

Mustang boys use second half to get by Cardinals



#15 Donald Adams takes a shot as he is guarded by #10 of Ione

By Rick Paullus

After an even first half, the Heppner Mustang boys' varsity outscored the Ione Cardinals 33-19 in the second half to pull away for a 61-47 win in the first game of the season for both teams.

The Cardinals opened the game hitting two three-pointers, but Luke Murray hit a long jumper, Brian Smith hit two free throws then fed Chuy Elguezabal for a lay-in, Connor Kilkenny scored off a rebound and Brian Haguewood hit a short jumper to give the Mustangs a 10-7 lead. Another three-pointer by the Cardinals tied it up, Elguezabal scored off a drive but the Cardinals scored to tie it 12-12 after one.

Brad Adams scored off a pass from Justin Botefuhr to open the second, Elguezabal scored from Botefuhr, Adams fed Murray and Tanner Britt for lay-ins, hit a running jumper and added two free throws to make it 24-28 at half time.

The Cardinals scored first in the third but the Mustangs scored the next 12 as Botefuhr hit a jumper, Elguezabal hit a three-pointer and scored off a drive, then fed Botefuhr twice for lay-ins and Adams hit a free throw to make it 40-30. The teams traded baskets as Britt hit a baseline jumper, Josh Winters scored off a pass from Kilkenny and Haguewood hit a short

jumper as the Mustangs took a 46-37 lead after three.

A Cardinal three-pointer pulled them to within six to open the fourth but the Mustangs went on a 15-0 run to put the game away. Botefuhr scored off a rebound, Adams fed Murray for a lay-in, Botefuhr scored off a nice pass from Elguezabal and made a free throw, Adams hit a jumper, Kilkenny and Smith each hit a free throw and Elguezabal scored twice on lay-ins off drives. The Cardinals scored the final seven points to make the ending score 61-47.

Elguezabal hit six of 11 shots to finish with 15 points, had four assists and three steals with Botefuhr hitting five of six shots for 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Adams hit four of seven shots for nine points, grabbed nine rebounds and had three assists. Kilkenny had seven points and six rebounds and Smith grabbed seven rebounds.

Heppner 12 16 18 15-61

Ione 12 16 9 10-47

Heppner: Chuy Elguezabal 7 0-3 15, Justin Botefuhr 5 1-2 11, Brad Adams 3 3-5 9, Connor Kilkenny 2 3-8 7, Luke Murray 3 0-0 6, Tanner Britt 2 0-0 4, Brian Haguewood 2 0-0 4, Brian Smith 0 3-4 3, Josh Winters 1 0-0 2, Doug Orwick, Donald Adams and Aaron Griffith. 25 10-22 61 **3-pt.:** Elguezabal.

Ione: Brown 4 1-2 12, Christman 4 3-4 12, Krebs 4 0-2 8, Gates 2 0-0 6, Radie 2 0-0 4, Morgan 1 1-2 3, Rietmann 1 0-0 2, K. Thompson, C. Thompson Ekstrom and Raible. 18 5-10 47 **3-pt.:** Brown 3, Gates 2 and Christman.

Mustang girls open with win



Chelsea Britt and Tylynn Smith going for the rebound

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity opened their season with a 54-40 win over the Ione Cardinals in Ione on Tuesday, Dec. 3 using a 15-4 advantage in the third quarter to pull away.

The Mustangs took an early 8-2 lead and eventually led 13-9 after one but the Cardinals came back to take a 21-16 lead midway through the second. Stefanie Hanson scored on a pass from Shanna Rietmann and Lacey Matteson hit a turn around jumper to get the Mustangs to within one, the Cardinals came back with a basket, Rietmann hit two free throws and after another Ione basket Matteson hit another jumper and Rietmann hit a three-pointer to give the Mustangs a 27-25 lead at halftime.

Matteson scored five more points, Hanson hit a three-pointer and Chelsea Britt hit a short jumper as the Mustangs extended their lead to 42-29 after three.

The Mustangs kept up the pressure as Brooke Rust scored off a drive and Rietmann scored off a steal and assist from Madison Bailey. The Cardinals cut the lead to 48-36 but Susan Southworth scored on a break on a pass from Hanson and Matteson hit a running jumper to put the game away.

Matteson finished with 15 points, six rebounds, three steals and two assists. Rietmann scored 12 points, grabbed six rebounds and had two assists. Hanson had seven points, three steals and two assists. Britt had seven points, Tylynn Smith had five rebounds and two steals, Bailey had two assists and two steals and Southworth had five rebounds.

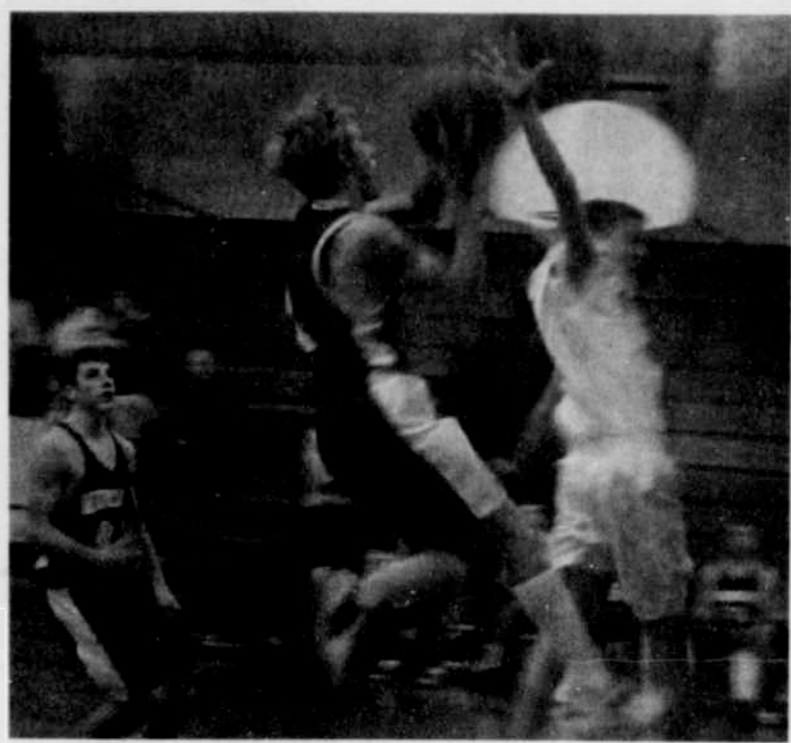
Heppner 13 14 15 12-54

Ione 9 16 4 11-40

Heppner: Lacey Matteson 6 2-4 15, Shanna Rietmann 3 5-6 12, Stefanie Hanson 2 2-24 7, Chelsea Britt 2 3-3 7, Brooke Rust 3 0-1 6, Susan Southworth 2 0-0 4, Tylynn Smith 1 0-0 2, Jesse Kempas 0 1-2 1, Nikki Sisk and Madison Bailey. 19 12-20 54 **3-pt.:** Matteson, Rietmann and Hanson.

Ione: Natalie McElligott 6 0-2 14, Barbara Holland 4 0-0 8, Diana McElligott 3 1-3 7, Sara Peck 2 1-3 5, Tracy Griffith 1 1-2 3, Jennifer Griffith 1 0-0 2, Eva Chitty, Emily Key, Caitlin Orem, Alyssa Rietmann, Missy Baker and Ashley Grams. 17 3-10 39 **3-pt.:** N. McElligott 2.

Mustang "C" team open with a win over Vikings



Kory Paullus takes the basketball in for a lay-in

By Rick Paullus

After a tight first quarter, the Heppner Mustang boys "C" team ran away from the Umatilla Vikings 66-44 in the first game of the year in Umatilla on Thursday, Dec. 5.

The Mustangs will play at Mac-Hi on Thursday, Dec. 12 and will host Stanfield at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16 for their next games.

The teams were tied at 12-12 after one as the Mustangs Roy Proctor scored five points including a three-pointer. The Mustangs took a 32-27 lead at halftime getting four points each from Rory Kilkenny and Matthew VanCleave and three points each from Mikel Britt and Kory Paullus.

They extended their lead to 48-38 after three getting six points from Paullus and four each from Matt Kenny and VanCleave. The Mustangs coasted to the win as Proctor hit

two more three-pointers and Kilkenny scored four points in the fourth quarter.

Paullus led a balanced scoring effort with 13 points, while Proctor added 11, including three three-pointers. VanCleave had 10 points, Kilkenny nine and Kenny had eight points.

Heppner 12 20 16 18-66

Umatilla 12 15 11 6-44

Heppner: Kory Paullus 6 1-2 13, Roy Proctor 4 0-0 11, Matthew VanCleave 4 2-4 10, Rory Kilkenny 4 1-5 9, Matt Kenny 3 2-2 8, Mikel Britt 2 1-1 5, Riley Wight 2 0-0 4, Robert McElligott 1 0-0 2, Kyle Carlson 1 0-1 2, Kyle Huddleston 0 2-2 2, Dan Busile 0 0-2 0 and Josh Lankford. 27 9-20 66 **3-pt.:** Proctor 3.

Umatilla: Rouston 8 2-5 21, Navarro 5 0-1 10, T. Wilson 1 2-2 4, Ashbeck 1 0-0 3, Madsen 1 0-1 3, Roberto 1 0-0 2, C. Wilson 0 1-2 1, Louger 0 0-1 0, Stine, Montalino and McLane. 17 5-12 44 **3-pt.:** Rouston 3, Madsen and Ashbeck.

Lady Cardinal's win Ione Basketball Bonanza



This year's girl's first place trophy in the Ione Basketball Bonanza Tournament, held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, in Ione, went to the Ione Lady Cardinals after they defeated the Umatilla Vikings, Saturday night, 63-51.

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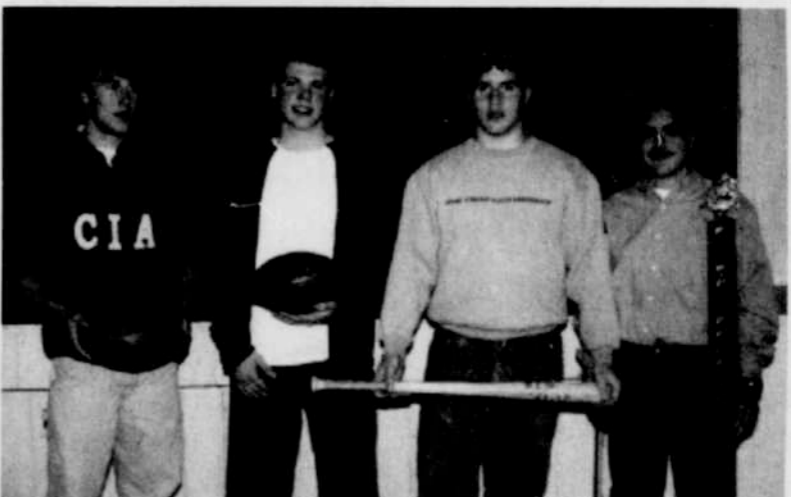
Ione High School athletes received fall sports awards at a dessert held in the newly remodeled cafeteria on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Athletic director Dean Robinson passed out pins to the girls' volleyball team for placing second in the state for 1A schools with a 3.82 GPA. The boys' football team received pins for placing second in combined 1A and 2A level schools in the state with a 3.50 GPA.

Debbie Radie and Darlene Marquardt presented a video of highlights of the football and volleyball seasons.

Diana McElligott and Mike Radie, Wendy's High School Heisman Award winners, received bronze medals from principal Mike Stuart. McElligott also received a silver medal for being a state winner.

Cardinal football coach Dale Holland thanked all the people who helped make the football season a success. He read a farewell letter from senior manager Cody Bergstrom who couldn't attend the awards program. The team signed a football to present to Bergstrom. Players receiving awards were: Most Improved-Austin Arballo; Most Inspirational-Ashley Roberts; Big Stick Award for incredible offense and defense-Cayle Krebs; and Most Valuable Player-Andrew Rietmann.

Volleyball coaches Charity McElligott and Cathy McCabe presented gifts to Mary Rietmann and MaKenna Ramos for being ball girls, and Kayla LaRue and Emily Rietmann for taking stats at district and state tournaments. Coach McElligott noted several school volleyball records were broken this year: Diana McElligott-points scored (231) and kills (252); Natalie McElligott-blocks (165); and Meghan McCabe-sets (801). Players receiving awards were: Most Improved-Tracy Griffith; Most Inspirational-Alyssa Rietmann; and Most Valuable Player-Diana McElligott.



L-R: Andrew Rietmann, Ashley Roberts, Cayle Krebs and Austin Arballo.



L-R: Alyssa Rietmann, Diana McElligott and Tracy Griffith.

Ione JVs lose to Enterprise

Playing their first game of the season, the Ione boys' JV team lost to the 2A JV team from Enterprise 49-35.

"I was very pleased with the effort our kids gave," commented Coach Jim Swanson.

Enterprise outscored Ione 18-4 in the third quarter, but Ione came back and outscored Ione 13-8 in the fourth.

"We had a meltdown in the third but never gave up. I was real proud of them," added Swanson.

Tyler Raible led the team with 12 points followed by Dan Satterly with nine points on three three-pointers. Kelly Thompson had five points, Cody Bergstrom had four, Curtis Thompson had

three, and Arthur Ekstrom had two points.

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