

Ione boys finish season with wins

The Ione Cardinals finished regular season play with two wins this past weekend, handily defeating Helix in Ione on Friday, February 8, and putting away a pesky Arlington team on the road on Saturday, February 9. The Cards boast a league record of 12-4 with a 16-8 record overall.

The Big Sky Tournament looms for the Cards this week. As the number two seed from the Big Sky East, the Cardinals will face South Wasco County (BS-W #3) on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at Umatilla High School.

Friday was Senior Night as the Cardinal faithful took a minute to honor the seven seniors, Alan Rietmann, Paul Hams, Kip Krebs, Kevin Fowler, Justin Archer, Dalton Campbell and Richard Bohna.

Maybe it was the distraction of Senior Night but the game started out slowly and with five minutes gone in the first quarter, the score was just 5-4. However, the Cardinals got fired up thanks to nine consecutive points supplied by Alan Rietmann at the end of the first and start of the second quarters. Before Helix had time to catch their breath, they were down 19-4. A 21-5 second quarter gave the Cardinals a 33-9 halftime lead. Things didn't get much better for the Grizzlies in the second half as the Cardinals romped to a 69-30 win. A highlight of the game was Richard Bohna, a senior suiting up for his first varsity appearance, hitting two free throws late in the game to record his only varsity points. His joyous celebration of 100% free throw shooting delighted



Paul Hams takes a shot during the Cardinals game against Arlington on Saturday night. The Cardinals won the game by a score of 67-60. —Photo by Theresa Crawford

the entire crowd, even the visitors.

Twelve of the roster of 13 scored in the game, led by Alan Rietmann with 13 and Paul Hams with 10.

"It was a good win for us. We played well on defense and did a good of moving the ball on offense," said Coach Dennis Stefani.

Hot shooting by Arlington in Saturday's contest kept the game close as the Cardinals looked to close out their season with a win. Although the Cards never trailed, the Honkers hung around the entire game. Alan Rietmann had 10 points and Kip Krebs had nine in the first half as Ione took a 36-31 lead to the locker room at the half. The Cards went on an 11-0 tear to start the second half and opened up a 16 point lead. The Honkers were able to narrow the gap to seven a

couple of times but the Cardinals responded each time. With just under two minutes left in the game, Matt Hams left the game with an injury and the Honkers made one final push. The Cards held on for a 67-60 win.

Paul Hams led the team in scoring with 19 points. Alan Rietmann had 15 and Kip Krebs added 14. The Cardinals out-rebounded Arlington 35-28, led by Kip Krebs with eight and Clay Morter with seven. Paul Hams continued his excellent playmaking with 10 assists. The Cardinals shot 42% from the floor while Arlington shot 43%.

"It was a great way to finish the regular season," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "I thought we moved the ball well but felt our defense was soft. This allowed Arlington to hang around the entire game."

Lady Cards finish season with weekend split

The Ione Lady Cardinals finished their season with a weekend split, losing to Helix in Ione on Friday, February 8 and winning big against Arlington on Saturday, February 9.

The Lady Cards surprised the Lady Grizzlies by hanging tough in the early going. Helix got out to a 15-5 lead before Ione shifted into gear with a 10-4 run to trail by just four at the quarter, 19-15. Neither team did much offensive damage in the second quarter with just eight points for Helix and six for Ione. The Cards trailed 27-21 at the half.

It was a 25-5 quarter posted by Helix that proved the undoing for Ione. The Grizzlies vaunted pressure defense took its toll time and time again as the Cards struggled to get the ball down the court. Tiana Camarillo scored nine of her team high 13 points in the fourth quarter but it wasn't enough to dig back out of the hole as Helix won the game 52-32.

Tiana Camarillo scored 13 points in the game. Kylee Svetich added six and had 13 rebounds.

"We played with them for the first half," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "We came out at halftime really sluggish and against

a good team like Helix, you pay for it. Just a brief mental lapse but it cost us."

"I liked our effort in the fourth quarter and the girls didn't give up. Not playing all four quarters well has been something we have struggled with the entire season."

Arlington jumped out to a 7-2 lead before Ione got with program in their Saturday match up. Kylee Svetich had ten points on the board at the half as the Lady Cards built a 26-15 lead. Ione posted a four point advantage in the third and fourth quarters to take the game 47-28.

Kylee Svetich had another strong outing with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Emily Rietmann tallied 10 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds.

"This was a great way to end the season," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "I thought we played good man-to-man defense the entire game and everyone contributed."

"Kylee was a dominate force inside and Emily had a great all-around game. Overall, I was pleased with our team effort and performance."

The Lady Cards finished their season 7-9 in the Big Sky Conference and 10-14 overall.

Ione JV boys finish season with wins

The Ione Boys' JV team finished their season with two solid wins, defeating Helix in Ione on February 8 and downing Arlington on the road on February 9. The JV team finished their season with a 10-11 record, a drastic improvement over the record they posted one and a half months ago of 1-9.

On Friday night, the Cardinals were not very hospitable hosts as they raced out to a 23-10 first quarter lead and kept up the intensity in the second quarter, leading 36-20 at the half. The young Cards stretched the lead out to 20 points before coasting home for the 51-40 win.

Tanner Rietmann

led the team with 17 points and 12 rebounds. "He was our main 'go to' man," said Coach Jim Swanson. Also scoring for Ione was RJ Ramos with 12, Cory Peterson with eight, Dalton Campbell with five, Gunner Jessen with three and Alex Rietmann, Marco Juarez and Luke Bradfield with two each.

"It's always great to play Helix as they suit up and play all but one varsity player. It always gives our kids a good run," said Coach Swanson. He noted that his team had 18 turnovers "but they were due to hustle and not lazy turnovers." The Cards shot the ball 64 times and had eight blocked shots, led by Thomas Holland and

Tanner Rietmann with three each. "We played very aggressive ball," said Coach Swanson. He also noted that Dalton Campbell "had three great full court outlet passes for lay-ins."

The Cardinal JV's closed out their season with a solid win over Arlington. Leading just 25-19 at the half, the Cards put together a 27-15 second half to take the 52-34 win.

RJ Ramos led the team in scoring with 17 points. Gunner Jessen and Tanner Rietmann each had 10, Alex Rietmann had nine and Cory Peterson added six.

Thomas Holland and RJ Ramos led the team

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Good Luck to the Ione Cardinals!

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Ione Cardinals Varsity Team: (L-R) - Back Row - Cory Peterson, Matt Hams, Kevin Fowler, Manager Luke Bradfield, Coach Jim Swanson, Kip Krebs, Clay Morter, Justin Archer. Front Row - Dalton Campbell, Gunner Jessen, Alan Rietmann, Paul Hams, RJ Ramos, Tanner Rietmann. Not pictured: Coach Dennis Stefani.

District Tournament in Umatilla

**Big Sky Tournament:
Ione vs.
South Wasco County
Thursday, Feb. 14
at 4:30 p.m.
Umatilla High School**

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