptional job of rebounding," said Heppner coach Rollie Marshall.

The Mustangs' game against Ione on Jan. 12 was cancelled due to the weather. Heppner's next game will be at Echo on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. against Condon.

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Pilot Rock	1	0	7	4
Wahtonka	1	1	8	4
Heppner	1	1	7	5
Sherman Co	1	1	6	4
Umatilla	0	1	5	6
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