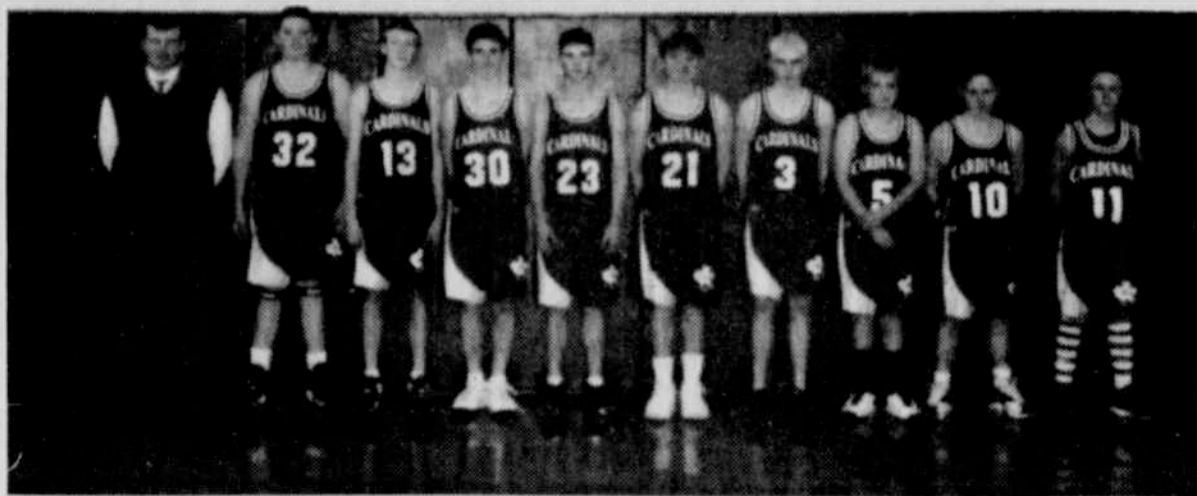


## Ione Junior High ends season 11 and 0



By Debbie Radie

The Ione Junior High Cardinals, coached by Nathan Heideman, ended their season with an 11-0 record, which included first place at the annual junior high tournament on Feb. 3 in Helix.

The boys' success, which carried over from their football season, may be attributed from their willingness to work together as a team.

Team members included Tyler Raible, Arthur Ekstrom, Taylor McElligott and Nick Christman, all eighth graders; and William

Bergstrom, James Acock, Kyle Palmateer, Tyler Brown and Kelly Thompson, all seventh graders.

The team will compete in the "Grande Ronde Valley Shootout" youth tournament in LaGrande on Feb. 24-25.

## Mustang varsity girls lose last game to Wahtonka



Photo by George Herbert Photography

Heppner High School Varsity Girls Team (left to right): back-Assistant Coach Kathy Britt, Jodie Carlson, Kelsey Greenup, Coach Dana Reid, Shelley Rietmann, Lacey Matteson, Assistant Coach Ron Brisbois; center-Jenni Patton, Brett Barber, Marissa McCabe, SanJuanita Elguezal, Meghan Bailey; front-manager Megan Orr. Not pictured is Jesse Kempas.

By Molly Rhea

A much-improved Wahtonka team greeted the Mustang varsity girls on Saturday, February 17, and Heppner ended up losing their final regular season game, 26-36.

Wahtonka played a collapsing 1-2-2 zone to shut down Heppner's inside game, and force the Mustangs to shoot from the perimeter. Heppner struggled with their outside shooting, along with the inconsistent officiating, and were never able to mount an effective offense. The Mustangs finished in third place in the Columbia Basin Conference with a 9-5 record.

Meghan Bailey led the Mustang scoring with nine points, including two treys. Shelley Rietmann pulled down

seven boards, to lead Heppner's rebounding effort.

The Mustangs are scheduled to play the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 23. With the first place team in the CBC advancing directly to the OSAA 2A State Tournament to be held February 27 through March 3, the district tournament is single elimination, with the winner going into the state tournament seeded as the second place from the CBC. Both of these tournaments will be held at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Heppner 0 6 11 9 - 26  
Wahtonka 6 8 4 18 - 36  
Heppner (26) Barber 1 0-0 2, Elguezal 1 0-0 2, Matteson 2 0-0 4, McCabe 1 0-0 2, Patton 0 1-2 1, Bailey 4 0-0 9, Rietmann 2 2-3 6,

Carlson 0 0-2 2, Greenup, Totals 11 3-7 26.

Wahtonka (36) Caldwell 0 2-2 2, West 1 1-2 3, Eagy 3 0-2 6, Ziegler 2 7-8 11, Treichel, Matherly, Basargin 2 0-2 4, Beichler 3 1-3 7, Flores, Lick 0 1-2 1, Stephens 1 0-0 2. Totals 12 12-21 36.

3 point goals -- Heppner 1 (Bailey), Wahtonka 0. Rebound - Heppner 22, Wahtonka 19. Total fouls - Heppner 22, Wahtonka 12.

### Columbia Basin Girls

Team	League		Season	
	W	L	W	L
Pilot Rock	14	0	22	2
Sherman County	12	2	21	2
Heppner	9	5	14	8
Weston-McEwen	7	7	12	10
Wahtonka	7	7	12	11
Umatilla	5	9	10	12
Stanfield	2	12	4	15
Culver	0	11	5	16

## 17 confirmed at St. Williams in Ione



The St. William's confirmation class, shown with Bishop Vasa and Father Gerry Condon: (L to R) Tim Doherty, Diana McElligott, Derek Campbell, Natalie McElligott, Richard Campbell, Adrienne Swanson, Salli McElligott, Adam McCabe, Caitlin Orem, Taylor McElligott, Jeremiah McElligott, Colin McElligott, Alyssa Rietmann, Andrew Rietmann, Aaron Tworek, and Cayle Krebs.

Bishop of Baker Robert Vasa conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 17 teenage members of St. William's Catholic Church in Ione on Sunday, Feb. 11. Pastor Gerald Condon and Father Francis Hebert joined Bishop Vasa in the celebration of the Mass.

Bishop Vasa addressed the large confirmation class on the merit on being confirmed and the value of grace in the young peoples' lives.

Readers during the Mass were Adrienne Swanson and Natalie McElligott. Altar servers were Clay Morter, Dalton Campbell, Whitney

Wehrli and William Wehrli. Andrew Rietmann and Cayle Krebs presented the offertory gifts. Members of The Holy Name Society were the honor guard for the Bishop.

The St. William's Altar Society hosted a reception following the ceremony at the church.

## Heppner JV girls lose to Rockets



Photo by George Herbert Photography

Heppner High School Mustang Girls JV Team (left to right): back-Tylynn Smith, Jesse Woodward, Chantea Macaulay, Coach Ron Brisbois, Tiffany Matheny, Brooke Rust, Kelsey Greenup; center-Marcy Miller, LaRena Penturf, Stefanie Hanson, Danielle Looslie; front-Nikki Sisk, Tiffany Piper. Not pictured is Jesse Kempas.

By Molly Rhea

The junior varsity Heppner girls were only able to contain Pilot Rock's JVs for the first quarter on Friday, February 16. After posting only five points in the first eight minutes, the young Rockets turned on their after burners to blast in 49 additional counters and run away from the

Mustangs.

Kelsey Greenup and Stefanie Hanson both scored seven points, with Marcy Miller putting in six to lead Heppner's scoring.

Pilot Rock 5 17 16 16 - 54

Heppner 7 5 8 10 - 30

Pilot Rock (54) McLaren 40-0 8,

Gorbett 2 0-0 4, Perrine 5 5-8 15,

ymes 3 2-6 8, Ward 3 2---6 8,

Westberg, Aichele 2 4-4 9, Kinkead 1 0-0 2. Totals 20 13-22 54

Heppner (30) Sisk, Miller 3 0-1 6, Greenup 2 3-6 7, Hanson 3 1-1 7, Matheny 2 0-0 4, Loosley, Rust 1 0-0 2, Kempas 1 2-7 4, Allstott. Totals 12 6-19 30

3-point goals - Pilot Rock 1 (Aichele). Total fouls - Pilot Rock 19, Heppner 15.

## Mustang JV boys clip Eagles to finish 8-0



Photo by George Herbert Photography

Heppner High School Mustang JV Boys Team (left to right): back-Adam Bergstrom, Kevin Drake, Leland Rill, Coach Ken Eckman, Brian Rust, Jon Bennett, Sam Van Liew; center-Brad Bowman, Kelly Paullus, Donald Adams, Brian Haguewood, Chuy Elguezal, Brad Adams; front-Tanner Britt, Luke Murray.

By Rick Paullus

An effective full-court press led to a 47-24 halftime lead for the Heppner Mustang JV boys over the Wahtonka Eagles. The Mustangs coasted to an 82-66 win at The Dalles on Saturday, Feb. 17. The win capped off an 18 and 0 year for the JVs, who were coached by Ken Eckman.

Chuy Elguezal led the charge, getting 10 points and five steals in the first quarter. Brad Adams chipped in with five points as the Mustangs took a 22-8 lead after one.

The defensive pressure didn't let up in the second quarter, as the team got 14 steals. Luke Murray scored eight points, Elguezal, six, and Sam Van Liew, four, as the Mustangs took a 47-24 halftime lead.

Brian Rust scored nine points in the third as the Mustangs still led 67-43 after three, and Elguezal scored eight more in the fourth as they coasted to the win.

Elguezal led the Mustangs with 27 points and seven steals. Rust hit two three-pointers and was good for 14 points altogether. He also had five steals. Adams had nine points, nine rebounds and three steals. Murray finished with 10 points and had three steals. Van Liew finished with eight points. Kevin Drake had seven points. Brian Haguewood had four points and three rebounds.

The JVs consisted of juniors Brian Rust, Sam Van Liew, Kevin Drake, Kelly Paullus, Leland Rill, Brad Bowman and Jon Bennett; sophomores Brad Adams, Donald Adams and Adam Bergstrom; and freshmen Chuy Elguezal, Tanner

Britt, Luke Murray and Brian Haguewood.

Statistics

Heppner: 22 25 20 15 - 82

Wahtonka: 8 16 19 23 - 66

Heppner (82): Chuy Elguezal 13 1-4

27, Brian Rust 6 0-0 14, Luke Murray 5 0-3

10, Brad Adams 3 2-3 9, Sam Van Liew 4

0-0 8, Kevin Drake 3 0-0 7, Brian Haguewood

2 0-1 4, Leland Rill 1 0-0 2, Brad Bowman

0 1-2 1, Kelly Paullus 0 0-1 0, Jon Bennett,

Adam Bergstrom, Donald Adams. 37 4-14

82. Three-pointers: Rust (2), B. Adams,

Drake.

Wahtonka (66): Ruggles 6 0-0 12, Pickers 2 5-8 9, Gray 3 3-6 9, Foster 2 2-3 8, Alvarez 2 1-2 7, Leibbrandt 2 0-0 6, Long 3 0-3 6, Matherly 2 1-2 5, Washington 2 0-0 4, 24 12-24 66. Three-pointers: Alvarez (2), Leibbrandt (2), Foster (2).

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