

Lady Cards dealt heart-breaking one-point loss to Condon in state championship game

The Ione Lady Cardinals were dealt a heartbreaking loss in the State 1A Championship game on Saturday, March 4. The Condon Blue Devils led the entire game before defeating the Lady Cardinals, 42-41.

The Blue Devils used a full court press during the entire game. Ione was not shooting as well from the field as their previous tournament games and

had difficulty getting their free throws in. The Lady Cardinals shot only 35 percent at the line compared to 51 percent in the previous games of the tournament.

Ione had a bad case of nerves and Condon jumped out with a four to zero lead in the beginning of the game before Ione was able to get a shot to fall. Condon's Shannon Durfey pumped in six points with the aid of teammates Molly Durfey and Jennifer Snyder for a 9-12 lead on the Cardinals at the end of the first quarter.

At the beginning of the second quarter, Molly Durfey threw the ball out on a bad pass for Ione possession. Camie Burright canned a basket to bring the score within one point, 11-12. Jennifer Snyder counterattacked with two points to spread the score to three points difference.

The Lady Cardinals were successful in keeping Condon to only six points for the quarter but Ione was only able to connect with six points in the quarter as well and, by halftime, the score was Ione, 15, Condon, 18.

Nikki McElligott made the first basket in the second quarter, bringing the Cardinals within one point again. Nichole Jamieson, Shannon Durfey and Jennifer

Snyder seemed to be hitting the basket from all over the court for a total of 13 points.

Camie Burright hit a three point shot with five and a half minutes remaining in the third quarter. Nikki McElligott dropped in 11 points for Ione, putting the Cardinals down by two, 29-31.

Kristina Powell entered the fourth quarter with two points to tie the game at 31 points. Shannon Durfey answered with two baskets to pull away from the Cardinals, 31-35. Camie Burright hit two baskets from the three point region and then added an additional four points for the Cardinals for a total of 10 points in the fourth quarter.

With only eight seconds left in the game the score was Ione, 41, Condon, 42. Camie Burright nabbed the ball from Condon tried for a last second basket but was unable to get the ball to fall.

Only four Ione team members scored during this game. Nikki McElligott led with 20 points, Camie Burright had 17 points and Allison Halvorsen and Kristina Powell each had two points on the board.

McElligott also brought down 17 rebounds, blocked three shots, and had two steals. Burright brought down four rebounds and grabbed two steals.



Lady Cards accept second place awards

Photos by Debbie Radie

Cardinals trounce St. Paul at state

The Ione Lady Cardinals squared off in the winners bracket against St. Paul on Friday, March 3, beating the Lady Buckaroos, 64-40.

St. Paul gained possession of the ball at the tip off but after only two minutes into the game Ione led with a score of 4-0.

Lauren Wylie of St. Paul made the first two points for the Lady Buckaroos on free throws with four and a half minutes remaining in the first quarter. Nikki McElligott was wide open under the Cardinal basket and retaliated with two points to put the Cardinals six points ahead of St. Paul.

Baskets added by Allison Halvorsen Brandi Brantley and Camie Burright followed McElligott's to put the Cardinals ahead of St. Paul by seven points. With less than one minute remaining in the first quarter, Kristina Powell tied up the ball on a rebound and drew a foul from the Lady Buckaroos, sinking both of her attempts at the free throw line to end the quarter at 18-11.

Camie Burright made the first basket of the second quarter and drew a foul but was unable to get either ball to fall. A full court press by St. Paul did not slow the Lady Cardinals down. With six minutes left in the second quarter Ione had already pumped in eight points, Ione made nine trips to the foul line in the second quarter scoring eight points. Amellia Peck sank a 15-foot shot to end the second quarter 34-24.

St. Paul made the first basket of the third quarter but Camie Burright answered back with a basket. St. Paul started heating up the game to close in on the Cardinals, 31-38, with four minutes remaining in the third quarter. St. Paul made three additional points at the free throw line and Ione pumped in ten more points.

Charissa Gates wowed the entire crowd by sinking a missile launched from just inside half court for an additional three points to end the third quarter with Ione ahead 51-34.

Brandi Brantley started the fourth quarter hitting a jumper for two points and St. Paul retaliated by scoring on a steal. St. Paul and Ione seemed to be dueling baskets and with only two and a half minutes in the game, Kristina Powell made two baskets back to back to raise the Ione team above the Buckaroos 64-40.

Nikki McElligott led the Cardinal scoring with 18 points, followed by Camie Burright with 15 points and Brandi Brantley with 14 points. Burright led the team on the boards with nine rebounds. Nikki McElligott blocked six St. Paul shot attempts, dished out seven assists and grabbed four steals.

Cards overcome Umpqua

The Ione Lady Cardinals easily overcame the Umpqua Valley Christian School on Wednesday, March 1, at the State 1A Tournament in Baker City. The Lady Cardinals defeated the Monarchs 51-34.

Ione took possession of the ball at the tip off, shot the ball under their basket but the ball wouldn't fall. Umpqua Valley attempted a basket that was rejected by Allison Halvorsen and Nikki McElligott took advantage of her position under the basket shooting for the first two points of the game. Senior Brandi Brantley scored a basket with 6:21 left in the first quarter for a score of Ione 4, Umpqua 0.

Brandi had an outstanding job on the boards in the first half for the Ione ladies. The Cardinal squad forced several UVC errors making it difficult for the Monarchs to score. Ione had a 10-point lead before the Monarchs scored their first basket with four minutes left in the quarter.

Nikki McElligott hit a jumper with two and a half minutes left for a score of 14-2. Kristina Powell and Diana McElligott came in off the bench and did an excellent job on defense.

Ione ended the quarter with a score of 17-3.

Umpqua Valley hit the first basket in second quarter, drew a foul from Ione, made one of two attempts at the free throw line and doubled their score to 17-6 with only 36 seconds off the clock. Nikki McElligott retaliated with a bucket for two points but UVC answered back with a three point basket to close the lead 19-9.

It seemed as though Ione's shot attempts went cold the first half of the second quarter but Kristina Powell scored two points with three minutes left in the half to rally the Lady Cardinals and by half time Ione led the Monarchs, 28-11.

Umpqua Valley Christian had possession at the beginning of the third quarter but Nikki McElligott soon nabbed it away and scored the first two points of

the second half.

Camie Burright and Allison Halvorsen aided the Cardinal crusade with another two points each to widen the score 34-11 with five and a half minutes remaining in the quarter.

Diana McElligott, Kristina Powell, Shelly Krebs, Olivia Thompson and Charissa Gates played tough defense in the third quarter for the Lady Cardinals. Thompson scored two points from the baseline with one minute remaining in the third quarter to end the quarter score at 42-14.

Amellia Peck shot the only Ione three-point bucket one and a half minutes into the third quarter. Olivia Thompson had a key steal and handed it out to Camie Burright who put it in for two points.

Coach Dana Heideman did an outstanding job of making sure his entire bench saw some action in the game.

Cyndi Heagy and Nonnee Walters came in for the last two minutes of the fourth quarter. Charissa Gates came in the fourth quarter to hit a two-point jumper with 45 seconds remaining in the game to end the scoring 51-34.

Nikki McElligott led the Cardinals with 17 points, followed by Camie Burright with 13 points. Kristina Powell netted eight points, Amellia Peck scored three points and teammates Allison Halvorsen, Olivia Thompson and Charissa Gates each had two points.

The Cardinals shot 34 percent from the floor and 50 percent from the free throw line. Nikki McElligott led the team with fourteen rebounds. Brandi Brantley and Camie Burright each grabbed five rebounds. Camie Burright led the team larceny with five steals, aided by Amellia Peck with four steals.

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