

Cardinals defeat Wasco, lose to Dufur in districts

The Ione Cardinals entered the district tournament in second place and faced off against South Wasco County, their first match of the day on Nov. 3.

The Cardinals easily defeated the RedSides, 15-5, in the first game and 15-12 in the second game.

In the second game of the match, Ione was plagued with bad passes and allowed South Wasco a 0-7 lead before Amellia Peck scored to jumpstart her team. Peck launched over six points to close the lead, 6-7. The RedSides retaliated by widening the lead with an additional point but Kristina Powell had a huge block on a serve receive that allowed an Ione point and closed the lead again within one point, 7-8.

Diana McElligott then delivered an ace serve to tie the game at 8-8. The game remained tight, with each team matching point-for-point until Amellia Peck delivered a colossal kill off of a set assist by Meghan McCabe. Emily Key did an outstanding job of coming off the bench to make a kill for her team and helping the Cardinals seal the match with a 15-12 win.

Ione advanced to play against Dufur for second place and a chance to enter the state playoffs in Monmouth.

The Cardinals and the Rangers played the first game of the match extremely tight, answering each other point for point. With the score tied at 12, the Lady Cardinals let a few serves drop in the back row and made another mistake to allow the Rangers to take the first game, 12-15.

The Lady Cardinals came out in game two and surprised the Rangers. Natalie McElligott stepped up and had several huge blocks while teammate Megan E. McCabe sent over six consecutive serves to help take the second game with a 15-6 victory and forcing the Rangers into a three game match.

Game three proved to be just as exciting as the first game, with the score remaining tight throughout the game. Amellia Peck and Diana McElligott had outstanding net play with huge blocks and smartly placed hits and tips. The game was tied at 13-13 when Dufur slammed over two consecutive points that Ione was unable to control, allowing the Rangers to take the match with a 13-15 win.

Amellia Peck led the Cardinals in the tournament with 18 points, four aces, 23 passes, 15 hits, seven kills, eight saves, 11 blocks and four set assists. Caitlin Orem sent over 15 points, one ace and delivered 13 set assists. Diana McElligott scored 12 points, three aces, 25 passes, 16 hits, seven kills, 12 saves, 10 blocks and four set assists. Natalie McElligott served 100 percent for the tournament, provided nine points, delivered two aces, controlled nine passes, hammered 18 hits, five kills, eight saves, four set assists and blocked seven hit attempts.

Meghan M. McCabe scored seven points, two aces, two saves and delivered 26 set assists for the tournament. Megan E. McCabe produced six points, one ace and nine set assists. Salli McElligott cranked out three points, 11 passes, nine hits, one kill, five saves and blocked two hits. Cyndi Heagy hammered 13 hits, three kills, two saves and blocked one hit.

Kristina Powell received two serves, pounded three hits, three kills and blocked three hits. Sophomore Emily Key did an exceptional job of coming off the bench to slam over one kill and pass one set assist. Sara Peck also came off the bench at a critical time in the tournament to produce two blocks.

The Cardinals served 83 percent and hit 84 percent for the tournament.



Lady Cardinal Amellia Peck (center) gets ready to return the ball during district playoffs. photo by Debbie Radie



Ione Lady Cardinals (left to right) Natalie McElligott, Salli McElligott, Meghan McCabe, Amellia Peck and Diana McElligott receive all-star awards at the district playoff games. photo by Debbie Radie

Colts end season with win over Umatilla

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Colts evened their record at 3-3 with a 14-8 win over Umatilla in their last game of the season on Wednesday, Oct. 24, in Umatilla.

The Colts' defense held on Umatilla's first possession, forcing a punt and taking over at midfield. Dalton Wellman picked up 17 yards, Lane Bailey hit Ben McCarl for another 15 yards and Sean Murray ran twice for 10 yards. Murray then took it in from two yards out for the Colts' first touchdown. They led 8-0 after Eric Skaggs kicked the extra point.

The Colts got the ball back in the second quarter and drove down the field on good running by Murray, Wellman and Bailey, but couldn't score. They took the 8-0 lead into halftime.

The third quarter went back and forth as the Colts had two drives stopped by fumbles. They took over in Umatilla territory midway through the fourth after the defense held on fourth down.

Murray took it down to the 15 on a 17-yard run to set up a pass from Bailey to Cyde Coil for a touchdown.

Umatilla came right back and scored on a 60-yard pass play and kicked the extra point to narrow the gap to 14-8, but the Colts were able to run out the clock to take the win.

The defense was led by Matt McCabe, Taylor Hodges, Braden Britt, Nacho Elguezabal, Andre Rauch, Bo Foster and Jake VanDoorn.

Members of the Colts included sixth graders, Matt McCabe, Jason Wainwright, Lane Bailey, Ben McCarl, Sean Murray, Logan

Anthony, Nacho Elguezabal, Cyde Coil, Jake VanDoorn, Andre Rauch, Eric Skaggs and Taylor Hodges. Fifth graders included Braden Britt, James Cook, Matt Holland, Spencer Palmer, Christopher Hendricks, Bo Foster, Luke Young, Chris Wellington, Dalton Wellman, Joe Pranger and Grant Smith. The Colts' coaches were Kelly Fox, John McCabe, Mike Doherty, Brad Foster and Chris Rauch.

Statistics
Heppner: 8 0 0 6 - 14
Umatilla: 0 0 0 8 - 8
First Quarter:
Heppner-Sean Murray two yard run (Eric Skaggs kick).
Fourth Quarter:
Heppner-Cyde Coil 15 yard pass from Lane Bailey (kick failed). Umatilla-60 yard pass (kick good).

Ione Cardinals defeat Echo

The Ione Cardinal Volleyball team defeated the Echo Cougars, 15-12, 15-9, on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Echo jumped out with a 7-1 lead in game one before Ione's Natalie McElligott and Diana McElligott double-teamed one of Echo's hitters for a block, shifting the momentum to the Cardinals. Ione had closed in on Echo, 5-7, but Echo jumped ahead to lead Ione 12-7. Ione then forced some Cougar errors, soon tying the score at 12, and then proceeded to take the first game of the match 15-12.

Ione jumped ahead to a 9-0 lead before Echo scored their first point of game two. Echo started to ignite but was too late and Ione took the second game, 15-9.

Leading point producer for Ione was Natalie McElligott who served 100 percent for her team, scored eight points, two aces, 10 passes, one save, four hits, three kills and five blocks. Meghan M. McCabe rocketed over seven points, four aces serves and delivered 18 set assists. Amellia Peck served 100 percent, scored five points, three aces, 10 passes, eight hits, three kills, one save, five blocks and delivered five set assists.

Salli McElligott added four points, one ace, four passes, two hits, four kills, two saves and delivered three set assists. Caitlin Orem, who also had flawless serving for the Cardinals, added four points, one ace and passed 11 set assists. Diana McElligott scored two points, controlled 12 passes, hammered nine hits, seven kills, had two saves, five blocks and five set assists. Cyndi Heagy delivered four hits, three kills and one block.

Kristina Powell accepted one pass, slammed over four hits, two kills, passed one set assist and blocked four Cougar hit attempts. Megan

E. McCabe served 100 percent and delivered 13 set assists to her team.

The Cardinals hit 88 percent for the match and served 95 percent for the match, the best serving percentage they have had all year.

Pomona Grange holds quarterly meeting

Wheatland Pomona Grange held its quarterly meeting at the Lexington Grange on Oct. 27 with Jane Dean, master, in the chair.

During the business meeting the master reported that each grange in the state has been asked to furnish items for the National Grange which will be held in Portland at the Jantzen Beach Convention Center in November 2002. Also, each grange is to have a member to act on the arrangements committee.

The suggestion was made that a bus be chartered to take any local members to receive the state degree at State Grange in June 2002 in Eugene at Willamette High School. This would make them eligible for the National Degree.

Election of officers for Pomona for the next two years was held. Officers elected are: master, Jane Dean; overseer, Dorris Graves; lecturer, Dorothy Jackson; steward, Wilbur Jackson; assistant steward, Otis Dean; lady assistant steward, Barbara Gilbert; chaplain, Zelma McDaniel; secretary, Charles Garner; treasurer, Clarence Buchanan; Graces, Nina Knighten as Pomona, Mrs. Stangel as Ceres, and Aloha Medlock as Flora; and executive committee members Barbara Gilbert, Dot Halvorsen and Wilma Martin.

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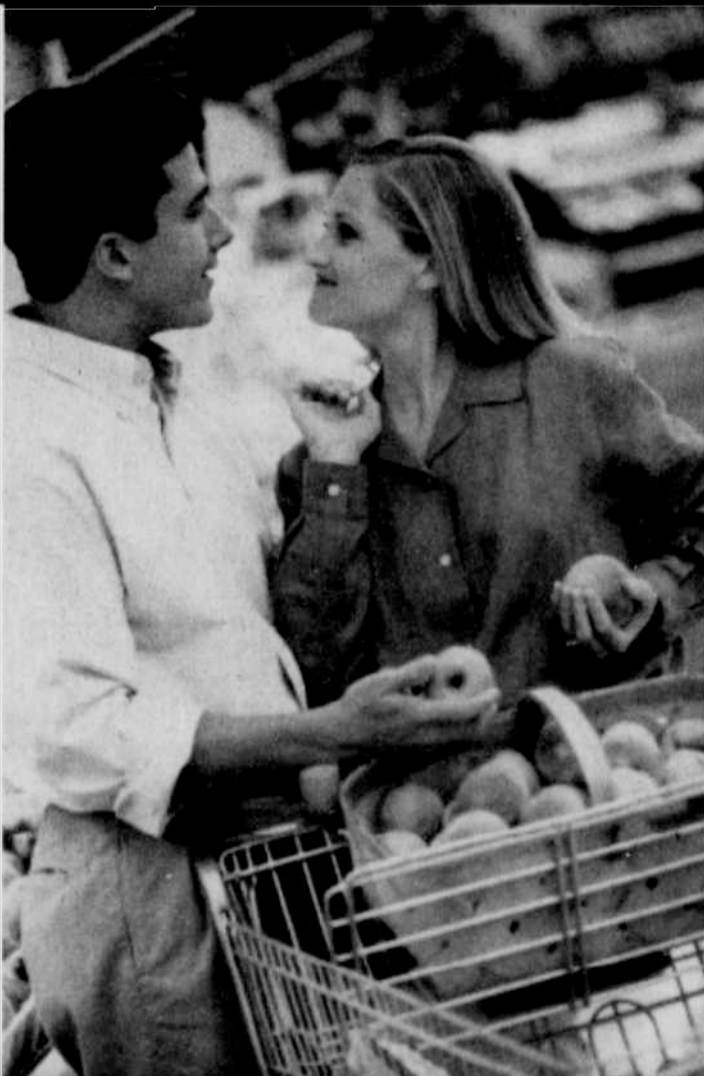
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