

# Lady Cards win one, lose one

The Ione Lady Cardinals won one and lost one during a weather-shortened basketball week, defeating Horizon Christian on January 30 in Ione and falling to league leading, Nixyaawii on February 1 in Mission.

Kylee Svetich led the Lady Cardinals in their Wednesday match-up with Horizon Christian of Hood River with 14 of her game high 16 points coming in the first half. On the back of her first half scoring, the Lady Cards led at halftime 17-10. In the third quarter, the Lady Cards had six people score on their way to a 17 point quarter. Using a variety of personnel, Ione turned a six point lead midway through the period into a 14 point lead at the end of the quarter. Leading 34-20 entering the final frame, the Lady Cards watched Horizon narrow the lead with an 11-1 run but held on for the win. A Horizon three pointer at the buzzer made the final margin just six points.

"It was a good win for us," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "We were a bit rusty from our time off due to the weather, but played well at times, particularly in the third quarter. Kylee

had good game for us and our press and team defense got better as the game went along."

Horizon Christian	4	6	10	11-31
Ione-	11	6	17	3-37

Ione (7-12, 4-7) Kylee Svetich 14, Tiana Camarillo 4, Beth Morter 4, Kaylee Palmateer 3, Emily Rietmann 3, Tyree Svetich 2, Brenna Rietmann 2, Stefanie Archer 1. On Friday, the Lady Cards ran into a tough team with only one loss on the season and could find no answer for Nixyaawii's hot shooting and tenacious defense. The Golden Eagles put up three successive 20-plus point quarters on their way to running away from the Lady Cards.

"They have a lot of offensive weapons on their team so it makes it hard to guard them. If you stop one of their players, they have two or three others who can step up," said Coach Ryan Rudolf.

On the bright side, eight Ione players got in the scorebook led by freshman, Beth Morter, with 10 points, including one three pointer. Kaylee Palmateer added six

points, consisting of two three pointers.

"We ran into a very good team," said Coach Rudolf. "Nixyaawii shoots the ball very well and they do not make many mistakes. We played into their style of game and just couldn't keep up. Beth had a good game and at times we did some good things, but they showed us why they are the best team in the Big Sky."

Ione	7
10	9
11	-
37	37
Nixyaawii	22
21	21
10	-
74	74

Ione (7-13, 4-8) - Beth Morter 10, Tori Heagy 3, Teonna Vandever 2, Tiana Camarillo 4, Brenna Rietmann 4, Kaylee Palmateer 6, Kylee Svetich 5, Emily Rietmann 3. Nixyaawii (19-1, 11-1) - Suzette White Owl 13, Watchman 11, C. Minthorn 11, Edgmand 12, Ganuelas 2, Withers 9, Kash Kash 4, Perry 3, Miller 3, V. Minthorn 2, Begay 4. 3-point field goals - Ione 3, Nixyaawii 3. Free throws - Ione 10-20, Nixyaawii 9-22. Fouls - Ione 18, Nixyaawii 14.

The JV girls played two quarters prior to the

start of the girls' varsity game. Roaring back from a 15-4 deficit, the young Lady Cards revved up their press and took advantage of a number of steals. Tyree Svetich hit a huge three pointer with under a minute to go to pull the Cards within one. Then Briana Peterson was fouled when she put back on offensive rebound, sending her to the line to shoot two. The first rolled off the front of the rim but the second dropped in to tie the game at 19 as time ran out.

In the overtime period, the teams swapped scores. Beth Morter hit a three and Tyree Svetich grabbed another bucket. Nixyaawii went to the free throw line 10 times in the OT period but only managed to connect on four. With seconds left on the clock and trailing by one, Beth Morter laid up the game winning shot to give Ione the 26-25 win.

Beth Morter led the scoring with 10 points. Tyree Svetich added seven, Briana Peterson had three and Brenna Rietmann, Stefanie Archer, and Sarah Stillman each had two.

# Ione JV boys take win over Knights

The last time the Ione Boys' JV played Condon-Wheeler, the Knights beat them by 29 points. This time around, when the Cardinals traveled to Condon on January 25, it was quite a different story.

Although the Cards trailed for the most of the game, including being down 17-11 at the half, they strung together a strong second half to get back into the game. At the end of three quarters, Ione had narrowed Condon-Wheeler's lead to just two points, 19-21. In the fourth, the Cards tied the game for the first time in the contest with about two minutes to go. After a couple of lead swaps, the Cards looked up at the score clock to see the score tied at 31 and just five seconds remaining. In-bounding the ball under the Knight's basket and with a full-court press looking for a steal, the Cardinals' press break had their work cut out for them. RJ Ramos inbounded the ball and each Cardinal touched it on the way down the court. With the clock expiring, RJ Ramos put up a little runner from just inside the free throw line that banked in at the buzzer, giving the Car-

dinals the 33-31 win.

"This was not the best game either side played but when you win at the buzzer after going the full length of the court, it was great," said Coach Jim Swanson. "I was proud of all of them."

RJ Ramos and Tanner Rietmann shared scoring honors for the Cardinals with nine each. Alex Rietmann added six, Cory Peterson had four, Kevin LaRue and Marco Juarez had two each and Luke Bradfield added one.

Tanner Rietmann led the team in rebounding with 11 boards and also had seven of the team's eight blocked shots. RJ Ramos added 10 rebounds. Ramos also had five steals. Gunner Jessen paced the team with six assists.

Coach Swanson was pleased not only with the win but with the team's improvement just since the first of the year. "At the end of the year, we were 1-8 but in January of 2008, we were 7-2 which is a great turn around," said Swanson. "We are beating the same teams that beat us by 20 or 30 points in the first part of the season."

# Ione varsity boys split games

The Ione Boys' Varsity split their games during the past week which was shortened by snow days. The Cards lost a close one to league-leading Horizon Christian on Wednesday, January 30 in Ione and defeated Nixyaawii in Mission on Friday, February 1. Coming into the final week of the regular season, the Cards have a busy week on tap with four games scheduled, including one make-up game.

Horizon Christian of Hood River had originally been scheduled to play on January 26 but due to ice and snow, the game was rescheduled for January 30. The Cardinals, playing on no practice since the previous Thursday, looked a little rusty in the early going. A three pointer by Paul Hams to start the game and another by Alan Rietmann with 1:30 remaining in the quarter, kept Ione close. However, the Hawks went on a 10-0

run with two threes of their own to close the quarter to take a 17-8 lead. Neither team did much offensive damage in the second quarter with both teams scoring just six points to keep the lead the same at the half, 23-14. However, the Cardinals lost Kip Krebs with an arm injury midway through the period.

Clay Morter hit a jumper to open the third quarter. Matt Hams nailed a three and followed a short time later with a lay in from the baseline to cut Horizon's lead to five, 26-21. The Hawks responded with a three and another bucket to build the lead back to 10. The Cards went on a 9-2 run, including four points from Kevin Fowler, a three pointer by Paul Hams and a Justin Archer lay in at the buzzer to close things back up. At the end of three, the Cards trailed 33-30.

Horizon tipped in an offensive rebound early in

the fourth to push the lead back to five. Matt Hams hit a giant three with 5:45 on the clock to pull the Cards to within two. Neither team scored for the next four minutes until the Hawks got a basket with 1:39 on the clock. Twenty seconds later, Alan Rietmann swished a three, making the score 37-36 in favor of Horizon with 1:10 remaining. From that point, Horizon concentrated on holding the ball, forcing the Cards to foul. With 1:04 on the clock, the Hawks hit both ends of a one and one to put the lead back to three points. With 7.6 seconds remaining, Horizon again went to the line, hitting one of two to make the final score 40-36 and the Cards ran out time on the win.

"It was another tough loss," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "I have to give the kids a lot of credit though. They played hard and gave themselves the chance to win but in the end, we didn't hit the shots we needed to."

Matt Hams led the Cardinals in scoring with 10 points. Paul Hams added eight and Kevin Fowler and Alan Rietmann had six each. The Cardinals were pulled into Horizon's methodical style of play and put up just 39 shots in the game, well below their usual average of around 60. The Cards hit 39% from the field. From behind the three point line, Ione hit 6 of 16 for 38%. The Cards took just one trip to the free throw line in the entire game.

Under the basket, the Cards struggled against Horizon's taller players and were out-rebounded 21-15. Clay Morter led the Cards on the boards with five. He also had four steals. Paul Hams paced the team with seven assists.

On Friday night, the Cards pulled out a much needed win, downing Nixyaawii in Mission 55-38.

The Cardinals got out to a good start, leading 14-6 at the end of the first quarter of play. But the Golden Eagles hung in, trailing by just seven at the half

23-16. In the third quarter, seven Cardinals put points in the book for Ione. Leading by as many as 14, the Cards looked ready to put the game away. The Golden Eagles never stopped though. Starting with a full court inbounds pass lay-in at the buzzer at the end of the third, Nixyaawii scored seven unanswered points to pull within six, 41-35 with one minute gone in the fourth. The Cards buckled down and got to work when Alan Rietmann hit a basket, making the score 43-35. The Golden Eagles hit one of two free throws which was answered by Clay Morter's putback of an offensive rebound. Nix hit one more basket, making the score 45-38 with four and half minutes to go but did not score again in the game. Meanwhile, Ione put up 10 unanswered points for the final margin.

Three Cards were in double figures led by Alan Rietmann with 11. Paul Hams and Kip Krebs each had 10. Ione shots 36% for the game, making 21 of 59 shots including four three pointers. Ione positively dominated the boards with a 54-28 rebounding advantage. Clay Morter led the attack with an outstanding 18 boards. Kip Krebs and Justin Archer added 10 each.

"I though we played well for as long of a layoff as we did," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "Clay Morter had a huge game on the boards and I thought the team as a whole played well on defense. This was a very important win to get."

Ione	14
9	18
14	-
55	55
Nixyaawii	6
10	14
8	-
38	38

Ione (12-8, 8-4 BSC-E) - Alan Rietmann 11, P. Hams 10, Krebs 10, M. Hams 7, Morter 6, Fowler 6, Archer 5. Nixyaawii (8-12, 4-8 BSC-E) - Shawn Simpson 19, Case 10, Ball 3, Van Pelt 2, Crawford 2, Sampson 2. 3-point field goals - Ione 4, Nixyaawii 2. Free throws - Ione 9-17, Nixyaawii 6-11. Fouls - Ione 13, Nixyaawii 14. Fouled out - Sampson (Nixyaawii). Technicals - Simpson (Nixyaawii).

# FFA to hold second annual Donkey Basketball game

FFA members will take on the HHS teachers during the second annual Donkey Basketball game on Saturday, February 9, in the Heppner High School gym. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the game will start at 7 p.m.

Pre-sale tickets are available for \$1 off at the office or by contacting Beth Dickenson at 676-9138, ext. 2542. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$8 for adults, \$7 for students 6-12 and \$6 for children. Prices are set by Donkey Sports, Inc.

# Heppner chess tournament held

The Heppner Chess Tournament was held this past Saturday, February 2, at Heppner Elementary School. The results are as follows:

## Division I - K-5th Grade

K-5: Desert View Elementary came in first place. Heppner Elementary School placed second.

K-4: Kai Arbogast of Heppner placed first. Ana Torres of Hermiston and Joe Jones of Heppner tied for second place.

5th Grade: Dillon Zimmerly of Hermiston came in first. Ross Cutsforth of Heppner and Keegan Crafton of Hermiston tied for second place.

## Division II - 6-8th Grade

6-8th Grade: Heppner team came in first place. Echo team placed second.

8th Grade: Drake Dumond of Echo came in first place. Ruben Macias of Echo and Zach Hintz of Heppner tied for second place.

7th Grade: Brian Bither of Echo, Antonio Torres of Hermiston and Taige Houk of Hermiston tied for first.

6th Grade: Shane Miles of Heppner came in first place. Chance Pennock of Hermiston came in second place.

## Division III - High School

9-12 Grade: Mitch Montchalin of Pendleton and Bernardo Torres of Hermiston tied for first.

# Students test their business savvy at regional competition

High school students from across eastern Oregon, including Heppner, will compete in the Oregon Future Business Leaders of America Regional Skills Conference Thursday, February 7, at Eastern Oregon University.

Students will test their expertise in business-related fields, with the top 10 competitors in the regional event qualifying to compete at the state and possibly national FBLA conferences.

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