

Ione boys lose to Dufur in District Playoffs

By Marie Key

The Ione Cardinal varsity boys lost to the Dufur Rangers in the District Playoffs at Umatilla on Thursday, Feb. 19.

The game was close, with the score tied, 21-21, at halftime. In the third quarter, Dufur picked up a three-point lead. The quarter ended, 31-34. Both teams scored ten points in the fourth quarter, and Ione lost, 41-44.

Tyler Brown led the Cardinals with 19 points. Arthur Ekstrom had eight points. Others contributing were Curtis Thompson, Nick Christman and Kelly Thompson with four points each and Tyler Raible with two points.

Brown led with eight rebounds, one steal and five assists. Ekstrom had five rebounds; Curtis Thompson had three rebounds; Christman had two rebound, two steals and two assists; Kelly Thompson had one rebound, one steal and two assists; Raible had one rebound and one steal; and John Walton had one rebound.

Coach Dennis Stefani said, "It was a good season, and gives us something to build with for next year."

Ione girls down Echo at the District Playoffs

By Marie Key

The Lady Cardinals downed the Echo Lady Cougars in their first game of the District Playoffs on Thursday, Feb. 19 at Umatilla.

Ione jumped to a 15-3 lead in the first quarter. They had a commanding 23-8 lead at halftime. Echo tried to recover in the third period with 10 points. Ione responded with 12 points and went into the final quarter leading 37-20. The Lady Cards held Echo to five points in the fourth quarter, downing the Cougars 48-25.

Emily Key led the Cardinals with 14 points, including three three-point field goals. Natalie McElligott had 12 points, including two three-point field goals, and Barbara Holland had 11 points. Others contributing were Sara Peck with six points; Jenny Griffith and Amber Patton with two points each; and Eva Chitty with one point.

McElligott led with 11 rebounds, three steals, four assists and one blocked shot. Holland had four rebounds, one steal, one assist and three blocked shots; Patton had four rebounds, one steal and one assist; Key had three rebounds, two steals and one assist; Chitty had three rebounds, three steals and one assist; Peck had two rebounds and one assist; and Griffith had two rebounds.

Correction

In last week's story, "A short history of Morrow County" it is Stansbury Flat, not Sansbury Flat.

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Ione girls edge past Condon in overtime

By Marie Key

In a close game at Umatilla on Thursday, Feb. 20, the Ione Lady Cardinals edged past the Condon Blue Devils in overtime at the District Playoffs.

The score was tied 6-6 at the end of the first quarter. In the second period, Condon gained two points, leading 11-13 at halftime. Ione narrowed the lead one point, 21-22 in the third period.

With less than five seconds left in the game, and Ione behind 27-30, Natalie McElligott shot a very long three-pointer and tied the game 30-30. In overtime, Condon shot seven points and Ione edged past them with nine points, winning the game 39-37.

Natalie McElligott led the Lady Cardinals with 14 points, including one three-point field goal. Others adding points were Eva Chitty with eight points; Barbara Holland with seven; Sara Peck with five; Emily Key with one three-point field goal; and Amber Patton with two points.

McElligott also led with 11 rebounds, six steals and one assist. Holland had five rebounds, one steal and one assist; Peck had four rebounds, two steals and one assist; Ashly Grams had four rebounds; Chitty had three rebounds, six steals and two assists; Patton had two rebounds; Key had one steal; and Jenny Griffith had one assist.

Ione Lady Cardinals fall to Dufur

By Marie Key

In their third game of District Playoffs, the Ione Lady Cardinals fell to No. 1 ranked Dufur at Umatilla on Saturday, Feb. 21.

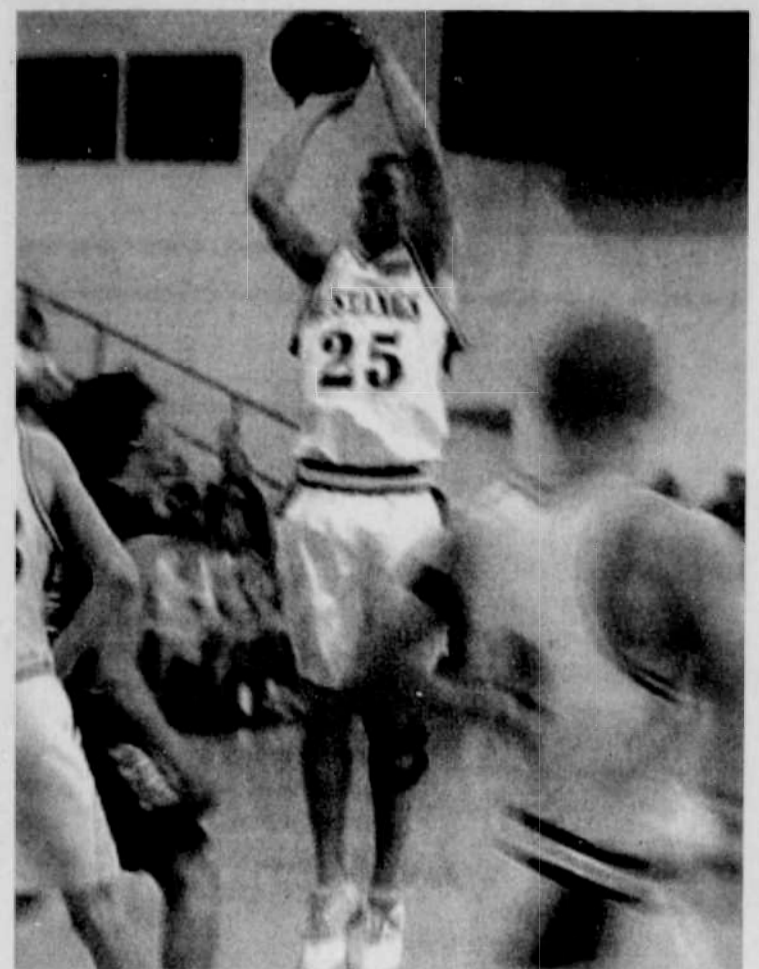
The Lady Cardinals were tired, having played Condon less than 24 hours before this game. They shot 29 percent, 11 of 38, two-point shots; 0 percent, 0-8, three-point shots; and 60 percent of 10 free throws.

Freshman Amber Patton led the team with eight points. Others adding to the score were Sara Peck with seven points; Barbara Holland with five; Natalie McElligott with four; and Eva Chitty and Jenny Griffith with two points each.

Peck led with 10 rebounds, one steal and one assist. Patton had six rebounds; McElligott had five rebounds, one steal and one assist; Holland had five rebounds and one steal; Emily Key had two rebounds, one steal and one assist; Griffith had two rebounds and one assist; Ashly Grams had two rebounds and one steal; and Alyssa Rietmann had one rebound.

Ione, No. 2 in the Big Sky League, will host Crane, No. 2 in Old Oregon League, in the state first round playoffs on Saturday, Feb. 28.

Mustangs fall to Rockets at District



Luke Murray takes a shot against Pilot Rock

By Rick Paullus

The third time was not a charm as the Heppner Mustangs fell to the Pilot Rock Rockets 68-56 in the District 7 2A championship game on Saturday, Feb. 21 in Pendleton at the Convention Center. The Mustangs beat the Rockets twice in the regular season, but went cold in the fourth quarter to fall to 20 and 3 on the year.

By finishing second, the Mustangs will host the third place team from the Wapiti League, Joseph, on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. and with a win will play at the number one seed from the Tri-River League, number one ranked Regis. The Mustangs beat the Rams in the first game of the season at the Santiam Christian Tournament by one point late in the game.

Luke Murray got the Mustangs going by hitting a jumper and a 3-pointer to make it 5-2, but the Rockets went on an 8-0 run. Murray scored off a pass from Chuy Elguezabal and Brandon Seitz hit one of two free throws, but the Rockets led 12-8 after one.

Murray hit a running jumper, but the Rockets led 18-10. Brian Smith scored twice off rebounds and Seitz scored off a rebound, but the Rockets led 26-16. Murray hit two free throws and Smith hit one of two to make it 26-19 when a scramble after a loose ball ended up with Justin Botefuhr getting punched above his left eye opening up a gash and leaving him bloodied. Murray hit the two free throws from the flagrant foul, Seitz scored off a pass from Elguezabal and Smith scored twice to give the Mustangs a 27-26 lead with just over a minute left. The Rockets hit three free throws at the end of the second to take a 29-27 lead at the half.

Smith scored off a rebound to tie it up to open the third. The Rockets scored five straight, but Murray converted a three-point play and Elguezabal hit a short jumper to tie it at 34-34. The Rockets came back with five straight again, but Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer and Murray scored off a drive to tie it again at 39-39. After four straight from the Rockets, Seitz scored off a pass from Gus Torres to make it 43-41 at the end of the third.

Murray scored off a drive and Torres hit two 3-pointers to give the Mustangs a 49-45 lead. The Rockets came back to tie it, but Murray scored off a pass from Kyler Lovgren to make it 51-49. After the Rockets tied it Murray hit one of two free

throws, but that was the last lead the Mustangs would have as the Rockets went on a 10-2 run to go up 61-54. Elguezabal scored off a drive to make the final score 68-56.

The Mustangs hurt themselves at the free throw line hitting just 10 of 23 compared to the Rockets 25 of 36 free throws.

Murray led the Mustangs with 25 points and five rebounds. Smith added 11 points, 12 rebounds, two steals and two blocked shots. Seitz had 10 rebounds and two steals, Torres had six rebounds, five steals and three assists and Elguezabal had three assists and two steals.

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Heppner- Luke Murray 8 8-14 25, Brian Smith 5 1-3 11, Chuy Elguezabal 3 0-0 7, Brandon Seitz 3 1-5 7, Gus Torres 2 0-1 6, Kyler Lovgren, Aaron Griffith, Justin Botefuhr, Zach Skaggs and Matt VanCleave. Team: 21 10-23 56. 3-pts: Torres 2, Elguezabal and Murray.

Pilot Rock- Fran Hoogesteger 8 4-7 20, Mitch Byrnes 5 5-7 15, T.J. Parrish 4 7-7 15, Phil Perrine 2 3-5 7, Michael Krosting 1 2-2 5, Bobby Parrish 0 4-6 4, Josh Wallis 1 0-0 2 and Jimmy Doherty. Team: 21 25-36 68. 3-pts: Krosting.

College students to put on program about Haiti trip

Emily and Meaghan Unruh of Heppner will be putting on a presentation about their recent mission trip to the country of Haiti. Both girls are currently nursing students at Oregon Institute of Technology. They went on a mission trip during their Christmas break in December with an organization called STEM -Short Term Evangelical Missions. While in Haiti, the girls worked in a hospital and an orphanage among other things.

They will be at Lexington Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 29 at 11 a.m. to tell about their trip and to share a power point presentation of pictures that they took. A potluck will follow the program. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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