

## IMS teams play coed against Fossil Lady Cards finish season with Cardinals win at Echo

By Beth Morter

The Ione Middle School "A" and "B" teams had an opportunity to mix the teams up on Feb. 11. They challenged Fossil to coed games. It was the Cardinals last home game.

In the first quarter, the Cardinals scored two points and Fossil scored four. In the second quarter, the Cardinals scored two points again and Fossil scored four points again with a lead at halftime of 8-4. In the third quarter, the Cards scored seven points and Fossil only scored six. In the fourth quarter, the Cardinals scored four points and Fossil scored two points, but Fossil ended up with the win at 16-15.

Kevin LaRue was the top scorer for the Cardinals with five points, Tanner Rietmann came in second with four points and Alex Rietmann, Beth Morter and Stefanie Archer all scored two points each.

"This was a fun game. Fossil's numbers were down this year so we played two games that were coed and it worked out real well. I was very impressed with how the kids played together and almost pulled off the win," said Coach Mike Garrett.

In the first quarter of

the "A" team game, the Cardinals scored 12 points and Fossil only scored five, Ione taking off to an early lead. However, in the second quarter, the Cardinals only scored four points and Fossil came alive and scored 12 points, leaving the score at halftime 17-16, Fossil.

In the third quarter, the Cards scored 11 points and Fossil scored eight, the Cardinals taking the lead back. In the fourth and final quarter, the Cardinals scored 14 points and Fossil only scored seven. The Cards came out with the victory, 41-32.

Clay Morter made 14 points, Cory Peterson 10 and Stormy Kendrick nine. Matt Hams made four points and Brenna Rietmann and Tiana Camarillo both scored two points.

"The kids played well. It is always difficult to get a feel for the game when you haven't played together before," said Coach Garrett. "Lynn Dee Ramos and Dawn Eynetich are doing a great job with the girls' program and it showed with Brenna Rietmann and Tiana Camarillo stepping in and running our plays, learning our press and playing good fundamental basketball. This was a good experience for all of the kids."

### IMS boys' "B" team lost to Goslings

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The Ione Middle School boys' "B" team played Arlington on Feb. 4.

In the first quarter, the Cardinals made no points and the Goslings scored two. In the second quarter, the Cards scored two points, but the Goslings scored eight and by halftime the score was 10-2. In the third quarter, the Cards scored no points and the Goslings scored eight. In the fourth quarter, the Cardinals put up

a fight and scored eight points while the Goslings scored seven, with a final score of 25-10, Goslings.

Tanner Rietmann and Gunner Jessen both scored four points and Kevin LaRue scored two point.

"The kids played their best game of the year," said Coach Mike Garrett. "I have been very happy with the progress of my 6th and 7th graders who have played on the "B" team and I am looking forward to coaching them again next year."

### two wins

The Ione Lady Cardinals finished their regular season with two wins last weekend, Feb. 11 and 12, defeating Helix on the road on Friday and getting by Wheeler at home on Saturday. With those wins, Ione's Big Sky record moves to 14-1, with an overall record of 15-8.

The Lady Cards used a big first quarter to get in front of the physical Helix Lady Grizzlies. Ione jumped out to a 16-2 lead before Helix got things together to pull within seven at the half, 24-17. The scoring stayed tight after the half with the Cardinals holding a 38-29 edge at the end of three and staying strong for the win, 49-39.

Amber Patton led the team in scoring with 15 points followed by Jenny Griffith with 10, Sara Peck with nine, Emily Rietmann with seven, Kylee Svetich with five and Ashly Grams with three. Peck had a strong game with 11 rebounds and four blocked shots. Jenny Griffith came up big with eight rebounds and six steals.

"We had a great first quarter and that was the difference in the game," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "Helix played a very physical game and played tough after the first quarter. The girls did a good job of regrouping in the second half to secure the win."

On Saturday, Ione hosted Wheeler for their final home game of the regular

season, winning a squeaker 27-23.

The Lady Cards took an early lead and led 10-7 at the end of the first quarter. But Wheeler took advantage of a listless second and third quarter to pull ahead, leading 13-11 at halftime and 18-17 at the end of three. Just in time, the Cardinals found a spark at the end of the third quarter and outscored their opponents 10-5 in the final period to get ahead for good.

Patton had 11 points and eight rebounds, while Griffith scored six points and gathered up seven boards. Also scoring for the Cards were Grams with four, Alyssa Rietmann and Svetich with two and Sara Peck and Emily Rietmann with one.

Coach Ryan Rudolf said the game was a tough one to win. "We started the game well and finished strong but we had no energy during the second and third quarters. Wheeler did a good job of slowing the game down and that frustrated the girls," he said. Rudolf also noted that subbing in some of the younger players in the third quarter seemed to boost the team's energy. "Their energy helped spark the starters in the fourth quarter where we finally got the lead and held onto the win," he said.

The Lady Cardinals will now focus on the Big Sky District Tournament where they are scheduled to play at 3 p.m. on Friday at Umatilla High School.

### Men's Breakfast to be held

The Men's Breakfast for residents and visitors of Heppner, Ione, Lexington, Hardman and surrounding area will be held on Sunday, Feb. 20 from 8-9 a.m. at Christian Life Center and hosted by the Willow Creek Baptist men's group. All

men are invited and encouraged to bring their sons and/or daughters.

The purpose of the breakfast is to encourage men to be better husbands, fathers and role models within their families and communities.

The Ione Cardinals needed a win against Echo last Tuesday night, Feb. 8 to maintain their ranking in the Big Sky Conference and it became evident early on that they came ready to play. Echo had previously defeated the Cardinals but after staying close for the first quarter, the Cougars couldn't deal with the Card's sticky defense, losing the contest 51-28.

The first quarter was a low scoring affair with Ione leading just 10-7 at its conclusion. But as the Cardinals began to warm up, scoring 14 points in the second, while the Cougars struggled to just score five, leaving the score at halftime, 24-12. Ione lengthened its lead to 37-21 after three before cruising home for the victory in the fourth.

Nick Christman led the team in scoring with 13 points followed by Kelly Thompson with 11 and Dan

Long with nine, which were all scored in the fourth quarter. Tony Bolin brought in seven points, Tyler Brown five, Tyler Raible four and Alan Rietmann two. Brown led the team in rebounding with 12 and assists with four and Thompson tallied five steals to lead that category. The Cardinals shot 43.8 percent from the floor and held Echo to just 26.8 percent.

"This was probably one of the best defensive game that I have ever seen by kids that I've coached" said Coach Dennis Stefani. "Kelly and Nick did a great job of keeping the ball out of their point guard's hands while Tyler Brown and Tony Bolin did a great job of rebounding." Stefani also noted that Long had a fine fourth quarter, scoring nine points to put the game out of reach. "This was a great team effort from all," said Stefani.

### Cardinals finish season with wins

The Ione Cardinals finished their Big Sky Conference schedule in Helix on Feb. 11, with a win then returned home Feb. 12 to finish the regular season with a win over the Hermiston Sophomores.

On Friday, Tyler Brown lit up the scoreboard with a career-high 38 points, shooting 67 percent from the floor (16 of 24) including two 3-pointers. He led the Cards to a 26-6 first quarter advantage and a 41-29 halftime lead. Ione continued their strong play in the second half, winning the game 81-61.

Along with Brown's 38 points, Nick Christman added 12 points, (shooting 45 percent) and four steals, while Tyler Raible netted 10 points and 11 rebounds. Tony Bolin had eight points and eight steals, while Kelly Thompson had 10 assists.

"Tyler Brown had a great game for us scoring a career high 38 points," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "The kids did a good job of running the court as shown by the 81 points we put on the scoreboard."

On Saturday, the Cards had three players in double figures and got the 66-52 win, but found the Hermiston Sophomores to be a team that just wouldn't go away. The Cards led 19-12 after one and 30-17 at the half. However, Hermiston kept trying to make a run and kept the Cards moving until the final buzzer.

Brown had another high scoring night, recording 27 points. Bolin added 18 and Christman had 10. Raible brought in four, Thompson with three, and Arthur Ekstrom and Alan Rietmann with two.

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