

Last minute shot sends Ione to state tourney

Freshman Billy Gates saved the Ione Cardinal boys' varsity from double overtime on Saturday, Feb. 17 in the Cardinals' game vs. Condon.

Gates came off the bench in the last minute to launch a three-point missile that scored the final and winning points against the Condon Blue Devils. The final score was 56-53.

Ione defeated South Wasco County on Friday, Feb. 16, 63-37, to advance to the finals on Saturday.

The Cardinal men jumped out with an eight-point lead in the first quarter against the Redseys. The

Ione squad continued to pound the Redseys, diminishing their hopes for a berth at the state tourney.

On Saturday, the Cardinals paired off against the Condon Blue Devils. The game remained close throughout the game, with Ione trailing the Blue Devils 13-8 at the end of the first quarter.

Ione turned up the tempo in the second quarter to score 20 points and lead Condon, 28-26.

Ione kept their lead at the end of the third quarter, leading by three points, 38-35, but the Devils outscored Ione, adding 14 points

to Ione's 10 for a tied score of 49-49, forcing an overtime situation.

Cory Bennetto, Brooks Rea and Adam Neiffer fouled out and coach Dennis Stefani could see that he would have to change the game plan to pull out a win. With less than a minute in the game, Stefani could see that Condon would be going all out on Corey Morgan and Aaron Brown. Stefani called a time out, and told his players shuffle the ball to Gates, who has a high percentage of sinking the ball from the three-point area. The Cardinals inbounded the ball, passed the ball to Gates and the rest is Cardinal history.



Photo by Jeri McElligott

The Ione Cardinals receive the second place trophy in the Big Sky 1A tournament.

The leading point producer was Brad Burright with a tournament total of 27 points. Burright also delivered six assists, captured 19 rebounds and seized five steals.

Brooks Rea scored 23 points, delivered six assists, brought down six rebounds and grabbed four opponent possessions. Aaron Brown added 22 points, seized 23 rebounds, delivered three assists, grabbed two steals and blocked two shot attempts. Corey Morgan scored 15 points, delivered eight assists, grabbed three rebounds, and seized two steals.

Cory Bennetto dumped in eight points, delivered two assists, captured seven rebounds and blocked one shot attempt. Dustin Haguewood scored eight points, delivered one assist and grabbed two rebounds. Adam Neiffer scored six points, handed out four assists, seized seven rebounds and three steals. Billy Gates contributed four points, one assist and four rebounds. Zac Fabian and Karl Morgan scored three points each for their team.

Ione will play North Powder in the State 1A Basketball Tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 3 p.m., at Baker City.



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Billy Gates (center) is surrounded by his teammates and coach following his last minute three-point shot which won the Cardinal game vs. Condon and earned second place in the Big Sky League and a spot in the 1A state tournament.

Good Luck At State Ione Cardinals!



Ione Cardinals Varsity: top row (L-R)-Assistant Coach Scott Burright, Assistant Coach Marc Orem, Andrew Rietmann, Karl Morgan, Brad Burright, Aaron Brown, Cory Bennetto, Dustin Haguewood, Manager Cameron Krebs, Head Coach Dennis Stefani; front row (L-R)-Corey Morgan, Brooks Rea, Adam Neiffer, Zac Fabian, Koby Rea, Billy Gates.

Ione vs. North Powder
Baker City High School, Baker City, Oregon
Wednesday, February 28th at 3:00 p.m.

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Mustang JVs rout Rockets

The Heppner Mustang JV boys scored early and often in routing the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets, 82-32, on Friday, Feb. 16, to move to 17 and 0 on the year.

Brian Rust scored nine and Brad Adams and Sam Van Liew each scored six as the Mustangs ran out to a 27-10 lead after one. Chuy Elguezabal scored five and Kelly Paullus, four, as the Mustangs extended their lead to 43-14 at halftime.

The Mustangs put the game away in the third, getting nine points from Elguezabal, eight from Rust and seven from Adams, taking a 69-20 lead after three quarters of play. Luke Murray hit four of four free throws in the fourth as the Mustangs took the easy win.

Elguezabal led the Mustangs with 19 points and pulled down five rebounds. Adams had 17 points and eight rebounds. Rust had 17 points and Van Liew had eight points and eight rebounds, five of them on the offensive end. Murray had seven points, Paullus, six, and Brian Haguewood pulled down four rebounds.

Statistics
 Pilot Rock: 10 4 6 12 - 32
 Heppner: 27 16 25 13 - 82
 Pilot Rock (32): Christensen 3 1-2 9, Doherty 2 2-2 6, Pompermayr 3 0-0 6, Minthorn 1 3-4 5, Steik 2 0-0 4, Walls 1 0-0 2, Waite, Gorten, Tatus, 12 6-8 32. Three-pointers: Christensen (2).
 Heppner: Chuy Elguezabal 8 2-4 19, Brian Rust 7 2-2 17, Brad Adams 6 4-5 17, Sam Van Liew 4 0-0 8, Luke Murray 1 4-4 7, Kelly Paullus 3 0-0 6, Kevin Drake 2 0-1 4, Brad Bowman 1 0-0 2, Brian Haguewood 1 0-0 2, Jon Bennett, Adam Bergstrom, Donald Adams, Leland Rill, 33 12-16 82. Three-pointers: Murray, Rust, B. Adams, Elguezabal.

Pancake supper scheduled

All Saints Episcopal Church will hold its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 27, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the church.

The menu will include pancakes, ham, fruit, coffee, tea, juice and milk.

Prices are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and \$10 for a family.

Proceeds will go toward mission and outreach.

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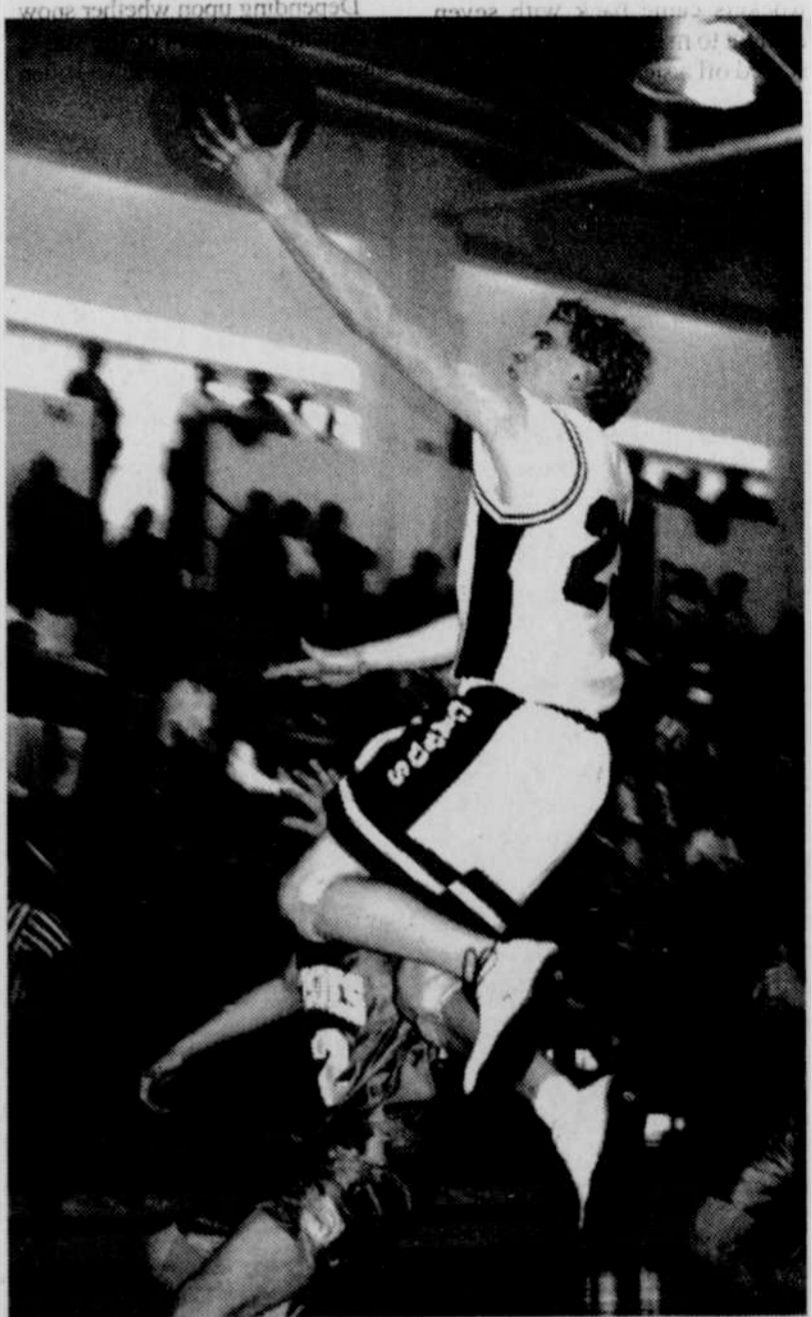


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Brad Burright goes up for a basket.

Cash prizes for Irish Joke & Story contest

Know a good Irish joke or story? Then be at the KUMA coffee hour on Saturday, March 17 and you could win \$50.

Once again the KUMA coffee hour will include its annual Irish Joke & Story telling contest.

Contestants will be live on the radio during the show and there will be a \$50 first prize, \$30 second prize and a \$20 third prize.

Practice up on your Irish brogue because contestants will not only be judged on how funny their story or joke is, but also on

presentation. For more information contact Coffee Hour chairman David Sykes at 676-9228, or just show up at the coffee hour upstairs at the Elks Club 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 17.

Scouts plan Blue & Gold Banquet

The Heppner Cub Scout Pack 661 plans to hold their annual Blue and Gold Banquet on Sunday, February 25, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Heppner Elk's Club dining room.