

Ione boys JV wrap up season with wins

The Ione boys' JV team wrapped up their league schedule last week with two strong wins, defeating Echo on Tuesday, Feb. 7 in Echo and Downing Helix at home on Friday, Feb. 10. The JVs finished league play with an 11-2 record.

The Echo game was tight in the first quarter with each team scoring 10 points. Then the Cardinals cracked the game wide open with a 20-point second quarter on their way to a 50-37 win.

Cory Peterson and Justin Archer shared scoring honors with 10 points each. Also scoring for Ione was William Bergstrom with eight, Clay Morter and Kevin Fowler with six each and William Wehrli and Paul Hams with four each.

Peterson and Morter grabbed five boards each to help the team to a slight 25-24 rebounding edge. Archer, Hams and Fowler had six steals each in the game and Archer paced the team with seven assists. Morter had five blocked shots and Wehrli had three.

Coach Jim Swanson was pleased with the team's hustle and pressure defense. "We forced them into 37 turnovers and we had 33 steals as well as 17 assists. We put on our pressure defense and that's what won the game," he noted. He commended William Bergstrom's defensive play and Justin Archer's hustle and leadership.

On Friday, Helix took a 12-4 first quarter lead but the Cardinals responded with a 28-point effort in the second period to run away

from the Grizzlies. The final score was 55-24.

William Wehrli had "the game of his life" according to Coach Jim Swanson, recording eight blocked shots, 10 rebounds and five points. "He put on quite a show with all of his blocks and rebounds. I was really proud of him," said Swanson.

Nine of the Cardinals found their way into the scorebook led by Paul Hams with 10 points. Also scoring were Cory Peterson and Clay Morter with eight, Kevin Fowler and William Bergstrom with six, Matt Coleman and William Wehrli with five, Justin Archer with four and Dalton Campbell with three.

Ione demolished Helix on the boards, 42-17, led by Wehrli's 10. Peterson, Morter and Campbell also grabbed five rebounds each.

The team recorded 26 assists, led by Archer with four and Hams and Peterson with three each. Another great stat category was steals where the Cardinals managed 27 in the game, led by Hams with eight and Archer with four.

"Our defense and rebounding was especially good in this game," commented Coach Swanson.

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Cardinals crush Cougars

The Ione boys' varsity team hit the floor running in Echo last Tuesday, Feb. 7 and came away with a convincing 80-52 win.

The Cardinals displayed some great teamwork on their way to racking up 24 assists in the contest. Tyler Brown, Kelly Thompson and Tony Bolin combined for 52 of the team's points and some hard work on the part of the rotating post players tallied up a total of 28 more.

The Cards scratched their way to a 20-10 first quarter lead and lengthened the lead a bit in the second to take a 42-29 lead at the half. The third quarter was played almost even, but a strong 23 point fourth quarter put the Cards in front by an insurmountable total.

Thompson led all scorers and was one of three Cards in double figures with 21 points. Brown added 20

points and Bolin chipped in 11. Contributing from the post position was Nik Kamp and Dan Long with eight each, Kip Krebs with six, Clay Morter with four and John Walton with two.

The Cards solidly outbounded the Cougars 41-28 led by Kamp with 11, Long with nine and Brown with six. Bolin tallied nine assists, helped out by Brown with seven and Thompson and Long with three each. Bolin also had four steals to lead the team.

"Tyler, Kelly and Tony were really in sync and it was really fun to watch them run the floor," said assistant coach Jim Swanson. "They also gave us 19 out of our 24 assists." Swanson was also pleased with the performances from the post players. "They gave us 28 points spread out between five players. Everyone gave 110 percent," he noted.

DesBouillons makes all-star bowling team

By Josie J. Miller

On Sunday, Feb. 12, six of Oregon's high school bowling teams gathered for a tournament at Desert Lanes in Hermiston. The teams present were boys and girls teams from Umatilla, Pendleton, The Dalles, Hermiston, Heppner and Ione.

Each team had five players. Representing Ione for the boys were: Gordy Wegwerth, Kyle Palmateer, James Acock, Cody Hollis and John Walton; and for the girls: Rebeka DesBouillons, Marley Pfingsten, Brittnee DesBouillons, Meghan Gaines and Kristal Temple.

"It's really fun when you get a strike and it is just fun," commented Rebeka when asked what she enjoyed most this season.

At the tournament four all-star players were selected. Among them was Ione's own, Brittnee DesBouillons. As fourth all-star she will travel to compete at the All-star tournament March 11 and 12 in Forest Grove. "Everything really came together," said Brittnee. The top four All-star teams will receive scholarships. At the end of the day the Cardinals brought home fourth place for the girls and fifth for the boys.

Cardinal Booster Club news

The Cardinal Booster Club met Feb. 6 at the school library. The combined Ione-Heppner booster club dinner sponsored by Morrow County Grain Growers was deemed a success. President Lynn Dee Ramos was presented with a gift certificate for her work on the dinner and for organizing the painting of the cafeteria.

Dean Robinson and Del LaRue presented a list of names for the Sports Hall of Fame for Ione. Selections were based on athletes being successful in at least two sports, having a positive attitude and good academic standing. The first group to be honored will include athletes from 1922-1960. A recognition dinner is planned for Dec. 8. The Hall of Famers will also be honored at the basketball game Dec. 9.

LaRue has found two companies that sell 40-foot containers the school hopes to use for a sports storage unit. The containers range in price from \$2100-\$2600 and can be delivered for an extra \$630. The club approved the purchase and delivery of a container. LaRue will select one and make the purchase.

Superintendent Bryn Browning has made a grant application template for individuals to use when they have a monetary request from the club.

Debbie Morgan requested a list of names of parents to contact for the district basketball ad. An ad will be placed in the Heppner Gazette-Times the week of the tournament.

The club approved

providing \$100 per day per team for expenses while attending the district tournament. The club also approved providing a charter bus for any Ione teams going to state.

Librarian Cathy Halvorsen requested money for prizes for the reading incentive program for grades 4-8. Members approved \$75 for prizes and \$80 for a pizza party for those who completed the program.

The 2005 graduates who received Cardinal Club scholarships will be issued checks in the amount of \$200 each.

New t-shirts will be ordered for community band members and paid for by the club.

A letter was read from Damascus Christian thanking the club for the homemade pies at the basketball tournament. Helen Heideman was recognized for her pie donations to the tournament and weekly games.

Club members were recognized for their contributions to the school over the basketball season: Karen Padberg organized the dinners for the visiting teams throughout the basketball season; Laurel Cannon sold booster club dinner tickets and community calendars; Ramos, Betty Ciray and Robinson served on the booster club dinner committee; and Penny Krebs put numerous hours into painting the stripes in the cafeteria hallway.

Buying Cardinal floor mats for the hallway will be researched.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the school library.

GOOD LUCK TO THE IONE CARDINALS!



Ione Cardinals Varsity Boys (L-R): top row-Coach Jim Swanson, Kip Krebs, Dan Long, Nik Kamp, John Walton, Tyler Brown, Coach Dennis Stefani; middle row-Tony Bolin, Kyle Palmateer, Clay Morter, Kelly Thompson, Justin Archer, Derek Davidson; bottom row-Paul Hams, Manager Luke Bradfield, Alan Rietmann (not pictured Kevin Fowler).



Ione Cardinals Varsity Girls (L-R): top row-Coach Brandi Heideman, Ashly Grams, Jenny Griffith, Stephanie Holland, Amber Patton, Kylee Svetich, Coach Ryan Rudolf; middle row-Brenna Rietmann, Emily Rietmann, Teonna Vandever, Kayla LaRue; bottom row-Julianna VandenBrink, Kaylee Palmateer, Tiana Camarillo.

Big Sky District Tournament: Ione Cardinal Varsity Boys play Horizon Christian on Thursday, February 16 at 4:30 p.m. at the Umatilla High School in Umatilla.

Big Sky District Tournament: Ione Cardinal Varsity Girls play Cascade Locks on Thursday, February 16 at 3:00 p.m. at the Umatilla High School in Umatilla.

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