

Cards handed tough loss

The Ione Lady Cardinals were handed a tough loss on Nov. 30 against the Pilot Rock Rockets. The Lady Cardinals succumbed to the Rockets, 51-50, in their first game of the season.

Seniors Nikki McElligott and Camie Burright led the Lady Cardinals on their quest. McElligott scored 22 points, brought down seven rebounds, dished out three assists and blocked one Rocket shot. Camie Burright scored 18 points, brought down four rebounds and dished up two assists. She also canned three shots from three-point territory.

Ione ended the first quarter up by three points, but the Pilot Rock team had a big quarter in the next period, scoring another 17 points. By halftime, the Rockets had a 29-21 lead on the Lady Cardinals.

Ione's big quarter came in the third, when Ione added another 15 points to the Cardinals' score, keeping Pilot Rock down to nine points. Nonnee Walter launched a three-point bucket in the third quarter.

Junior Allison Halvorsen showed inspiring hustle by nabbing two steals from the Rockets.

'C' team boys lose to Vikings

by Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys "C" team couldn't stay up with the visiting Umatilla Vikings, losing 72-34 on Monday, Dec. 6.

The Mustangs were down just 12-6 after one but fell behind 38-16 at halftime.

The Mustangs played well in the fourth quarter, getting seven points, including a three-pointer from Kelly Paullus and four points from Adam Bergstrom.

Paullus led the Mustangs with 15 points with Donald Adams, Conor Kilkenny and Bergstrom each scoring four.

The "C" team is back in action on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 5:30 p.m. with the girls playing Pendleton and the boys playing the Spray JVs.

Statistics
Umatilla 12 26 15 17 - 72
Heppner 6 10 4 14 - 34
Heppner - Kelly Paullus 4 4-9-15, Donald Adams 2 0-5-4, Conor Kilkenny 2 0-2-4, Adam Bergstrom 2 0-0-4, Josh Winters 1 0-0-2, Trevor Rhea 1 0-2-2, Robert Whalen 1 0-1-2, Doug Orwick 0 0-1-1, Leland Rill, John Bennett, Cory Breeding, Jerry Shank. 14 5-21-34 3 pt - Paullus.

JV boys fall short at Joseph

The Heppner Mustang JV boys basketball team fell behind early and nearly came all the way back but fell to the Joseph Eagles, 47-46, in Joseph on Saturday, Dec. 4.

The Mustangs fell behind 15-6 after one and were behind by as much as 16 in the second half before mounting a comeback. Brian Rust hit a three-pointer and Justin Wood hit five of six free throws in the fourth to lead the comeback.

The Mustangs took the lead by one with 10 seconds left, but the Eagles scored with five seconds left to take the win.

Rust hit on three three-pointers on his way to 13 points and Wood ended up hitting eight of 10 free throws, scoring 10 points. Chip Piper and Sam VanLiew each added eight points.

The JVs' next game will be in Ione with the girls' game beginning at 5 p.m.

Heppner 6 12 12 16 - 46
Joseph 15 11 13 8 - 47
Heppner - Brian Rust 5 0-3-13, Justin Wood 18-10-10, Chip Piper 4 0-3-8, Sam VanLiew 4 0-0-8, Brad Adams 1 3-4-5, Brad Bowman 1 0-0-2, Brandon Young, Brian Sweeney, 16 11-20 46. 3 pt - Rust 3.

Ione Cardinals lose to Rockets

The Ione Cardinal varsity men couldn't quite keep up with the Pilot Rock Rockets, losing their first game of the season, 88-60, on Nov. 30.

Brad Burright, a powerhouse for the Ione team, was the leading scorer for the Cardinals with 16 points. Burright also brought down the most rebounds for Ione, accompanied by Cory Bennetto who had 11 rebounds to his credit. Bennetto also was noted as a key player by coach Dennis Stefani, who said, "Bennetto did an excellent job on the boards for our team."

Mark McElligott and Jacob

Neiffer hit the only two three-point shots in the game, McElligott in the second quarter and Neiffer in the fourth quarter. Coach Stefani said he was impressed with Corey Morgan. "He (Morgan) did an excellent job of bringing the ball down the court for us," said Stefani. Morgan also had three steals from the Pilot Rock team.

Senior Allan Gribskov shot 80 percent from the free throw line for the Cardinals and contributed 12 points to the Cardinals. The Ione men out-rebounded the Pilot Rock team pulling down 47 of the 90 rebounds.

Lady Card JVs fall to Pilot Rock

The Lady Cardinal JV team fell to the Pilot Rock Rockets on Nov. 30, losing the game, 54-20.

Sophomore Salli McElligott and freshman Tracy Griffith each brought six points to the Cardinal score.

Ione was able to keep the first

Ione teams participate in basketball tourneys

The Ione Cardinal basketball teams traveled to the other side of the Blue Mountains to play in tournaments the first part of the month, with the Ione varsity teams participating in the Enterprise Tournament and the junior varsity teams participating in the Wallowa Tournament.

On Dec. 3, the Ione varsity boys suffered a loss at the hands of Enterprise, 47-45. At the end of the third quarter, Ione had a 17 point lead but Enterprise had a huge fourth quarter, scoring 23 points and holding the Cardinals to only four points.

Brad Burright was the leading scorer for the Ione team with 16 points, aided by Corey Morgan and his 10 point contribution. Cory Bennetto was the leading rebounder for the Cardinals.

On Dec. 4, the Cardinals challenged Wallowa High School, falling to Wallowa, 42-34.

Mark McElligott was the high scorer for Ione with 16 points. McElligott also grabbed three steals and handed off five assists. David Mansfeld contributed six points to the Cardinal effort, shooting 60 percent from the floor. Bennetto was again the reckoning force on the boards, leading the Cardinals in rebounds.

The Lady Cardinal varsity team relentlessly hammered Wallowa by defeating the Cougars, 46-18.

Nikki McElligott scored 17 points, grabbed 23 rebounds and had five steals. Allison Halvorsen scored 13 points, pulled down 12 rebounds, dished out three assists and also took two steals to her credit. Camie Burright lead the Lady Cardinals with eight assists.

The Ione ladies returned on Saturday to defend their winning streak by squaring off against Enterprise. The Lady Cardinals went into double overtime before losing to Enterprise, 53-51.

Nikki McElligott was once

again Ione's lead scorer with 25 points, followed by Camie Burright with 18 points. Burright made 75 percent of her free throw attempts, while McElligott remained a dominant force, leading the team in rebounds, assists, blocked shots and steals.

While the varsity teams competed in Enterprise, the junior varsity teams were in a battle of their own in Wallowa. Both the Lady Cardinals and the Cardinal boys brought home the second place tournament honors.

Stats for the Ione JV boys were unavailable at presstime.

The Lady Cardinals JV team competed against Enterprise for their first game of the tournament, defeating Enterprise, 25-15.

Jeanette Brantley led the Lady Cards with six points. Nonnee Walters contributed five points, one a three-point shot in the second quarter. Jennifer Thompson and Diana McElligott contributed four points each to the Cardinal cause.

Enterprise jumped out in the first quarter, leading the Cardinals, 3-1, with Salli McElligott the lone scorer for Ione. The Cardinals came out in the second quarter unloading nine points and holding Enterprise to a scoreless quarter.

Once again, Enterprise outscored the Cardinals in the third quarter, making seven points to Ione's four points, but Ione came back and gave their all, scoring an additional 11 points and holding Enterprise to five points in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Cardinals returned on Saturday to play against Pilot Rock, falling to the Rockets, 34-24.

Freshman Caitlin Orem lead the Ione team with six points, aided by Cyndi Heagy and Jennifer Thompson, each with four points. Salli McElligott shot 67 percent at the free throw line for Ione.

JV girls down Condon

by Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls JV basketball team won their first game of the season, beating the visiting Condon Blue Devils, 42-31, on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

After falling behind by nine after one quarter, the Mustangs shut out the Blue Devils 13-0 in the second to take a 17-13 halftime lead. The Mustangs pulled away in second half for the 42-31 win.

Meghan Bailey and Brett

Barber led the Mustangs with 12 points each. Jenni Patton added eight. Jesse Gutierrez and Barber each hit three-pointers.

Condon 13 0 6 12 - 31
Heppner 4 13 12 13-42
Heppner - Meghan Bailey 6 0-4-12, Brett Barber 5 1-4-12, Jenni Patton 4 0-0-8, Jesse Gutierrez 2 0-0-5, Jodi Carlson 1 0-0-2, Sarah Eckman 1 0-0-2, Jesse Kempas 1 0-2-2, Kelsey Greenup 0 0-0-0, Paula Spicer-Kuhn 0 0-0-0. 20 1-10-42. 3pt - Barber, Gutierrez.

Boardman chamber plans speaker

Jonathan Ferrari will be the featured speaker at the December 15 Boardman Chamber of Commerce meeting. The Chamber Board of Directors and committee chairs will also be recognized for 1999 leadership and service responsibilities.

Ferrari is a community development intern with the University of Oregon RARE Program. While in Boardman he will focus on the process of

development of a Boardman downtown master plan.

Those wishing to purchase a lunch for the Chamber meeting must RSVP, 481-2571 or 481-3014, by Monday, December 13.

Mustang JVs beat Condon

by Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys' JV basketball team won their first game of the season over the visiting Condon Blue Devils, 43-33, on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

The Mustangs were down 9-8 after one despite David Piper's six points in the quarter. Brad Adams scored eight points in the second quarter as the Mustangs came back to take a 20-17 lead at halftime.

The Mustangs blew open the game in the third quarter, outscoring the Blue Devils 16-5, and hung on in the fourth for the ten point win.

Brian Rust led the Mustangs

with 11 points and Piper and Adams each had 10.

Statistics
Condon 9 8 5 11 - 33
Heppner 8 12 16 7 - 43
Condon - Durfey 5 2-3-12, Bednar 2 2-7-6, V. Lantis 2 0-1-4, Z. Lantis 1 1-5-3, Clark 1 1-2-3, Allen 1 0-0-2, Smith 0 1-2-1, Winters 0 1-2-1, D. Campbell 0 0-1-0, Messenger, Kilgore, Howard 12 9-26-33.
Heppner - Brian Rust 5 1-2-11, David Piper 5 0-0-10, Brad Adams 5 0-2-10, Sam VanLiew 2 0-0-4, Justin Wood 2 0-0-4, Brandon Young 0 2-5-2, Brian Sweeney, Brad Bowman 2 points. 20 3-9-43.

JV girls remain perfect with Joseph win

by Rick Paullus

After falling behind 10-3 after the first quarter, the Heppner Mustang JV girls' team used a huge second half to easily beat the Joseph E-gals, 55-27, in Joseph on Saturday, Dec. 4.

The Mustangs used two three-pointers by Jesse Gutierrez in the second quarter to stay close as the halftime score was 20-15.

The Mustangs came out smoking in the third quarter, getting seven points each from Meghan Bailey and Brett Barber and outscoring Joseph 21-2 to take a 36-22 lead after three.

Barber scored seven and Jodie Carlson add six as the Mustangs

didn't let up, outscoring the E-gals 19-5 to win going away, 55-27.

Barber finished with 14 points and five steals and Sarah Eckman had eight points. Carlson had eight points and six rebounds and Gutierrez had seven points and four assists. Jenni Patton had 14 rebounds and four steals. Kelsey Greenup grabbed six rebounds.

Heppner 3 12 21 19 - 55
Joseph 10 10 2 5 - 27
Heppner - Brett Barber 5 4-6-14, Jodie Carlson 4 0-0-8, Sarah Eckman 3 2-2-8, Jesse Gutierrez 2 1-2-7, Meghan Bailey 2 3-4-7, Jenni Patton 1 3-4-5, Kelsey Greenup 2 0-0-4, Jessie Kempas 1 0-2-2. 20 13-20-55. 3 pt - Gutierrez 2.

Ione JVs lose to Rockets

Jeremy Rietmann seemed to be on a mission, scoring 13 points for the Ione boys' JV basketball team against the Pilot Rock Rockets on Nov. 30.

Rietmann had an excellent game, blocking two Rocket baskets and nabbing two steals from the Rockets.

Ione was unable to overcome the Rockets, however, losing their

first game, 79-44.

Dustin Haguewood scored eight points for the Ione men, shooting 100 percent from the free throw line and had 16 rebounds. Adam McCabe shot 50 percent from the floor and checked one Rocket shot. Adam Neiffer led the team with assists. The Ione men shot 22 percent from the floor and 46 percent from the free throw line.

Seniors plan New Year's Eve party

"Steppin' Lively Into The 21st Century" will be the theme of the St. Patrick's Senior Center New Year's Eve party on Friday, Dec. 31 from 10:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

"We're planning to have some fun reminiscing about the 20th

Century, planning and prophesying the 21st and a whole lot more," says a spokesperson.

Guests may bring potluck finger food. Drinks will be provided.

Anyone needing transportation may call the senior center office, 676-9030.

SNOWMOBILERS!

A certification course for young riders will be held at Columbia Basin Electric Co-op on Dec. 18 beginning at 9 a.m. Anyone operating a snowmobile must have a valid driver's license or certificate. There is no age limit and no charge for the course. Pre-register by calling 676-5401 or 989-8342.

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To one and all

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