

Cardinals win first football game of season

The Ione Cardinals got their 2007 football season off to a good start with an exciting 26-20 win over Cove at the Eight Man Classic last Saturday in Dufur.

Trailing 20-6 early in the third quarter, the Cards found the endzone three times without an answer from the Leopards to first tie the game at 20 and then go ahead 26-20 with 3:08 on the clock. Three minutes gave Cove plenty of time to make the game interesting though. Just when it looked like the Ione defense had the Leopards where they wanted them on 4th and 16, Cove's quarterback made the most of a broken play with a long run downfield to put his team in the red zone with 46 seconds to go. The Cardinal defense held tough, highlighted by a huge sack by Clay Morter on 4th down to give possession back to the Cards with 12 seconds remaining to seal the win.

For a team that played until November before getting their first win last season, this win was important. "This team needed it bad" said Coach Dennis Stefani. "I was proud of the kids on their first showing.



Justin Archer (#3) running for a touchdown. Clay Morter (#23) is also shown in the picture.

They showed a lot of heart to come back like they did."

While the scoreboard said 26-20, Stefani said that the Cardinals "played better than a 26-20 win. I felt like we had control of the game the whole time." He noted that Cove's scores were usually the result of blown assignments and mental mistakes by Ione rather than sustained drives against the defense.

Offensively, Justin Archer led the team in rushing yards, carrying the ball 34 times for 208 yards and two touchdowns. Clay Morter chipped in with 35 yards on 10 carries and scored one TD. Sophomore Quarterback, RJ Ramos, threw the ball sparingly but connected successfully with Paul Hams for the 56 yard

TD pass, the score that put the Cardinals in front for good.

On the defensive side of the ball, Kip Krebs led the way with 14 tackles, five of which were unassisted. He was followed by Clay Morter with 12 (4 solo); Paul Hams with 10 (2 solo); Matt Coleman with 10 (1 solo); Eric Jepsen with 10 (3 solo) and Dalton Campbell with 8 (2 solo.)

"This is the best I've seen these kids hit in a couple of years" said Coach Stefani. He also praised the offensive line. "They did a great job. They just need to sustain their blocks longer but that will come."

The Cardinals host St. Paul this Friday night with the game set to begin early at 6 p.m.

Mustangs drop opener to Prospectors

By Rick Paullus

Touchdowns in the final minute of each half proved to be the difference as the Heppner Mustangs lost to the Grant Union Prospectors 21-7 on Friday, August 31, in John Day to open the 2007 football season. The Mustangs have a bye this week and will have one more non-league game at DeSales of Walla Walla on Friday, September 14, at 7 p.m.

Both teams had trouble with their offense in the first half as they traded punts and turnovers including a pass interception by Dalton Wellman and a fumble recovery by Nathan Van Cleave. Then with 1:06 left in the first half, senior Lane Bailey scooped up a fumble in the Prospector backfield and ran 68 yards for a touchdown. Josh Shank kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 7-0 lead.

The Prospects came right back with an answer scoring on a 38 yard pass and extra point to tie it with :12.7 left before halftime.

Grant Union then took the lead early in the third quarter after picking off a tipped pass and scoring on their first play. The kick was no good but they led 13-7 with 11:10 in the third quarter.

The second half was a lot like the first as both teams had trouble with penalties and traded several punts. Midway through the fourth quarter Van Cleave

caused a fumble which Wacy Coil jumped on, but the Mustangs were unable to move the ball and had to punt.

The Mustangs held and forced a fourth down and long at the Heppner 35 yard line but the Prospectors Keldon Martin broke free and raced to the end zone for the clinching touchdown with :46.8 left.

Bailey ran 11 times for 37 yards and Dennis Kenny caught two passes from Wellman for 31 yards.

Bailey also led the defense with 21 points with Van Cleave and Coil each having 19 defense points. Kenny had 17 points, Andre Rauch 15 points, Wellman 14 points, Bryan Holland 13 points, Nacho Elguezabal 12 points and Brent Eckman had eight points.

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Second quarter

Heppner - Lane Bailey 68 yard fumble recovery (Josh Shank kick) 1:06.

Grant Union - Keldon Martin 38 yard pass from Austin Rauff (Martin kick) :12.7.

Third quarter

Grant Union - Jimmy Cook 27 yard run (kick failed) 11:10.

Fourth quarter

Grant Union - Martin 35 yard run (Brennan with pass from Rauff) :46.8.

Over the Tee Cup

Willow Creek Country Club ladies' play day was held August 28. Low gross of the field was Pat Edmundson. Low net of the field was Jackie Allstott. Least putts of the field was Carol Mitchell.

Other winners are as follows:

Flight A-Low Gross Loa Heideman; Low Net Jan Paustian; Least Putts Virginia Grant; and Long Drive Jan Paustian; K.P. was Virginia Grant.

Flight B-Low Gross Pat. Dougherty; Low Net Luvilla Sonstegard; Least Putts Lorrene Montgomery; and Long Drive Pat Dougherty.

Flight C-Low Gross Beth Jeffreys; K.P. was Jackie Allstott.

Chip-ins was Jackie Allstott on #3.

Birdies were Virginia Grant on #4 and Jackie Allstott on #3.

2007 Ione High School Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 7 - Irrigon at Ione, 5 p.m.

Sept. 8 - Summit Springs Tourney at Condon, 10 a.m.

Sept. 11 - Heppner at Ione, 5 p.m.

Sept. 13 - Riverside at Riverside, 5 p.m.

Sept. 14 - Wallowa at Wallowa, 2 p.m.

Sept. 18 - Arlington at Ione, 5 p.m.

Sept. 21 - Condon at Ione, 5 p.m.

Sept. 25 - Helix at Ione, 5 p.m.

Sept. 28 - South Wasco at Ione, 5 p.m.

Oct. 2 - Echo at Echo, 5 p.m.

Oct. 5 - Arlington at

2007 Mustang Volleyball Schedule

September 6 - Umatilla at Heppner, 5 p.m., A, B & C teams.

September 8 - Riverside Tourney at Boardman, 10 a.m., A & C teams.

September 8 - Echo Tourney in Echo, 9 a.m., B team.

September 10 - Arlington at Heppner, 5 p.m., C team.

September 13 - Umatilla at Umatilla, 5 p.m., A, B & C teams.

September 15 - Sherman Tourney at Moro, 9 a.m., A team.

September 15 - Heppner B/C Tourney at Heppner, 9 a.m., B & C teams.

Colt Volleyball Program to begin

The Colt Volleyball Program will begin on Sunday, September 9, 2007 with a clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary Gym. Anyone interested in playing from third through sixth grade are welcome. Registration forms will be available at your schools and also at the beginning of the clinic on Sunday. The cost for participation is \$20 which will include a T-shirt. Practices will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and games will be on Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants are asked to bring kneepads, gym shoes, and a water bottle.

For more information call Becky Kindle at 676-5040 or Christy Correa at 676-5149.

2007 Mustang Football Schedule

September 14 - DeSales at Walla Walla, 7 p.m.

September 21 - Stanfield at Heppner, 7 p.m.

September 28 - Union at Union, 7:30 p.m.

October 5 - Pilot Rock at Heppner, 7 p.m.

October 12 - Irrigon at Heppner, 7 p.m.

October 19 - Weston McEwen at Athena, 7 p.m.

October 26 - Enterprise at Heppner, 7 p.m.

November 2 - Elgin at Elgin, 7:30 p.m.

Lady Cards volleyball win three, lose three to open season

The Ione Lady Cardinals kicked off their volleyball season, playing in the Dufur Jamboree on Saturday, September 1. The girls played six games to 20 points, winning three and losing three on the day.

The Lady Cardinals started the day playing Country Christian. After a few early game jitters, the Cards shifted into gear, tying the score at 17 on a Kylee Svetich ace. Country Christian pulled back ahead 20-19 but sophomore, Tyree Svetich put down a kill to tie the score at 20. The team buckled down to grab the win 22-21.

Next up was Wallowa, a team that gave the Lady Cards a bit of trouble. Ione lost the game 13-20 but saw some encouraging signs. Tyree Svetich recorded a kill and Beth

Morter and Sarah Stillman each had a block.

Game three pitted Ione against league rival Echo. After a shaky start, the Lady Cardinals got it together for a 20-15 win. Emily Rietmann notched three aces while Kaylee Palmateer and Kylee Svetich each had two kills. The team also tallied 10 digs.

In the fourth game of the day, the Lady Cards lost a close one to Pine Eagle, 17-20. The team combined for 25 digs and 11 spikes in the game.

Game number five featured a tall team from St. Paul. Ione struggled to find away around the height at the net, dropping the game 10-20.

In the final game of the day, the Lady Cards recorded eight ace serves and three kills to put away

Crane 20-10.

First year head coach, Brandi Heideman, was very impressed with the play of her team. "They want to win and are playing hard," she said. She did note some areas that will need attention. "We need to work on our serves. We have a tendency to get complacent and in our third and fourth games, we really hurt ourselves."

Coach Heideman overall liked what she saw in the team's season opener. "Their teamwork was good and they really helped each other."

The Lady Cards will play at home this Friday against Irrigon, starting at 5 p.m. The team travels to the Summit Springs Tournament in Condon on Saturday, with their first match scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

2007 Ione Middle School Football and Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 13 - Echo at Ione, 6 p.m.

Sept. 21 - Condon at Ione, 2 p.m.

Sept. 28 - South Wasco at Ione, 2 p.m.

Oct. 5 - Arlington at Arlington 2 p.m.

Oct. 6 - Helix (VB only) at Helix, noon.

Oct. 12 - Dufur at Dufur, 2 p.m.

Oct. 13 - Ione MS VB Tourney at Ione, 10 a.m.

Oct. 19 - Sherman at Sherman, 2 p.m.

2007 Mustang JV Football Schedule

September 10 - Pendleton Frosh at Pendleton, 5 p.m.

September 17 - Weston Mc at Heppner, 5 p.m.

September 24 - Mac Hi at Mac Hi, 5 p.m.

October 1 - River-

side at Boardman, 5 p.m.

October 8 - Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.

October 15 - Stanfield at Heppner, 5 p.m.

October 22 - Hermiston Frosh at Heppner, 5 p.m.

Effective Sept. 1, 2007:

Bailey Heavy Equipment Repair, Inc. will no longer be doing any excavation or septic/rooter business.

Bailey Heavy Equipment Repair Inc. will be concentrating on the Lexington Machine Shop and equipment repairs.

Ken and Kaedene Bailey would like to thank EVERYONE in the community and surrounding areas for their patronage over the past years.

THE STABLE LANES

Fall Bowling Leagues starting in September!

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

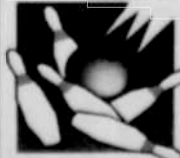
starting Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S LEAGUE

starting Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

COUPLES LEAGUE

starting Sunday, Sept. 9 at 4 p.m.



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- Thursday, September 6th at 6 p.m. -
LADIES' NIGHT DINNER

Homemade Lasagna

Garlic Bread

Caesar Salad

and Dessert!



Chefs Colin and Erin Anderson,
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HUNTER'S NIGHT

- Wednesday, Sept. 26th -

Menu: Prime Rib

Rifle Raffle and Prizes!