

## Ponies defeat Umatilla

By Rick Paullus

A strong running game helped the Heppner Ponies to a 24-6 win over the visiting Umatilla Vikings on Friday, Sept. 20 to improve their record to 1-0-1 on the year. They will be at Pilot Rock on Friday, Sept. 27, at 3 p.m. for their next game.

Ben McCarl recovered a fumble on the Vikings' first drive and the Ponies drove down the field, capping the drive with a Kody Lovgren five-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion failed and the Ponies led 6-0 with 4:47 left in the first quarter.

The Vikings fumbled again on their next possession, this time recovered by Nathan VanCleave, and the Ponies again drove down the field scoring on a five-yard pass from Lane Bailey to Casey Maben. The pass failed on the conversion attempt but the Ponies led 12-0 after one quarter.

The Ponies scored late in the first half as Quinn Peck used a 30-yard run to set up a one-yard touchdown run to make it 18-0 at halftime.

The Ponies took the second half kick-off and used runs by Matt McCabe and Peck to drive inside the five where Nathan Kennedy took in from the tow to make it 24-0 midway through the third quarter.

The Vikings scored their only touchdown following the kick-off on a 60-yard run by Cody Ford-Day to make it 24-6.

The Vikings drove to the Ponies' twenty in the fourth quarter but turned the ball over again on a fumble recovered by Peck. The Ponies were able to run out the clock to preserve the win.

The Ponies got good defensive play from Aaron Allstott, McCabe, Peck, Taylor, Hodges, VanCleave, Maben, Lovgren and Justin Gregory.

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**First Quarter**  
Heppner- Kody Lovgren five-yard run (run failed) 4:47  
Heppner- Casey Maben five-yard pass from Lane Bailey (pass failed) 1:26

**Second Quarter**  
Heppner- Quinn Peck one-yard run (pass failed) 1:36

**Third Quarter**  
Heppner- Nathan Kennedy two-yard run (run failed) 3:47  
Umatilla- Cody Ford-Day 60-yard run (pass failed) 3:31

## Ione victorious over Spray



Tyler Raible catches a pass in the third quarter for the extra points.

Ione High School won its football game against Spray, 68-26, on Friday, Sept. 13.

In the first quarter, Andrew Rietmann had a 65-yard run for the touchdown and Mike Radie made the run for the extra points. Radie gained another touchdown for the Cardinals with a two-yard run. Bill Gates received a 45-yard pass from Nick Christman for another touchdown. Rietmann ran 27 yards for Ione's fourth touchdown and Radie ran in for the extra points.

The second quarter saw Rietmann run 34 yards for the fifth Cardinal touchdown of the night. Kelly Thompson ran 29 yards for another touchdown.

Rietmann made a 53-yard run in the third quarter for a seventh touchdown and a pass to Tyler Raible brought in the extra points. Rietmann also had 70-yard

run touchdown and Thompson made a run for the extra points.

Continuing to build Ione's lead, Thompson received a 10-yard pass from Christman for another touchdown and Gates brought in the tenth and final touchdown with a 39-yard run.

Cameron Krebs and Raible each knocked down a pass and Thompson and Gates intercepted a pass. Paul Neiffer caused a fumble; while Karl Morgan, Cameron Krebs and Bill Ross recovered fumbles for the Cardinals.

**Un-Assisted Tackles:**  
Christman 3, Neiffer 3, Cayle Krebs 3, Raible 3, Radie 2, Dan Satterly 2, and William Bergstrom 2, Thompson 1, Arthur Ekstrom 1, Rietmann 1, and Gates 1.

**Assisted Tackles:** Neiffer 7, Cameron Krebs 6, Cayle Krebs 5, Christman 4, Raible 4, Satterly 3, Radie 2, Gutierrez 2, Ross 2, Ekstrom 2, Gates 1, and Tim Doherty 1.

## Ione JV volleyball team claims third at tournament

Ione's junior varsity volleyball team claimed third place at the Heppner Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 21.

Ione defeated Heppner JV, 25-23, 25-17, in their first match of the day but lost to Wahtonka JV, 20-25, 21-25. The Cardinals then defeated Sherman Co. C team 25-18, 25-19 for second place in their pool.

Ione was unable to defeat Sherman's JV team to advance to the finals, losing 22-25, 19-25. Ione earned third place by defeating Heppner's JV/C team 25-23, 25-17.

Leading point producers for Ione were Jamie VandenBrink and Missy Baker with 14 points each. Jenny Griffith scored 11 points, while Abby Key and Ashly Grams each scored 10 points.

Kim Morris belted over eight points and Alyssa Rietmann scored four points for the tournament.

## Lady Cardinals gain victory

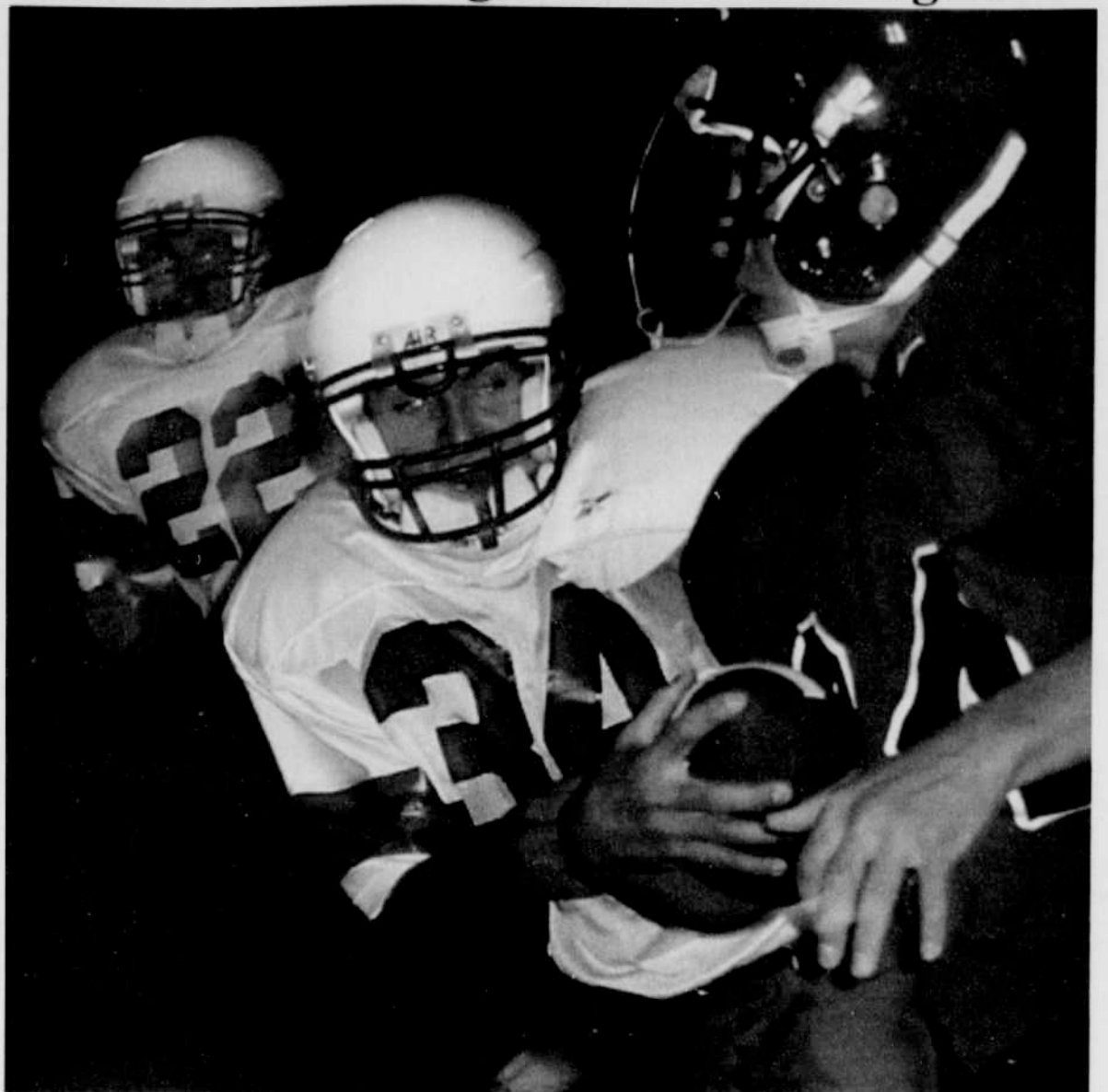
Ione teams hosted Dufur on Friday, Sept. 20, and chalked up another victory. The Cardinal varsity team wiped out the Rangers, defeating Dufur in three games, 25-19, 25-14, 25-22.

Natalie McElligott hammered several hits and blocked several Dufur hits to keep the Rangers from taking a single game. Diana McElligott was relentless on the net, delivered a huge kill in game two to command the lead early in the game. Tracy Griffith and Caitlin Orem also increased their pressure on the net rejecting several hits by the Rangers.

Diana McElligott led the Cardinals with 11 points, 20 passes and led the team with 42 hits. Meghan McCabe added 10 points, received 13 passes, delivered 11 hits and led the team with 40 set assists. Caitlin Orem scored nine points, delivered 39 passes and ten hits. Megan E. McCabe scored six points, hammered five hits, delivered five hits and 25 set assists. Natalie McElligott scored four points, delivered 33 passes, had four blocks and knocked over 19 hits. Emily Key scored two points and received 31 passes. Tracy Griffith launched nine hits, received two passes and stopped four Ranger hits. Sara Peck also contributed five passes and six hits.

The Ione junior varsity team was not as successful in

## Ione Cardinals lose game to Dufur Rangers



Ione's Andrew Rietmann runs down the sidelines with the ball as a Ranger attempts to stop him.

Fans sat three deep on the sidelines, as the "game of the week" for 1A football played out on Friday, Sept. 20, with the Ione Cardinals vs. the Dufur Rangers.

When the Dufur Rangers ran back the kick off for a touchdown in the first play of the game the Ione team struggled to gain its confidence until the second half of the game, but not

in time to take the win from Dufur. The game ended in Dufur's favor, 54-22.

Andrew Rietmann helped bring in the three touchdowns for the Cardinals.

**Rushing:** Rietmann 24-96, Nick Christman 9-11, Nathan Rea 2-2, Mike Radie 6-(-6).

**Passing:** Christman 14-158.

**Receiving:** Kelly Thompson 4-29, Rietmann 5-101, Radie 1-(-6), Brian Gutierrez 2-13, and Bill Gates 2-21.

**Un-Assisted Tackles:**  
Christman 5, Rietman 4, Cayle Krebs 7, Thompson 3, Paul Neiffer 2, Cameron Krebs 1, and Gates 1.

**Assisted Tackles:** Rietmann 8, Neiffer 8, Cameron Krebs 8, Thompson 5, Cayle Krebs 2, Gates 3, Radie 3, Karl Morgan 1, and Christman 3.

**Caused Fumbles:** Cayle Krebs 1.

**Recovered Fumbles:** Mike Radie 1.

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## Lady Cardinal's varsity team victorious against Heppner

The Ione Cardinal volleyball teams traveled to Heppner on Tuesday, Sept. 17 and came out victorious.

The Lady Cardinal varsity team played a marathon match against their opponent before claiming the three games needed for a victory.

Ione lost their first match 16-25, came back and narrowly beat the Mustangs, 27-25, lost their third match, 18-25, and then won the next two matches, 25-23, 15-12. Meghan M. McCabe led the Cardinals with 13 points, delivering two ace serves. Meghan McCabe also added seven hits, eight passes and led the team with 28 set assists. Emily Key scored eight points, delivered 21 passes and hammered one kill. Diana McElligott scored eight points, launched one ace serve, and led the team with 37 passes and 27 hits. Megan E. McCabe scored six points and delivered 24 set assists. Caitlin Orem scored five points, passed 33 balls, hammered five hits and blocked one Heppner hit. Natalie McElligott scored five points, led the team with seven blocks,

handled 37 passes and hammered 20 hits.

Ashly Grams did an outstanding job of coming off the bench to score two points for her team. Sara Peck donated four passes, one block and four hits to her team's effort. Also aiding the Cardinals with their passing were Alyssa Rietmann and Jenny Griffith with two passed balls each.

Ione's junior varsity team members were unable to overcome the Mustangs on Tuesday, losing 23-25, 25-16, 13-15. Abby Key served 100 percent, scoring 13 points. Key also delivered 11 set assists. Missy Baker scored seven points, handled 12 passes and knocked over five hits. Jamie VandenBrink scored four points and received seven passes. Ashly Grams aced one serve, scored a total of four points, delivered three hits, five set assists and received 15 passes. Jenny Griffith scored four points, handled eight passes and delivered two hits. Kim Morris contributed three points, aced two serves and handled nine passes.

## Ione Lady Cardinals take third in Wahtonka Volleyball Tournament

Ione Lady Cardinals' volleyball team traveled to The Dalles on Saturday, Sept. 14, to participate in the Wahtonka Volleyball tournament. The Cardinals came home with third place.

Ione lost their first match of the day to Dufur, 12-25, 21-25. The Cardinal women had a hard time getting their passes to the setters and lacked the net play needed to overcome the Rangers.

Ione claimed a victory in their second match against Portland Christian, defeating Portland, 26-24, 16-25, 15-13.

In the last match of the day, the Cardinal women lost their first game against Wahtonka, 14-25. The Cardinals avenged their loss with a 25-16 win but was unable to keep up the momentum for the match, dropping the third game, 7-15.

Natalie McElligott led the Cardinals with 25 points for the

tournament. Emily Key launched over 17 points, while Caitlin Orem and Sara Peck both scored nine points each. Sara Peck really stepped up for the Cardinals on the net knocking over 14 hits and blocking six opponent hits. Diana McElligott scored seven points, Meghan M. McCabe scored four points and Megan E. McCabe scored two points for the tournament.

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