

Ione takes important win over Echo

By Rhonda Wilhelm and Colin McElligott

The Ione Cardinals High School boys' basketball team beat the Echo Cougars on Friday, February 3, 82-67. This game determined who will go to districts.

Ione beat Echo both match ups this season. Ione had 12 wins and eight losses; Echo had 13-8. Ione and Echo tied at 24 at the end of the first quarter. Echo got by Ione during the second quarter by two points, 42-40.

The third quarter the Cardinals pulled ahead, out-scoring the

cougars, 16-11. At the end of the third quarter the Cardinals scored 26 points to the Cougars' 14 points. This gave the Cards a 15 point win.

"This was a huge win for us," said Ione coach Stefani.

Echo 24 18 11 14 - 67
Ione 24 16 16 26 - 82

J. McElligott 10 2-2 24; Orem 6 5-6 17; Grabenhorst 13 5-10 32; M. McElligott 1 2-4 4; Gribskov 1 3-5 5; Rietmann, Crum, Morgan, Neiffer, Moon, and Bennetto 0 0-0 0
Ione 3-point goals, J. McElligott 2, Grabenhorst.

Mustangs lose to Umatilla

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Umatilla on Saturday, Feb. 14 and handled the league-leading Vikings for three quarters, but a disastrous fourth quarter gave the victory to the Vikings, 88-63.

A combination of foul trouble and a trapping half court defense led to the Vikings outscoring Heppner 31-4 in the fourth quarter. The Vikings made 25-37 free throws for the game, compared to the Mustangs 10-14.

A high-scoring first quarter saw the Vikings take a 22-20 lead. The Mustangs outscored Umatilla 23-15 in the second to take a 43-37 lead into halftime.

The Vikings came out in the second half hot, but Heppner still held a 59-57 lead. That didn't last long as the Vikings pulled away for the win.

The Mustangs were led by Chris Anthony with 19 points. Tim Dickenson chipped in with

12 points and Derek Gunderson hit three three-pointers and finished with 11 points.

Jaime Olivera led Umatilla with 29 points.

The Mustangs are back in action on Saturday, Feb. 21 as the Stanfield Tigers come here in the final regular season game.

Statistics:
Heppner: 20 23 16 4 - 63
Umatilla: 22 15 20 31 - 88
Heppner: Anthony 8 3-3 19, Dickenson 3 6-9 12, Gunderson 4 0-0 11, Jared Eckman 4 0-1 8, Shane Matheny 2 0-0 4, Casey Evans 2 0-0 4, Blake Knowles 1 0-0 2, Ryan Matteson 1 0-0 2, Kris Paullus 0 0-0 0, Blas Elguetzabal 0 0-0 0, Brian Knowles 0 0-0 0, David Bates 0 0-0 0. Totals 25 10-14 63. Three-point field goals-Gunderson (3).

Umatilla: Olivera 9 9-13 29, Gust 6 3-5 14, Shannon 5 4-6 14, T. Johnson 3 1-1 7, Moe 4 2-2 10, Cleaver 1 2-2 4, Campos 1 2-4 4, Kelly 1 1-2 3, Savage 1 0-0 2, Rohde 0 1-2 1, McIver, A. Johnson. Totals 31 25-37 88. Three-point field goals-Olivera 2.

Heppner eight graders complete successful season

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Ponies eighth grade boys' basketball team recently completed a successful season by winning an eight-team tournament in Umatilla on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Ponies, coached by John McCabe, had nine wins and one loss in the regular league season.

In the tournament play beginning on Jan. 10, the Ponies received a first-round bye and then lost a close game to Umatilla by two points. The Ponies came right back to beat Columbia by two points and finished in third place.

The Ponies then traveled to Pendleton on Jan. 23-25 for another tournament. Playing against bigger 4A schools, the Ponies lost all four games they played against Walla Walla, White Swan, La Grande and Boise.

DA to speak

Morrow County District Attorney Earl R. Woods will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the United Methodist Women, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the church in Heppner.

Woods will speak on his experiencing serving in the National Guard in Bosnia.

The community is invited to attend.

Cards win final league game over Wheeler

By Kara Miller

The Ione Lady Cardinals were hosts to the Wheeler Falcons for their last league game of the 1997-98 season. The Cards cruised to an 87-37 victory to end their basketball season at home.

The traditional "final game farewell" was given by junior Niki Sullivan to seniors Brenda Burright and Kara Miller. They were honored for their last home game with introductions and flowers for their parents, Scott and Cindy Burright, and George and Nancy Miller.

Gaining the ball at the tip-off, the Cards were quick to take a large lead. With Wheeler getting into foul trouble early and having only six players, the ending was predictable.

Brenda Burright finished with a game-high 18 points, followed

closely by Camie Burright with 16, Nikki McElligott, 15, and Kara Miller and Brandi Brantley each adding 13. The defense worked hard, picking off 19 steals from Wheeler and capitalizing on the Falcons' missed shots.

The Lady Cards locked in their second seed spot in the Big Sky District Tournament and will meet Dufur in the tournament's first game on Friday, Feb. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Hermiston High School gym.

Statistics:
Ione: McElligott 5 4-6 15, Miller 5 1-2 13, C. Burright 8 0-0 16, B. Burright 8 2-2 18, Sullivan 3 1-5 7, Halvorsen 1 2-7 5, Brantley 6 1-2 13. Totals: 36 11-24 87. Three-point goals: Miller (2), Halvorsen, McElligott. Rebounds: 53 (McElligott 13, Sullivan 8). Assists: Miller (3), Brantley (3). Steals: 19 (B. Burright 5, C. Burright 4). Blocked shots: McElligott.

Mustang girls sink Vikings in Valentine's Day Massacre

By Molly Rhea

The varsity Mustang girls took no prisoners on Saturday, February 14, when they sunk the Viking ship in a 60-27 point victory. The Heppner squad hit six three-point shots, with 10 of the Mustangs contributing to the bottom line.

Leading by only five points at halftime (23-18), the Mustangs leaned into the traces for the second half to out-score the Vikings 32-to-9.

Annie Hisler led all scorers with 17 points; she also grabbed five steals, four rebounds and dished up two assists. Hisler, Lexi Matteson and Jill Barber each put in two treys. Petra Elguetzabal pulled down seven boards to lead the Mustang rebounding effort.

Cherra Charlo scored 11 points for the Vikings.

With the Columbia Basin Conference heading into the final weekend of regular season play,

the Mustangs look to be locked into third place going into the district playoffs. Heppner hosts last place Stanfield on Saturday, February 21.

Heppner 15 8 16 21 - 60
Umatilla 11 7 2 7 - 27
Heppner (60) Ingraham 1 3-4 5, Hisler 7 1-2 17, Binschus 3 0-0 6, Childers 1 2-2 4, Boyer 1 0-0 2, Barber 1 2-2 4, Greenup 0 4-9 4, Healy 2 0-0 6, Matteson 3 0-0 8, Maben, Elguetzabal 2 0-0 4. Totals 21 12-19 60. Three point goals, 6, Hisler 2, Healy 2, Matteson 2. Total fouls 11, fouled out, none.
Umatilla (27) Leyva, Baumgart, Robeldo 1 0-0 2, Clark, N. Kik 3 0-0 6, D. Kik 0 1-2 1, Healy 1 1-2 3, Charlo 5 0-0 11, Derby, Tuel 1 2-2 4, Yberra. Totals 11 4-6 27. Three point goals, Charlo. Total fouls, 19, fouled out, none.

	League		Season	
	W	L	W	L
Weston-McEwen	8	2	16	3
Sherman Co	8	2	15	5
Heppner	8	3	14	7
Pilot Rock	5	5	11	9
Wahtonka	5	6	12	10
Umatilla	2	8	7	13
Stanfield	0	10	4	16

Lady Cards beat Helix Lady Grizzlies

By Kara Miller

The Ione Lady Cardinals were on the road again, Saturday, Feb. 7, this time in Helix for the second meeting with the Grizzlies. The Cards defeated the Grizzlies, 66-30.

The Cardinals' Niki Sullivan put the first basket in off the jump ball. The quarter was an offensive match-up, as both teams used their halfcourt pressure. Ione ended with a considerable lead, 19-6.

Loretta Picard of Helix made the first points of the second pe-

riod, but Ione answered with five more quick points. Helix turnovers meant Ione points as the Lady Cards widened their lead to 35-10 at the half.

Nikki McElligott opened the third with a quick short jump shot assisted by Brenda Burright from the top of the key. Camie Burright closed the period with a three-point buzzer shot to put the scoreboard at 53-20.

Ione ended the game 66-30 to keep their district berth hopes alive.

HHS c-team girls nip Condon 30-24

The Heppner Mustangs beat the Condon Devils on Tuesday, February 10, in Heppner, 30-24.

The Mustangs were ready for a victory over Condon having lost to them throughout their season.

This time Heppner met them with their own full court press and broke through Condon's press. Coach Rollie Marshall said, "The team played their best defense game this year against Condon. I'm really proud of their great team effort."

Marissa McCabe scored a

game high of 15 points and grabbed six rebounds. Mindy Smith led the team with 12 rebounds and scored five points. Lindsey Ward pulled down six boards and Jenni Patton added four points.

This young girls' C-team had a great season, playing the majority of their games against JV teams. Their win against Condon was their final game.

Statistics:
Heppner 10 5 10 5 30
Condon 6 11 4 3 24

Mustangs lose to Eagles 69-64

By Rick Paullus

The Wahtonka Eagles came to Heppner on Friday, Feb. 13 and dropped the Mustangs, 69-64. The Eagles made nine three-point field goals in the victory, compared to eight for the Mustangs, with Chris Anthony getting six of them.

Anthony scored the first four points for the Mustangs, but Heppner still trailed 4-5 before Jared Eckman had back-to-back steals and lay-ins to make it 8-5. Anthony hit two three-pointers to give the Mustangs a 14-11 lead at the end of one.

The Eagles took control of the second quarter, hitting four three-pointers and outscoring the Mustangs 18-10 to lead 29-24 at halftime.

The third stanza was a high scoring back-and-forth quarter that saw the Mustangs take a 34-32 lead on a Derek Gunderson three-pointer. The Eagles went on to lead 52-42 after hitting four three-pointers. A three-pointer by Anthony and a basket by Shane Matheny closed it to 52-47 at the

end of three.

Anthony opened the fourth quarter with a long three-pointer to cut the lead to two. But the Mustangs could not get any closer as the Eagles kept hitting clutch shots and just enough free throws to hold off the Mustangs.

The Mustangs were led by Anthony, who had a game-high 28 points. Eckman finished with 14 points and three steals. Tim Dickenson had 10 points and nine rebounds.

The Eagles were led by Derek Hinatsu with 17 points, including five three-pointers.

Statistics:
Heppner: 14 10 23 17 - 64
Wahtonka: 11 18 23 17 - 69
Heppner: Anthony 10 2-2 28, Eckman 6 2-4 14, Dickenson 4 2-2 10, Gunderson 2 0-2 6, Matheny 1 2-2 4.

Casey Evans 0 2-4 2, Ryan Matteson 0 0-0 0, Blas Elguetzabal 0 0-0 0, B. Knowles 0 0-0 0. Totals: 23 10-16 64. Three-point field goals-Anthony (6), Gunderson (2).

Wahtonka: Hinatsu 6 0-0 17, Stockett 6 1-2 14, Cervantes 5 1-2 12, Mitsas 4 2-5 12, Awwiller 0 5-8 5, Baird 1 3-5 5, Troxell 1 0-0 2, Porter 1 0-0 2. Totals: 22 12-22 69. Three-point field goals: Hinatsu (5), Mitsas (2), Cervantes, Stockett.

Cardinals beat Echo Cougars

By Kara Miller

The Lady Cardinals jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back as they clinched victory over their rival for the second place seed in the Big Sky East, the Echo Cougars, 81-27, on Friday, Feb. 13.

Opening the game with the tip, the Cardinals were unable to make the short shot on the first attempt, but a steal from the other end and a baseline cut by Kara Miller with a pass to Brenda Burright put the first two points on the board. Defensive pressure helped the Ione team put in 33 points to Echo's two in the first quarter.

Camie Burright put in a nice baseline jumper off an assist by B. Burright to start the second quarter. Ione outscored Echo 18-

13 to end the half at 51-15.

Ione forced Echo to make 40 turnovers in the game and ended the Cougars' playoff hopes with the 81-27 victory.

Statistics:
Ione: Sybil Krebs 1 0-0 2, Shelby Krebs, Gates 2 0-0 4, McElligott 9 5-7 23, Miller 6 0-1 15, C. Burright 8 1-7 17, B. Burright 4 0-1 8, Brantley 1 2-2 4, Sullivan 3 0-0 6, Halvorsen 1 0-0 2. Totals: 35 8-18 81. Three-point field goals: Miller (3). Rebounds: 32 (McElligott 9). Assists: 23 (B. Burright 11). Steals: Ione 29 (Miller 9, B. Burright 8). Blocked shots: 1 (McElligott). Turnovers: 16. Total fouls: 15.

Echo: W. Holben, A. Lewis 2 0-0 4, J. Lewis 2 1-2 5, Thomas 1 0-0 2, J. Holben 2 0-1 5, Busk, Moreno 0 2-2, Madison 2 5-8 9, Neely. Totals: 9 8-13 27. Three-point field goals: J. Holben. Rebounds: 36 (Moreno 9). Assists: 6 (Moreno 2, W. Holben 2). Steals: 11 (Madison 4). Blocked shots: J. Lewis. Turnovers: 40. Total fouls: 14.

JV Mustang girls maroon Vikings

By Molly Rhea

The JV Mustang girls put together a huge second half to maroon the Vikings, 41-36, in Umatilla on Saturday, February 14.

The game started out slow with neither team able to score until Trisha Adams hit a free throw with 2:36 remaining in the first quarter, and the score after one was 3-4, Wahtonka's favor.

In the second quarter the Mustangs were outscored 12 points to seven and trailed 10-16 heading into the locker room for the halftime break.

Whatever Coach Dana Reid said to the Heppner team at the half must have been the right stuff because the Mustangs came out fired up and scored 14 points while holding the Vikings to three, to put Heppner up by five, 24-19.

Kathleen Greenup led the Mustangs in the fourth quarter scoring nine of her 11 points, seven of those from behind the free throw line. The five-point margin proved to be enough as both squads put in 17 points in the final quarter.

Eight of the nine Mustangs

posted points for the contest, with Greenup leading the Heppner scorers with her 11. Kim Pointer added 10 points and five rebounds. Jessica Maben pulled down 12 rebounds and scored six points for the Mustangs.

Umatilla freshman guard, Desirae Kik led all scorers with 17 points.

The Stanfield teams will be in town on Saturday for the final JV girls game of the season.

Heppner 3 7 14 17 - 41
Umatilla 4 12 3 17 - 36
Heppner (41) Ropp 1 0-4 2, Clough, Pointer 5 0-0 10, Rhea 2 1-3 5, Adams 0 1-2 1, Greenup 2 7-8 11, Papineau 1 1-3 3, Maben 3 0-2 6, Sykes 1 1-2 3. Totals 15 11-24 41. Three point goals, none.

Total fouls 26, fouled out - Sykes. Umatilla (36) Canare, Leyva, White 2 4-4 8, Robeldo 0 2-4 2, Clark 0 1-2 1, Kik 6 5-12 17, Healy 0 1-2 1, Baumgart 0 2-2 2, Master 1 0-1 2, Tuel 1 1-3 3. Totals 10 16-30 36. Three point goals, none. Total fouls 22, fouled out - Baumgart, technical foul - Robeldo.

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The Dining Room is open every Friday and Saturday night from 6-9 p.m. with good food and service at reasonable prices. We apologize for the delay on Saturday night. The cook had a family emergency. We hope to see you at the annual celebration this weekend!

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