

## Ione ends state playoff with two-point loss

A two-foot jumper with seven seconds on the clock gave the Damascus Christian Eagles the lead for the first time in two quarters but it was perfect timing to win the "win or stay home" state playoff game held Saturday night in Damascus against the determined Ione Cardinals. The bucket gave the Eagles a 48-46 edge and dealt a heartbreaking loss to the senior-laden Ione squad.

The game was close from the start with five ties and eight lead changes in the first half. The largest lead either team could manage in the early going was six points, held by Damascus with a minute left in the first quarter. Tony Bolin hit two big threes to open the second period but the Eagles responded, score for score. With 1:05 left before the half, Bolin hit a bucket and Kelly Thompson scored a free throw to send the Cards to the locker room leading 27-24.

Tyler Brown scored nine of his 15 points in the third quarter, giving the Cards an eight point lead, their biggest lead of the night midway through the period. However, the momentum shifted on a couple of calls that went the Eagle's way and Damascus fought back to tie the score on a reverse lay-up at the buzzer, 36-36.

If the third quarter belonged to Brown, it looked like the fourth was going to be Bolin's as he made six unanswered points to start the quarter, building the Cards a six-point lead. With 5:08 remaining in the game, the Card's Nik Kamp fouled hurting the Ione defensive effort and swinging the momentum back to the Eagles. The Eagles put back an offensive rebound to pull within four then hit three of four free throws to narrow the lead to one. With 2:12, Bolin made two free throws but Damascus responded with another put-back followed by a huge three pointer to take the lead. Tyler Brown hit a pair of free throws to tie up the game again, 46 all with 53 seconds remaining. A time out was called as the Cards brought the ball down the floor and sent the inbounds to the opposite end of the court. The hands-on, clawing defense of the Damascus team forced the

Cardinals into one last and fatal turnover that allowed Damascus to win the game.

The Cardinals had some trouble throughout the game with the aggressive defense played by Damascus. "In the North Casco league, they let the teams play," said Bolin. "That's why we play the bigger schools like Hermiston to try to prepare for it."

Bolin had a game high 19 points, which included four big three pointers and eight of 10 points in the fourth quarter. Brown scored 15 points, including all points scored in the third quarter. Thompson added 12, 10 coming from the free throw line on 10 of 13 shooting.

"I thought Ione came and played a great game," said Damascus Christian coach, Michael Mai. "We told our guards going in that they had to be ready to put some shots down and they did. We were lucky to come out of this ahead."

The seniors on the Cardinals squad obviously had a different outcome in mind. "Everyone played their hardest," said Thompson. "It was a very physical game."

Brown who wrapped up a sensational basketball career at Ione noted that the Eagles played very tough defense. "It was hard to get a shot off. They were getting better looks and were more consistent in their shooting," he said.

Although disappointed, Coach Dennis Stefani found some positive aspects. "I'm proud of the kids. They played as hard as they could. Losing Nik hurt us and we asked a lot of Kip Krebs who is just a sophomore. They knew the inside game was our weakness and took advantage of it."

Ione 10 17 9 10- 46  
Damascus Christian 13 11 12 12-48

Ione- Thompson 1 10-13 12, Brown 6 3-4 15, Bolin 6 3-5 19, Walton 0 0-1 0, Krebs 0 0-1 0, Kamp and Long. 3-pts: Bolin 4.

Damascus Christian- Russau 5 0-0 14, Best 5 2-1 11, Whitrock 5 0-0 10, Dennis 2 3-7 7, Hester 1 2-2 4 and Closner 0 2-2 2. 3-pts: Russau 4.

## Heppner Booster Club to meet

The Heppner High School Booster Club meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on March 8 in the Home-Ec room. Booster Club class representatives and anyone interested are encouraged to attend.

## HLL to meet

Heppner Little League will meet on March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Team managers need to attend. The meeting is also open to anyone interested in Little League.

## Mustang girls end season at Nyssa

By Rick Paulus

The Heppner Mustang girls had their season come to an end at Nyssa by a score of 53-40 in the first round of the US Bank/Les Schwab Tire OSAA Class 2A basketball tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The Mustangs, coached by Mark Dowdy, ended the season with an 11-13 record, but will return everyone as there were no seniors on the roster.

The Mustangs came out of the chute hot, as Lyndi Patton had five points, including a 3-pointer, Megan Orr had five points and Aftan Betsinger four as they took a 16-11 lead after one. The Bulldogs got on track in the second as they came back to outscore the Mustangs 19-8 and take a 30-24 lead at the half, despite four more points from Orr.

Regi Seitz, Katie Kilkenny and Betsinger each had three points in the third, but the Bulldogs increased their lead to 43-33 after three and Kilkenny had four more points in the fourth, but Nyssa held them off for the win.

## HHS announces 2006 baseball schedule

Following is the 2006 schedule for the varsity and junior varsity baseball teams. Games denoted with an asterisk (\*) are doubleheaders. Game times and places are subject to change.

**Varsity**  
Thursday, March 16-  
Riverside at Boardman at 3 p.m.

\*Saturday, March 25-  
Union at Heppner, 12 p.m.

\*Monday, March 27-  
Warrenton at Heppner, 1 p.m.

\*Thursday and Friday, March 30-31-  
Colfax at Colfax, TBA-Vans

Tuesday, April 4-  
Grant Union at Heppner, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11-  
Weston McEwen at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.

\*Saturday, April 15-  
Umatilla at Umatilla, 11 a.m.

\*Tuesday, April 18-  
La Grande at Heppner, 2 p.m.

\*Saturday, April 22-  
Stanfield at Heppner, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 25-  
Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.

\*Saturday, April 29-  
Weston McEwen at Weston McEwen, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 2-  
Umatilla at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.

\*Friday, May 5-

## HLL try-out schedule

There will be try-outs held for major and minor boys' baseball and girls' softball and for T-Ball. There will be no try-outs for junior/senior girls' softball. The schedule is as follows:

**Major Boys' Baseball-** March 10, 4 p.m. and March 11, 10 a.m., both at George Waterland Field.

**Minor Boys' Softball-** March 16, 4 p.m., Shad Hisler Field.

**Minor Girls' Softball-** March 16, 4 p.m., Bob Kilkenny Field.

**T-Ball-** March 20, 4 p.m., Shad Hisler Field.

Kilkenny led the Mustangs with 10 points and eight rebounds, with Orr adding nine points, nine rebound, seven assists and two steals. Betsinger had nine points and six rebounds, Patton had six points, five rebounds, five assists and two steals and Sherilyn Peck had four rebounds and three steals.

Heppner 16 8 9 7-40  
Nyssa 11 19 13 10-53

Heppner- Katie Kilkenny 4 2-5 10, Megan Orr 4 1-2 9, Aftan Betsinger 4 1-1 9, Lyndi Patton 2 1-2 6, Regi Seitz 1 1-2 3, Whitney Matthews 1 0-0 2, Sherilyn Peck 0 1-2 1, Taylor Kempas, Kylie Doherty and Sarah Milner. Team: 16 7-14 40. 3-pts: Patton.

Nyssa- H. Froerer 6 0-0 15, Kurtz 5 3-6 13, Jasper 3 0-0 8, Wagstaff 3 1-2 8, Spear 3 0-0 6, Anderson 0 1-2 1, DuBoise 0 0-1 0, Reece 0 0-1 0, Zittercob 1 0-1 2, S. Froerer, Escobedo and Chavez. Team: 21 5-13 53. 3-pts: H. Froerer 3, Jasper 2 and Wagstaff.

Hermiston JV at Heppner, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9-  
Stanfield at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.

\*Saturday, May 13-  
Pilot Rock at Heppner, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 16- #3 vs. #2 game.

Saturday, May 20-  
The Dalles District.

**JV**  
Saturday, March 18-  
Umatilla at Umatilla, 11 a.m.

Monday, March 20-  
Mac-Hi at Heppner, 3:30 p.m.

\*Thursday, March 23-  
Riverside at Riverside, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 3-  
Stanfield at Stanfield, 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 6-  
Weston at Weston, TBA

Friday, April 7-  
Pendleton at Heppner, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 13-  
Weston at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 17-  
Mac-Hi at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m.

\*Thursday, April 20-  
Riverside at Heppner, 4 p.m.

\*Friday, April 28-  
Stanfield at Stanfield, 12 p.m.

Friday, May 4-  
Umatilla at Heppner, 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 11-  
Pendleton at Pendleton, 4 p.m.

## HHS announces 2006 golf schedule

Following is the schedule for Heppner High Golf.

Wednesday, March 15-  
Nixyaawii 1A/2A Invite, 12 p.m.

Friday, March 17-  
Arlington Invitational at China Creek, 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 23-  
Heppner JV at Willow Creek, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 24-  
Echo Invitational at Echo Hills, 12 p.m.

Thursday, April 6-  
Riverside JV at Willow Run, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 7-  
Umatilla Invitational at McNary, 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 13-  
Heppner JV at Willow Creek, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 14- 2A

## HHS announces 2006 softball schedule

Following is the 2006 schedule for the Mustang softball team. Games denoted with an asterisk (\*) are doubleheaders. Game times and places are subject to change.

\*Thursday, March 16-  
Hermiston Frosh at Hermiston at 3 p.m.

\*Tuesday, March 21-  
DeSales at Walla Walla at 2 p.m.

\*Saturday, March 25-  
Nyssa at Nyssa at 12 p.m.

\*Monday, March 27-  
Warrenton at Heppner at 12 p.m.

\*Saturday, April 1-  
Weston McEwen at Heppner at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4-  
Grant Union at Heppner at 3:30 p.m.

\*Saturday, April 8-  
Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11-

## HHS announces 2006 track schedule

Following is the 2006 Heppner track schedule. Game times and locations are subject to change.

Friday, March 17-  
Umatilla Icebreaker at Umatilla

Saturday, April 1-  
Horyna Invitational at Stanfield

Saturday, April 8-  
Umatilla/Heppner Invitational at Umatilla

Saturday, April 15-  
Condon Invitational at Condon

## Willow Creek TMDL development begins

The Department of Environmental Quality has begun development of the Willow Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), as required by the Clean Water Act, section 303. A TMDL is a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards. Morrow SWCD will provide input and review of the process during monthly board meetings for the next several months.

A Morrow SWCD Board and quarterly Weed Advisory Board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 7 at 5 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office Building in Heppner. Agenda items include minutes of the February meeting, treasurer's report, written staff report, TMDL process, building update, grants

Invitational at Wildhorse, 10 a.m.

Monday, April 17-  
Hermiston JV at McNary, 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 20-  
Pendleton Girls at PCC, 1 p.m.

Friday, April 21-  
Grant Union Invitational JDGC, 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 27-  
Condon at Condon Golf Club, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 28-  
Small Schools Invitational at Echo Hills, 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 30-  
Heppner Golf Fundraiser at Willow Creek, 9 a.m.

Friday, May 5-  
Hood River CC, 12 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday, May 8-9-  
District Golf at Wildhorse Resort, 8 a.m.

Echo at Heppner at 4 p.m.  
\*Saturday, April 15-  
Umatilla at Umatilla at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18-  
Irrigon at Irrigon at 4 p.m.

\*Saturday, April 22-  
Culver at Heppner at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25-  
Weston McEwen at Athena at 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 29-  
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Tuesday, May 2-  
Pilot Rock at Heppner at 4 p.m.

\*Saturday, May 6-  
Echo at Echo at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9-  
Umatilla at Heppner at 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 11-  
Culver at Culver at 4 p.m.

\*Saturday, May 13-  
Irrigon at Heppner at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16-  
Cross-over playoff.  
Saturday, May 20-  
District Tournament.

Saturday, April 22-  
Sherman Invitational at Moro

Tuesday, April 25-  
Stanfield at Stanfield

Friday, April 28-  
Goldendale Invitational at Goldendale

Friday, May 5-  
Heppner/Pilot Rock Invite at Riverside

Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13-  
District at Stanfield

Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20-  
State.

## ATTENTION! Morrow County Residents

Beginning Saturday, March 4, 2006, the MORROW COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS will WAIVE THE FEE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF LARGE ITEMS such as furniture, home appliances and mattresses for residents of Morrow County.

You will be required to show proof of residence in the county with identification. You will further be issued a receipt in the amount the disposal cost would have been. The Morrow County Court will subsidize those costs with tippage fee money.

We hope the citizens of the county will take advantage of this new policy.

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