

Ione JV boys take two solid wins

The Ione boys' JV team collected two solid wins over the weekend, defeating Helix on the road Friday, Jan. 6, and downing Central Christian at home on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Five Cardinals recorded double figures and all players but one got in the scorebook at Helix as the team roared to a 78-36 victory. The Cards opened a 15-2 lead after one and kept it coming, scoring 22 in the second, 23 in the third and 18 in the fourth quarter for the final margin of victory.

Leading the Cardinal scorers was Derek Davidson with 14, followed by Cory Peterson with 13, Clay Morter and Kevin Fowler with 11, Justin Archer with 10, William Bergstrom with six, Matt Coleman and William Wehrli with four each, Kyle Palmateer and Dan Long with two each and Dalton with one.

Archer led the team

in assists with three but Michael Mayer, a German exchange student and relative newcomer to the game, brought the crowd to life with his two assists. Peterson grabbed seven rebounds to lead the team, and he and Morter each nabbed six steals to lead that category. Wehrli had two blocked shots.

Coach Jim Swanson was pleased with team effort. "All of them played with a lot of unselfishness. They ran the floor well and rebounded great," said Swanson. He noted that Cory Peterson had a fine all-around game and played with a tremendous amount of hustle.

Playing at home for the first time in a month, the JVs picked up where they left off the night before, jumping out to a 24-5 point first quarter lead over visiting Central Christian. The pace cooled a bit in the

second quarter but the Cards still maintained a 32-10 halftime lead. Ione came out smoking again in the third period, outscoring the opponent 17-9, before coasting home with the 56-34 victory.

Balanced scoring was the order of the day. Justin Archer led the team with 10 points followed by Morter and Long with nine each, Davidson with eight, Fowler with six, Coleman with five, Peterson with four, and Campbell with three.

Dan Long dished out four assists while he and Peterson each had four steals and Morter grabbed seven rebounds to lead the team.

Coach Swanson said he was pleased with the outing, praising the team's defense, fast breaks and "great teamwork." He also noted that Derek Davidson and Justin Archer had a good showing pressuring the backcourt.

Lady Cards win two over weekend

The Ione Lady Cardinals got their league season off to a good start, winning two games over the weekend. The wins bring their overall record to 5-4.

Playing in the packed Helix gym on Friday night,

January 6, the Lady Cardinals and the Grizzlies were locked in a tight game until Ione finally put them away in the fourth quarter.

Helix led 16-13 after one quarter but the Cards took a slim 28-26 lead

to the locker room at the half. In the third quarter, Ione stretched out to a 10-point lead but watched it slip back to six at the end of the period, 48-42. But it was the stretch run that made the difference as Ione poured in 17 points to Helix's four in the fourth quarter to make the final score 65-46.

Ashly Grams scored 28 points and Jenny Griffith added 22 to lead the team. Also scoring for Ione were Amber Patton with five, Kylee Svetich and Emily Rietmann with three each, and Stephanie Holland and Kayla LaRue with two each.

"This was a good way to start our league play," said coach Ryan Rudolf. "Ashly and Jenny really played well tonight. I think we played good defense and really out-ran them in the second half, particularly in the fourth quarter."

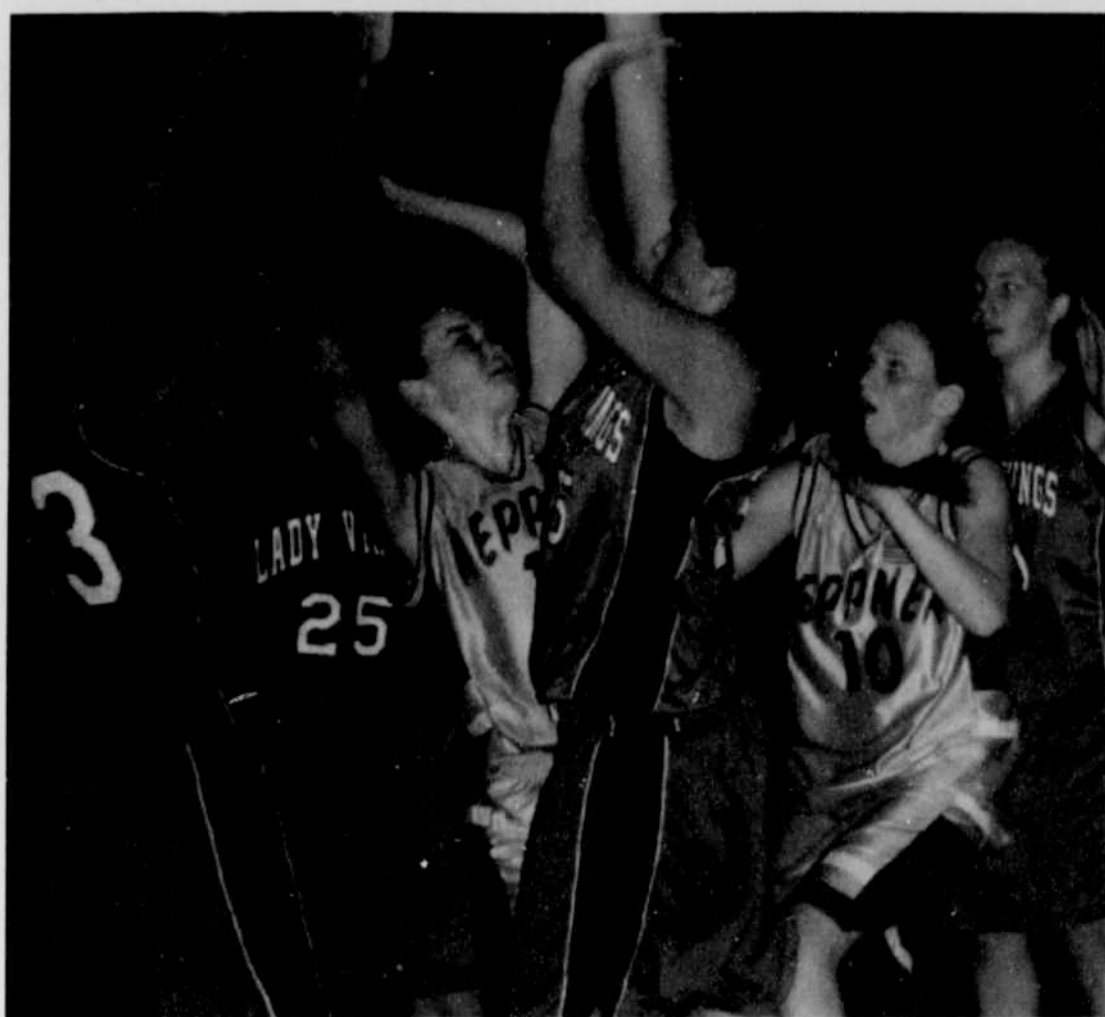
The Lady Cardinals hosted Central Christian on Saturday, easily running away from their opponents, 60-19. The Cards strung together quarters of 13, 14, 22 and 11 points, using the opportunity to spread out playing time.

Jenny Griffith led the team in scoring with 15 points. She also had five rebounds, two assists and four steals. Ashly Grams had 11 points, nine steals, six rebounds, and four assists and Kayla LaRue recorded a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Amber Patton had 10 points, seven boards and three steals. Stephanie Holland had 13 rebounds in the game as well as two points. Emily Rietmann didn't score but had eight rebounds, eight assists and five steals.

"We had four girls in double figures and everyone got to play, especially my younger players," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. Central Christian only had six girls so it was a good game to work on things for next week."

Heppner basketball

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Sherilyn Peck is fouled by the Umatilla Vikings. The Vikings win 53-51 in a last minute free-throw Friday night.

Lady Cards take 1st & 2nd league wins

The Ione Lady Cardinals took their first league victory over the Helix Grizzlies, 65-46, Friday January, 6, in Helix.

The Grizzlies led at the end of the first quarter, but the Lady Cardinals fought back to take the lead by two at the half. The Lady Cardinals continued to lead in the third quarter, and really pulled away in the fourth.

Ashly Grams and Jenny Griffith combined for 50 points, Grams with 28 and Griffith with 22. Also chipping in for the Lady Cardinals were Amber Patton with five points, Emily Rietmann with three, Stephanie Holland with two, and Kayla LaRue with two.

The Lady Cards took their second league victory Saturday, January 7, 60-19, over the Central Christian White Tigers in Ione. The Lady Cardinals had the lead the whole game.

Jenny Griffith lead all scorers with 15 points, Ashly Grams and Kayla LaRue both added 11; Amber Patton had 10, Teonna Vandever had five, and Juli VandenBrink, Stephanie Holland, Kaylee Palmateer, and Kylee Svetich all chipped in two.

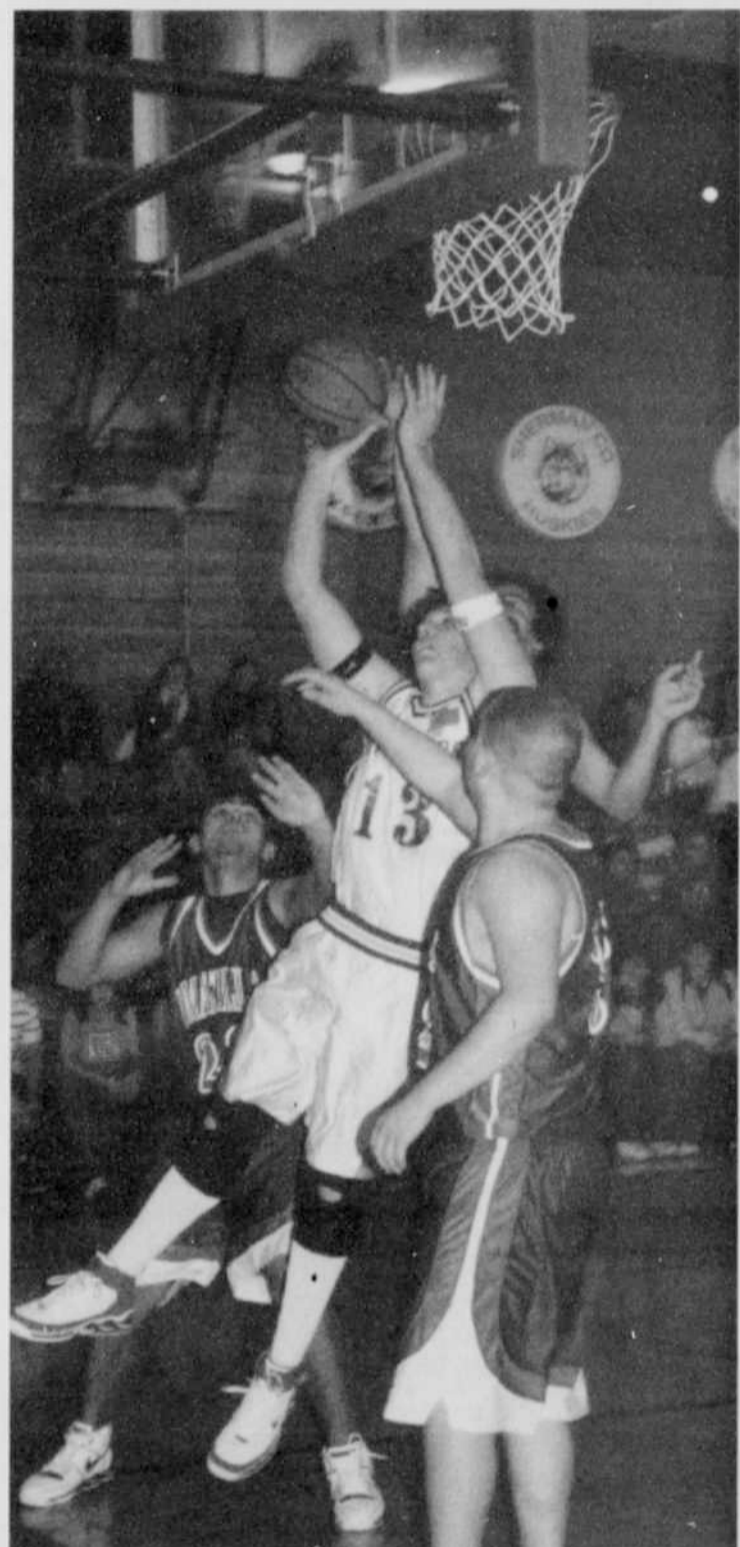
No 1 ranked Cards win 2

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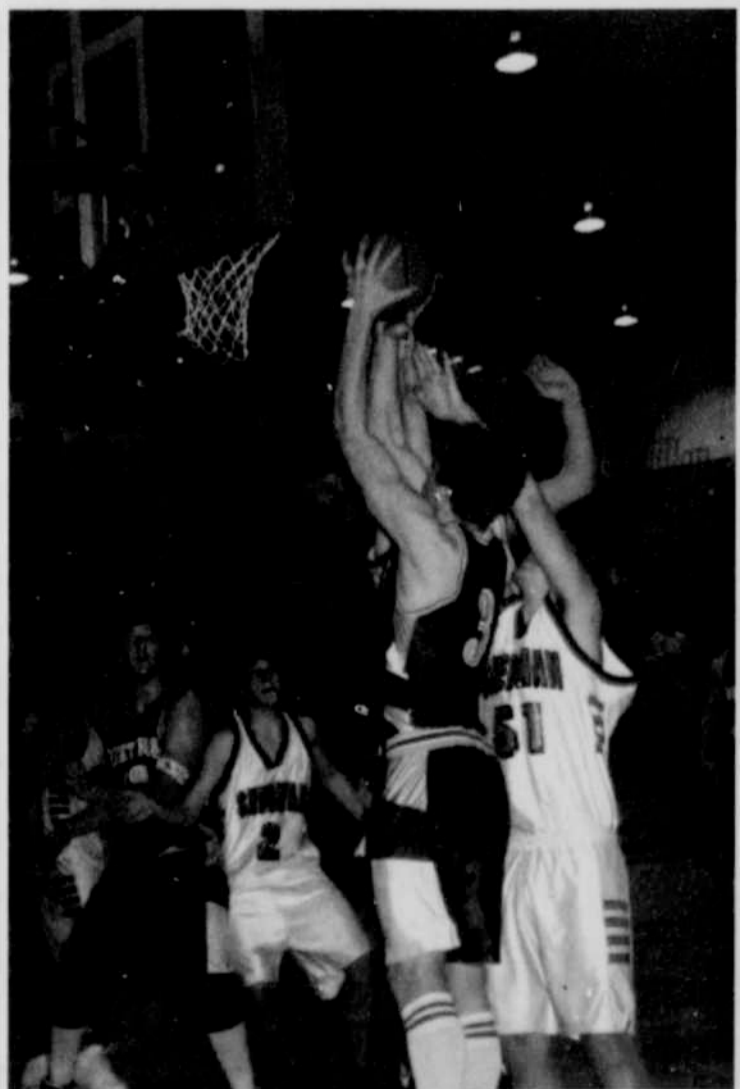
On Friday, January 6, the number-one ranked Ione Cardinals traveled to Helix to play the Grizzlies for their first league game and defeated the Grizzlies, 49-30.

The Cardinals started out rough, letting the Grizzlies stay close. Coming out after halftime, the Cardinals pulled things together with Tyler Brown having a game-high 20 points. Kelly Thompson pitched in 13 points, Paul Hams had 10, Tony Bolin, four, Nick Kamp one, and John Walton, one.

On Saturday, January 7, the Cards defeated the Central Christian Warriors, 84-59. The Cardinals' offense was clicking, and they played tough defense. Kelly Thompson had 24 points, Tony Bolin had 20, Tyler Brown had 15, and Paul Hams added 10 points.



Mikel Britt makes the shot in an outstanding game against the Umatilla Vikings. The Mustangs bench the Vikings 79-44 Friday night.



The Heppner Mustangs suffer their first conference loss against the Sherman Co. Huskies. Matt VanCleave led the Mustangs with 22 points in the game.


Ione boys number one in poll

The Ione High School boys' basketball team is ranked the number one team in the OACA/OBCA poll as of January 9. Following is the team ranking:

Rank	Team	pts	1st pl votes	ranking last week
1	Ione	91	(5)	1
2	Damascus Chr	80	(2)	3
3	Mohawk	77	(1)	2
4	Joseph	67	(1)	4
5	SWCo	62	(1)	5
6	McKenzie	48		6
7	Imbler	33		7
8	Columbia Chr	19		8
9	Crow	18		10
10	NCC	15		N.R.

Others receiving votes were: Spray, 14; Country Christian, 8; Crane, UVC, 4; Nixyaawii, 2; Days Creek, Dufur, Perrydale, 1.

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