

## Ione varsity girls lose to Heppner

Ione Cardinal varsity girls lost to Heppner on Saturday, Dec. 15 at the South Morrow County Tournament.

Heppner's tight defensive play held Ione to one point in the first quarter while the Mustangs dumped in 14 points. Even with the 13-point deficit in the first quarter, the Lady Cardinals did not give up and were able to get themselves back into the game.

Ione outscored Heppner in the second and third quarters but was unable to take the lead, losing to Heppner 43-55.

Diana McElligott led the Cardinals with 16 points, two assists and led the team with six steals. Amellia Peck scored 10 points, grabbed four rebounds and delivered one assist. Salli McElligott made three attempts from the three-point area for a total of nine points. McElligott also captured two rebounds, seized one steal and delivered one assist. Natalie McElligott scored four points, apprehended four rebounds, and handed out one assist.

Kristina Powell scored three points, grabbed one rebound and one steal. Cyndi Heagy scored two points at the free throw line, passed off two assists and captured four rebounds and three steals. Tracy Griffith aided in the team pilferage with two steals.

Ione varsity men were also unsuccessful at claiming a victory over Heppner Mustangs. Heppner outscored Ione, 86-56.

Ione had a 28-40 deficit after the first half but the Mustangs released 29 points in the third quarter alone.

Ione's leading point producer was Brad Burright with 25 points. Burright also grabbed three rebounds and blocked one shot. Ashley Roberts contributed 11 points, delivered three assists, three rebounds and one steal to the team effort. Adam Neiffer scored eight points, handed out two assists, and nabbed two steals. Andrew Rietmann scored seven points, passed off four assists and grabbed two rebounds. Billy Gates added five points, delivered three assists, grabbed two rebounds and one steal.



Diana McElligott and Natalie McElligott in action at the Morrow County Tournament in Ione

## Ione varsity dominate Tigers

Ione Cardinal varsity women totally dominated the Stanfield Tigers on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

The Lady Cardinals jumped out early in the first quarter to lead the Tigers 9-2. Salli McElligott intercepted a ball, passed it off to her sister, Diana, who took the ball inside for two points. Diana McElligott and Amellia Peck should have been cited for petty larceny as both had several steals in the first quarter of the game.

Salli McElligott launched a three point shot in the second quarter and was fouled, adding insult to injury. At the close of the first half, Ione led Stanfield, 24-9.

Amellia Peck led the team with 20 points. Peck also seized the team with six steals, captured five rebounds and delivered one assist. Diana McElligott scored 13 points, led the team larceny with eight steals and captured two rebounds. Natalie McElligott contributed nine points,

two rebounds, three steals and led the team with seven assists.

Salli McElligott scored six points, two shots from the three point area, and delivered one assist. Barbara Holland canned four points, captured one rebound and blocked one shot. Cyndi Heagy scored two points, led the team with seven rebounds, nabbed two steals and delivered one assist.

Emily Key scored two points at the free throw line and delivered one assist. Kristina Powell scored two points at the line, seized three rebounds, led the team with two blocked shots, handed off one assist and snared two Stanfield possessions. Tracy Griffith donated one point and grabbed two rebounds. Caitlin Orem hit one bucket at the free throw line grabbed one rebound, one steal and delivered one assist.

## Ione JV girls lose to Stanfield

Ione basketball teams hosted Stanfield on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Ione junior varsity women lost a tight battle against the Tigers, 22-24.

Eva Chitty put Ione on the scoreboard with two points at the beginning of the first quarter. Megan E. McCabe did an outstanding job of rebounding, captured an offensive rebound and scored two points for the Cardinals. Alyssa Rietmann drew a foul and hit one of two attempts for a 6-8 deficit at the end of the quarter.

Meghan M. McCabe launched a shot from three-point territory and donated one point at the charity stripe. Sara Peck hit a basket for two points and made one of two attempts at the free throw line for a 12-16 score at the half.

In the third quarter, Emily Key intercepted a Stanfield pass, drove the ball down to the basket to score and drew a foul in the process. Key canned one of two attempts at the free throw line. With 10 seconds left in the quarter, Barbara Holland scored two points to tie the score at 18, drew a foul and scored one point to lead the Cardinals 19-18 at the close of the quarter.

The fourth quarter remained extremely tight. Stanfield added four points to the scoreboard to lead the Cardinals by three. Emily Key robbed another Tiger possession and scored two for the Cardinals to close the lead within one. Stanfield scored an additional two points to secure the win.

Sara Peck displayed an outstanding performance, leading her team with five points, three rebounds and one steal. Barbara Holland added four points, five rebounds and one steal. Meghan M. McCabe scored four points, captured one rebound and nabbed two steals. Emily Key scored three points, led the team larceny with six steals, and captured one rebound.

Eva Chitty scored two points, grabbed two rebounds and four steals. Alyssa Rietmann scored two points, brought down two rebounds, delivered one assist, and stole three Tiger possessions. Megan E. McCabe contributed two points, five rebounds and two steals to the team effort. Missy Baker helped the lone squad on the boards bringing down five rebounds.

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## Ione hosts South Morrow Co. Tourney

Ione hosted the South Morrow County Tournament on December 14-15.

During the Ione varsity girls' game on Dec. 14, Natalie McElligott drew a foul in the first minute of the game against Umatilla and scored the first two points of the game at the free throw line. Toward the end of the first quarter, the Lady Cardinals threw up several shots that just wouldn't fall. With two seconds remaining in the first quarter, the Lady Cardinals were down 5-8 when Salli McElligott launched a three point shot to tie the score at eight.

In the beginning of the second quarter, Umatilla made a foul shot to lead Ione by one point. Amellia Peck drove to the center for two points and then repeated the performance to lead 12-9. The Vikings followed up with several steals and soon the Ione team trailed 12-13. The game remained extremely tight. When the score was tied at 14-14, Salli McElligott pumped in two consecutive three point shots to take the lead at 20-14. Amellia Peck then drove into the center, scored two points and drew a foul, making two additional points at the free throw line to lead 24-14.

Umatilla applied a full court press in an effort to keep the Cardinals from scoring the last two minutes of the first half. With 10 seconds remaining in the first half, Natalie McElligott made a steal, the ball was passed to Diana McElligott and at half time, Ione had a 26-16 lead.

In the third quarter, Ione was plagued with turnovers. Umatilla capitalized on the Cardinals' misfortune and with three minutes remaining in the quarter, both teams



Amelia Peck tries for steal against Umatilla

had a slugfest of baskets, tying the score at 41-41.

In the fourth quarter, Kristina Powell was called upon and donated two points at the free throw line when Umatilla drew a technical foul. Amellia Peck had outstanding offensive play throughout the game, grabbed an offensive rebound and scored a basket to lead the Vikings 51-47. The Lady Cardinals kept their lead the remainder of the quarter and finally closed with a 81-55 victory.

Amellia Peck led her team with 18 points, nine rebounds and delivered one assist. Natalie

McElligott contributed 16 points, captured six rebounds, blocked three shots, seized nine of her opponents' possessions and delivered nine assists. Salli McElligott scored all nine of her points from behind the three-point marker. McElligott also grabbed one rebound and three steals. Diana McElligott donated eight points, seized six rebounds, one steal, and delivered three assists. Cyndi Heagy added five points, three rebounds and one steal to her team's crusade. Kristina Powell scored five points, led the team on the boards with 13 rebounds, blocked two shots and retained one Umatilla possession.

## Ione varsity boys squeak by Umatilla



Brad Burright, Adam McCabe and Andrew Rietmann in action against Umatilla

Ione Cardinal varsity men squeaked past Umatilla in their first game of the South Morrow County Tournament on Friday, Dec. 14.

Within two minutes of the first quarter the score was tied at 4-4 when Billy Gates fired a missile from the three-point territory to lead Umatilla 7-4. Billy Gates and Ashley Roberts pumped in an total of seven buckets from the three-point territory and with three minutes off the clock, Roberts sent an impressive pass inside to Adam McCabe for a basket and a 25-15 lead.

Adam Neiffer seized a rebound under the Viking bucket and made a long pass to Brad Burright to score two. Andrew Rietmann repeated the performance with another long pass to Burright for an additional two points and a 31-21 lead. Ione men did an outstanding job of getting the ball to the middle for Burright to score.

Umatilla turned up the heat, and with two and a half minutes remaining in the first half, had closed the lead to within two points, 34-32.

Adam Neiffer came out in the third quarter, captured a Viking possession and took it down the court to score two. Neiffer continued on a mission, donated two points at the free throw line and then scored an additional two points off an offensive rebound to help the Cardinals secure a 57-40 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Cardinal men had nearly flawless passing in the fourth quarter. Umatilla had a difficult time keeping up with the lane men. With two and a half minutes left in the game, Ione had a 69-58 lead. Umatilla made

a comeback to close the lead to four points. With three seconds remaining, Umatilla scored three points to tighten the score to 72-71. Ashley Roberts drew a foul with two seconds remaining and secured the 73-71 victory for his Ione squad.

Brad Burright was the leading point manufacturer with 26 points. Burright delivered one assist, apprehended 16 rebounds, overturned one Umatilla possession and blocked one Viking attempt for a basket. Ashley Roberts scored 16 points, brought down five rebounds, two

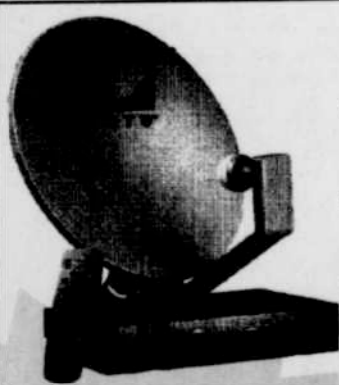
steals and delivered nine assists. Billy Gates scored nine points from three-point territory, delivered three assists and earned one steal. Adam McCabe scored eight points and grabbed one rebound.

Adam Neiffer contributed six points, delivered one assist, brought down four rebounds and nabbed three steals. Andrew Rietmann scored five points, passed out seven assists and grabbed three rebounds. Freshman Nick Christman scored three points and handed out one assist.

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