

Ione conquers Spray 59-24



Brad Burright runs through a hole with Ione blockers holding back the Spray defense.

photo by Debbie Radie

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The Ione and Spray football teams met on a hot mid-afternoon game on Sept. 14. Ione won the game, 59-24.

Ione, now ranked sixth in the state for 1A football, stayed ahead by making touchdowns with some long runs by the offense.

Touchdowns for the Cardinals included: A. Rietmann, 80-yard run, Burright ran in the extra points; Burright, a 52-yard run, and N. Christman with the run for extra points; Burright with a 75-yard run and Christman again for a run for the extra points; Burright, one-yard run, and Rietmann ran in for the extra points; A. Roberts, 54-yard run; A. Neiffer's huge 62-yard pass from Christman and Burright with a kick for the extra points; A. Neiffer with

another long pass from Christman for 22 yards and Neiffer completed the extra points with a pass from Rea; and Burright, 10-yard run.

Spray completed one touchdown in the second quarter with an 85-yard run, two in the third quarter with a 60-yard pass and another 65-yard run and, in the fourth quarter, a five-yard run.

Ione's strong running backs found the openings, with Burright 10-220, Rietmann 6-110, Roberts 5-72, Campbell 11-43, Christman 4-11 and Neiffer 1-3. Passing for Ione was fantastic, with Christman's five successful passes for 123 yards and Rea, one for three yards. Receivers were strong, led by A. Neiffer 4-101 and A. McCabe 2-25.

Defensive action results were not available at press time.

Cardinals victorious in opener vs Cove

By Debbie Radie

The Ione Cardinal boys were victorious in their opening season game in Ione on Sept. 7, defeating Cove, 38-8.

Ione's offensive attack was led by quarterback Brad Burright with 247 total yards (157 rushing and 90 yards passing). Experienced receivers for Ione, Adam McCabe and Adam Neiffer, were on top of their game with 5-47 yards by McCabe and 4-39 by Neiffer. Rietmann added 1-3 and Rea 1-5 yards in passes caught. Rushing included Burright, 21-157; Rietmann, 20-100; Gates, 4-3; A. Neiffer, 2-1; Christman, 4-7; and Roberts, 4-14. Christman came in as quarterback and with three attempts completed one pass for a five-yard gain.

Defensively, the Cardinals' hard-hitting men came out strong, led by Adam McCabe with 10 assisted tackles and one unassisted; Cameron Krebs with eight and one fumble recovery, one unassisted; A.

Rietmann, seven, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery; A. Neiffer, seven, one unassisted and one forced fumble; D. Campbell, five; K. Rea, five, one unassisted; A. Roberts, four; M. Radie, three, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries; P. Neiffer, two, one unassisted; Cayle Krebs two, two unassisted and two forced fumbles; B. Gates, two and two fumble recoveries; Burright, four, two unassisted; Raible, two, both unassisted tackles.

Touchdowns included: first quarter, A. Neiffer with an 1-yard pass from Burright and Rietmann ran in for the extra points; second quarter, Rietmann with a nine-yard run, McCabe received the pass from Burright for the extra points; third quarter, McCabe received a four-yard pass from Burright. Neiffer caught a pass from Burright for the extra points. Rietmann ran 14 yards for another touchdown; fourth quarter, Ashley Roberts ran three yards and ran in for the extra points as well.

Hardman prepares for Oyster Feed

Hardman Community Center members are sprucing up the old Community Hall in preparation for the annual "Oyster Feed/Salmon Bake" to be held Saturday Sept. 29. Tickets may be purchased at the door at 4:30 p.m.

Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living is again co-sponsoring the event.

The menu will include oysters, salmon, pineapple glazed baked ham, coleslaw, baked potatoes from Boardman, dessert and coffee or punch.

Prices are the same as last year- \$ 12 for adults, \$ 4.50 for children under 12, and pre-school age children

will be admitted free.

Proceeds from the dinner are used for the preservation of the historic Hardman Community Center Hall.

"Hardman is nearly a ghost town with a colorful past. It is located on Highway 207 south of Heppner. Pictures on the walls and antiques in the hall help visitors feel they have stepped back in time," said a group spokesperson.

"The popular dinner coincides with the opening weekend of the deer hunting season and is enjoyed by hungry hunters, people from the surrounding communities and many other guests," said a news release. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ponies open with 20-6 win over Stanfield

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Ponies opened their 2001 season with a 20-6 win over the visiting Stanfield Tigers on Friday, Sept. 14. The Ponies host Columbia on Friday, Sept. 21, in their next action.

The Ponies used good runs from Matt Kenny and Matthew Van Cleave to move deep into Stanfield territory in the first quarter. The Ponies scored on a 15-yard reverse by Quinn Peck late in the quarter to take a 6-0 lead.

The Ponies drove the ball deep into Stanfield territory again, but a Stanfield interception was returned 85 yards for a touchdown to tie the score at 6-6 at halftime.

Kyle Carlson scored on a 37-yard run early in the third quarter to give the Ponies a 12-6 lead.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Carlson picked up a fumble on a punt attempt and raced 55 yards for a touchdown. Peck scored on a pass for the two-point conversion to make the score 20-6.

Brandon Davis recovered a fumble later in the game to end a Stanfield drive and preserve the win for the Ponies.

The defense was led by Peter Geer, Gordon Wegworth, Rory Kilkenny, Carlson and Kenny.

Statistics
Stanfield: 0 6 0 0 - 6
Heppner: 6 0 6 8 - 20
First quarter: Heppner-Quinn Peck 15 yard run (run failed) 1:30
Second quarter: Stanfield-85 yard interception return (run failed) 4:20
Third quarter: Heppner-Kyle Carlson 37 yard run (run failed) 5:30
Fourth quarter: Heppner-Carlson 55 yard fumble return (Peck pass from Carlson) 4:00

Mustang JVs drop first game

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JVs dropped their first game of the season, 22-8, to the visiting Mac-Hi Pioneers on Thursday, Sept. 11.

The shorthanded Mustangs fell behind 14-0 in the second quarter but moved deep into Mac-Hi territory late in the half on a 35-yard pass from Tanner Britt to Tyler Boyer. Time ran out before they could score.

The Mustangs' only score came on a fourth-quarter, eight-yard run by Kyler Lovgren. Britt passed to Boyer for the two-point conversion to make the final score 22-8.

The Mustangs' next home game will be against Ione on Monday, Oct. 8.

Statistics
Mac-Hi: 8 6 8 0 - 22
Heppner: 0 0 0 8 - 8
First quarter: Mac-Hi-20 yard run (run good)
Second quarter: Mac-Hi-23 yard pass (run failed)
Third quarter: Mac-Hi-53 yard run (run good)
Fourth quarter: Heppner-Kyler Lovgren eight yard run (Tyler Boyer pass from Tanner Britt) 4:15

Ione varsity VB team participates in The Dalles tourney

Ione's varsity volleyball team traveled to The Dalles to participate in the Wahtonka High School tournament on Saturday, Sept. 15.

In the first game of the match, the Lady Cardinals were pitted against Dufur, losing the first game, 7-15. Ione defeated the Rangers 15-8 in the second game, but had a hard time getting the lead on Dufur, finally losing the match to the Rangers, 13-15, in the third game.

The first game was tied at five points each when Diana McElligott delivered a huge kill for Ione's side out. In game two, Ione was down 0-4 when Amellia Peck sent over the serve and Natalie McElligott blocked the return to score the first Cardinal point. Peck also served an unanswered serve for the ace to end game two. The third game was tight throughout the entire game before the Cardinals handed the victory to the Rangers.

The second match against Portland Christian was a frustrating one for the Cardinal women. Ione served 76 percent and hit only 73 percent for the team.

The third match against was almost as equally frustrating against Wahtonka, with only 74 percent success on serves, 67 percent on serve receive, while hitting improved to 80 percent for the match.

For the tournament the team was 83 percent successful on serves, 76 percent successful on serve receives,

79 percent on hitting, but only 62 percent on blocks.

Amellia Peck led the team with 14 points scored for the tournament, sent over three unanswered serves for the ace, had 36 passes, 22 hits and 16 kills. Diana McElligott scored 11 points for the day, one aces serve, 26 passes, 13 hits and eight kills. Salli McElligott scored 10 points, had seven unanswered serves, 24 passes, 16 hits and six kills.

Meghan M. McCabe led her team with 65 set assists, scored 10 points, three ace serves, had three hits and one kill. Natalie McElligott scored eight points, delivered one ace, 11 passes, had four hits and four kills.

Megan E. McCabe scored seven points, had two passes and hammered over two kills. Caitlin Orem added two points to the Cardinal score, had seven passes and one kill. Cyndi Heagy was credited for tough play on the net. Heagy had 13 hits, three kills and five blocks.

Kristina Powell was also a force to be reckoned with at the net. Powell accumulated three hits, two kills and did an outstanding job of blocking at the net. Tracy Griffith and Emily Key came off the Cardinal bench and contributed heavily in the Cardinal cause.

Ione site council holds meeting

By Debbie Radie

Ione 21st Century Site Council met on Sept. 12 for the first meeting of school year.

Cindy Burright was selected as chairperson. Melissa La Rue and Debbie Radie were approved as elected members by the community representing two of the parent positions that were open this year.

Ione Schools officially has tallied 153 students enrolled in grades K-12 as of Monday, Sept. 10.

The school architects gave a presentation at the community potluck last week and it was well attended by the public. The premier concern of the community is that there are enough classroom spaces for the kids.

The next advisory committee meeting will be the first Thursday of next month. Interested persons in the building project are encouraged to attend.

Dale Holland is the V-Tel teacher and reported that the program is going well. There are 15 students from Ione at the V-Tel site and eight in Heppner. Sheena Christman has received special training and is responsible for coordinating the technical aspects. The district has two V-Tel sites going this year and there are plans for more in the future.

Principal Mike Stuart said there would be no grade level testing this fall but told about the other testing that is due for the year. Some students are expected to be doing their CIM tests via computer this year. Third graders will be given a "sample" test to get an idea of where the children are since they have not yet been tested.

Mike Keown made a presentation about the required components of the school-wide plan. (C-dip) Some

schools used their site committee as their planning team and some schools choose a separate committee. He went on to explain some of the basic data components of the initial planning team. (i.e. student profile, curriculum instruction, student achievement, attendance rates, parental and community involvement, defining strengths and weaknesses, inquiry and research, etc.) The goal is that no child be left behind.

The consensus is to use the site committee as the school-wide planning committee. The staff will provide information and do a lot of the work. Parents and interested parties are welcome to attend the site council meetings held the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Ione High School library.

Honors and Recognition:
* Summer Academy students set goals for improving their RIT scores and they did 14-28 points. There were three who participated-Dalton Campbell, Justin Key and Clay Morter.

* Amellia Peck was awarded Oregon's Top 20 Female Scholar Athlete Award, awarded by OSAA and sponsored by William Davenport.

* School-wide: The school was awarded the OSAA Cup for the second year in a row for athletic scholarship and academic performance. Ione will be presented a flag for being one of the top 15 schools in the state for academic excellence and will also be included in a booklet featuring these schools.

At the next site council meeting, members plan to discuss the video program that Arlington has on their cable network involving their high school students.

Cardinal Booster Club meets

Cardinal Booster Club met at the Ione High School library Sept. 13. Thirteen members were present.

A thank you note was read from Cyndi Heagy and Kristina Powell for the donation the club made towards their trip to the MedQuest camp.

Monica Swanson noted the acknowledgements sign for people who donated to the gym renovation has been mounted on the hallway wall outside the gym.

The Blue Mountain Basketball Officials Association awarded thank you certificates to official bookkeepers Charity McElligott and Helen Heideman "for providing outstanding service to and teamwork with the on court officials and the student athletes during the 2000-2001 basketball season."

Vicki Wagenblast, representing the Ione Elementary staff, requested the club help purchase a die cut machine for the grade school. The machine will cut out multiple stencils and shapes in various sizes. The club approved \$1,000 for the purchase of the machine and additional shapes, to be decided by the elementary staff. The club also approved the purchase of headsets for the high school football team coaches.

There will be a steak feed before the Wasco County football game Friday, Sept. 21, from 6-7:30 p.m. Dinner will include an 8 oz. steak, baked potato, tossed salad and a homemade roll for \$7. This will be the club's first fund raiser of the year. Community members who haven't already done so may also pay dues of \$5 that evening.

Officers for the 2001-2002 year were elected. Debbie Radie will serve as president, Barb Collin vice president and Jeri McElligott secretary-treasurer. Debbie Morgan will once again be in charge of organizing dinners.

The next meeting of Cardinal Booster Club will be Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. at the high school library.

Local angus breeder recognized

Sam Bellamy of Lexington owns one bull listed in the 2001 Fall Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association headquartered in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 5,999 sires. The report is accessible at www.angus.org.

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world," says John Crouch, American Angus Association director of performance programs. "Of the sires listed in the main report, 76 percent have expected progeny differences (EPD) for carcass traits,

which should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics that will produce a more consistent, higher quality beef product." EPD are generated from performance data submitted by breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

Traits in which EPD are available include birth weight, weaning weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height, and scrotal circumference, as well as carcass traits including carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area, external fat thickness and percent retail product. The analysis for the sire evaluation report is conducted at Iowa State University, by Dr. Doyle E. Wilson and Dr. Abebe Hassen.

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