



Tony Haguewood makes a jump shot adding to the Mustangs score. The Heppner Mustangs beat the Knights 76-52.

Ione boys go 1-1 in weekend action

The Ione Boy's Varsity split their weekend games, losing a tough one on the road at South Wasco County on Friday and winning a two-overtime thriller in Ione on Saturday. The Cardinals are 4-2 in league play and 8-5 overall.

On Friday, the Cardinals only managed three points in the first quarter and found themselves down by 10 at the end of the period. Those 10 points ended up being the difference in the game as the Cards fell 38-48. Shots were not falling for Ione as they trailed 24-15 at the half and 34-21 after three.

The Cardinals were taken out of their usual running game by the deliberate,

slow down offense of South Wasco. A telltale sign is that they only put up 48 shots in the game. They were also outmanned by the taller Red-sides on the boards, giving up a 33-40 rebounding advantage.

"It was a tough loss on the road. I really felt that we didn't get out-hustled or outplayed" said Coach Dennis Stefani. "We just couldn't score. If we could have got the ball to go in the hole, I think we could have won this game."

Clay Morter was the Cardinals leading scorer with eight points followed by Alan Rietmann with seven and Kip Krebs and Paul Hams with six. Morter also led the rebounding effort with ten aided by Kevin Fowler with eight and Krebs with seven. Rietmann had five steals and Morter had three assists to pace the team.

On Saturday, Ione hosted Cascade Locks, who,

like the Red-sides, were unbeaten in league play. The Cardinals once again rose to the occasion, taking the visitors to two overtimes before putting the game away 61-56.

Early on, the Cardinals appeared determined to stay in striking range.

The Pirates led 12-9 at the end of the first quarter and 27-23 at the half.

Hot long range shooting by Paul Hams and Justin Archer brought the Cards back into the thick of things as Ione took a lead at the end of three quarters, 40-39 and the teams found the scored tied at 48 at the end of regulation.

After one, four-minute overtime, each team had put four points on the board and the scored was knotted at 52.

Finally in the second overtime, the Cardinals were able to open a lead, outscoring the opponent 9-4. Free throws by Justin Archer and

Clay Morter gave Ione the hard-fought win.

"This was a huge win for us" said Coach Dennis Stefani. "Our kids played their hearts out." This is the third heart-stopping victory for the young Cardinals who are showing poise under pressure. If we could learn to concentrate on free throws and cut down on mental mistakes, we would be winning going away. It was a great effort by everyone."

Paul Hams led the team with 20 points including three threes. Justin Archer also copped three three-pointers and scored 15 points.

Hams also chalked up five assists and six steals while Archer added six steals and eight rebounds. The Cardinals were out-rebounded 44-34, partly due to a 6'7" player from Cascade Locks. Clay Morter led the team with nine boards.

Ione Middle School girls win weekend games

The Ione Middle School girl's basketball team wrapped up a very successful weekend, winning all of their games at two separate three-team tournaments.

On Friday, January 12, Ione hosted Heppner and Condon in games that consisted of two 15-minute running halves. In the first game, Ione took on Condon, a team that they defeated by one point in overtime in their last meeting. The Ione girls looked sluggish and sleepy in the first half and found themselves trailing Condon, 7-13. Things turned around in the second half though as they came roaring to overtake their opponent and go on to win the game 23-20.

Beth Morter led the Ione scorers with ten points followed by Shadow Kendrick with seven and Makenna Ramos with six.

Next up, the Cardinals took on Heppner. The first half was close with the Cardinals leading by two, 9-7. The Ione girls returned in the second half to put 12 points on the board to Heppner's four to win going

away, 21-11.

Beth Morter scored eight points to lead the team. Also scoring for Ione was Makenna Ramos with six, Mary Rietmann with three, and Jordan Peterson and Lacey Thompson with two each.

"Heppner played a combination of A and B players which allowed us to execute our new offense and defense," said Coach Lynn Dee Ramos. "I was really proud of how well they played."

On Saturday, January 13, the Ione girls played two full games at Helix. The first opponent was Echo, a team that played physical, scrappy ball. Ione jumped out to a 14-5 first quarter lead but Echo came storming back to tie the game at the half, 23-23. The Ione girls had a big third quarter, outscoring Echo 13-0 before hanging on for the 38-31 win.

The Cardinals had good balanced scoring led by Beth Morter with 16 points. Mary Rietmann added nine, Shadow Kendrick had sev-

en and Makenna Ramos had six.

"The girls did a great job coming together and playing as a team. It was one of the best games they have played this season," said assistant coach, Dawn Eynetich.

The girls wrapped up their busy weekend with a game against Helix. The host team played them tight for three quarters before the Cardinals opened up a comfortable lead in the fourth quarter.

Ione led 7-4 after one, 9-8 at halftime and 18-14 after three.

"I'm really proud of the sixth graders (Lacey Thompson, Stacey Halvorsen and Shadow Kendrick). They really stepped up and played an outstanding game," said Coach Eynetich.

All but one player got in the scorebook for that game. Beth Morter led with 13 points. Makenna Ramos and Shadow Kendrick each had six, Jordan Peterson and Lacey Thompson each had two and Mary Rietmann had one.

Girls basketball team to host spaghetti feed

The Heppner High School girls basketball team will host a spaghetti feed on Friday, January 19, beginning at 4 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and \$20 for a family. The menu includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and dessert.

Geography bee held at Heppner Elementary



Seated (L-R) are: score keepers Patti Pappas and Roberta Lucher, Tyrel Walker, Garrett Robinson, J.C. Putman, Jeff Dowdy, Maggie Collins, Jacob Moore, McKayla Kindle, Jonathan Chen, Paige Grieb, and Stephen Thompson.

Maggie Collins, a sixth grade student at Heppner Elementary School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Thursday, January 11, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 19th annual National Geographic Bee. The bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

Competing with Maggie in the final school round were: Ross Cutsforth and Paige Grieb, fourth

grade; Tyrel Walker, McKayla Kindle, J.C. Putnam and Jeff Dowdy, fifth grade; and Stephen Thompson, Garrett Robinson, Jonathan Chen, and Jacob Moore, sixth grade. Tyrel Walker came in second place.

The school winners, including Maggie Collins, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state bee on March 30, 2007.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher-es-

corts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 22 and 23, 2007. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the Society.

"Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals on May 23. The program will air on television. Check local listings for dates and times.

Anyone can brush up on geography with GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee, which poses five new questions a day from previous National Geographic Bees. The GeoBee Challenge board game also provides geography fun for the whole family. The board game won the prestigious parents' Choice Award.

from the free throw line. Seitz had four points and Patton went four for four from the line as they pulled away for the win.

Orr finished with 11 points, seven rebounds, four steals, and three assists. Seitz added nine points, 11 steals, and five rebounds, Katie Kilkenny had six rebounds and two assists, Amber Patton had five rebounds, Price and Aftan Betsinger each had three steals, and Lyndi Patton had two steals.

Mustang girls win two on road

The Heppner Mustang varsity girls held on to first place in the Blue Mountain Conference by winning both games on their trip to northeast Oregon using a fourth quarter rally to beat Enterprise 40-34 on Friday, January 5, and using a big second half to beat the Elgin Huskies 51-40 on Saturday, January 6. The Mustangs improved to 4-0 in the BMC and 8-2 overall with the wins.

The girls jumped out to a 16-8 lead over the Outlaws after one, getting seven points from Regi Seitz and still led 22-15 at the half, getting three points each from Taylor Kempas and Kylie Doherty.

The Outlaws came out of the half outscoring the Mustangs 12-3 to take a 27-

Betsinger finished with 12 points and 13 rebounds. Seitz had 12 points, five steals, and two assists, Patton had nine points, Orr had nine rebounds, four assists, and three steals, and Kilkenny grabbed eight rebounds.

Betsinger scored eight points, going six of six

The Mustangs fell behind 16-9 after one and trailed 21-15 at the half before coming out with a vengeance in the third. Lyndi Patton had five points and Seitz had four as they came back to take a 33-30 lead going into the fourth. Betsinger scored eight points, going six of six

Heppner JV girls beat Mac-Hi

The Heppner Mustang JV girls outscored the visiting Mac-Hi Pioneers in every quarter to take a 38-24 win on Tuesday, January 9. The Mustangs improved to 8-2 on the year and will be at home on Friday, January 19, against Pilot Rock and will be on the road at Western McEwen on Saturday, January 20.

The Mustangs led 11-9 after one and got four points from Kristen Van Cleave and three from Stephanie Cutsforth in the second to increase their lead to 18-11 at the half.

Sarah Milner had four points in the third and four from Kelsie Fox in the fourth as they pulled away for the win.

Van Cleave led a balanced scoring effort with seven points with Milner adding six points and four steals and Jessica Hughes had six points and two steals, Erin Price had five points and four steal, Cutsforth had seven rebounds and three steals, Maggie Armato had four rebounds and two assists, and Mercedes Garrett had four rebounds.

Little League to hold meeting

Heppner Little League will hold its first meeting for the 2007 season on Monday, January 29, at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center.

Election of officers will be held. These positions are one-year terms. The positions are: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, field maintenance, equipment officer, concessions, player agent/coaching coordinator, and umpire in chief.

Anyone interested in helping with sign-ups, try-outs, being a coach/manager, or being on the board, are asked to attend.

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