

# Cardinal football team loses home opener

The Ione Cardinals hosted Touchet, WA in their home opener last Friday night with a big crowd enjoying the almost ideal football evening. Touchet spoiled the Cardinal's outing by dealing them a 44-14 loss.

The Cards received the opening kickoff and were moving the ball, starting at their own 25 and moving over the 50 yard line with passes and rushes. After a Cardinal punt, Touchet needed just two plays from scrimmage to find the end zone for the first time, connecting on a 25 yard pass and then running in from 25 yards out. With the point after good, Touchet led 8-0. The visitors let the Cardinals know who was boss by then scoring on each possession until midway through the second quarter.

The Cards got on the board early in the second quarter on a drive starting on their own 32. Senior running back, Cory Peterson broke away for a 39 yard run and followed up with runs of 10, five and 11 yards before freshman, Micha Stillman punched in from one yard out for the touchdown.

Ione then forced Touchet to turn the ball over on downs on their next series, their first non-scoring series of the game. The Cards took over on their own 35 and strung together a nice drive moving the ball to the Touchet 20 yard line. On



Top Photo: #13 RJ Ramos gets ready to throw a pass. Bottom Photo: #10 Gunner Jessen runs down the field with the ball. -Photos by Theresa Crawford

fourth and nine, the Cards came up just short of sustaining the drive, turning the ball over on downs. Touchet led 30-6 at halftime.

Touchet scored twice in the third quarter to lead 44-6. After a strong defensive stand where the Cards forced Touchet's first punt of the day, the Cards looked to move downfield. Cory Peterson got away for what looked like a 77 yard TD run only to have it called

back and replayed due to offsetting penalties. The Cardinals scored anyway, moving steadily down the field before Cory Peterson got his touchdown on a nine yard run. The point after was good.

"Overall I was pretty happy with our offense. We were able to move the ball," said Coach Dennis Stefani. He noted that the defense struggled to bring the quick

Touchet team down and they capitalized on some big breakaways. "As I watched the tape, I saw that we were in position to make a lot of those tackles but their backs' lateral movement was so quick. They may be the best team we see all year."

Cory Peterson led the Cardinals offense with 174 yards on 12 carries and one touchdown. Defensively, Alex Fetterhoff led the team with 11 tackles. "He had a great second half," said Stefani, noting that eight of his tackles came in the final two frames. Alex Rietmann added 10 tackles and Gunner Jessen had nine.

The Cardinals open league play at home this Friday night at 7 p.m. against Sherman County. "They come ready to play football and they might be looking for a little revenge," said Stefani. "But I feel good about the way we are playing and going into league where we are."

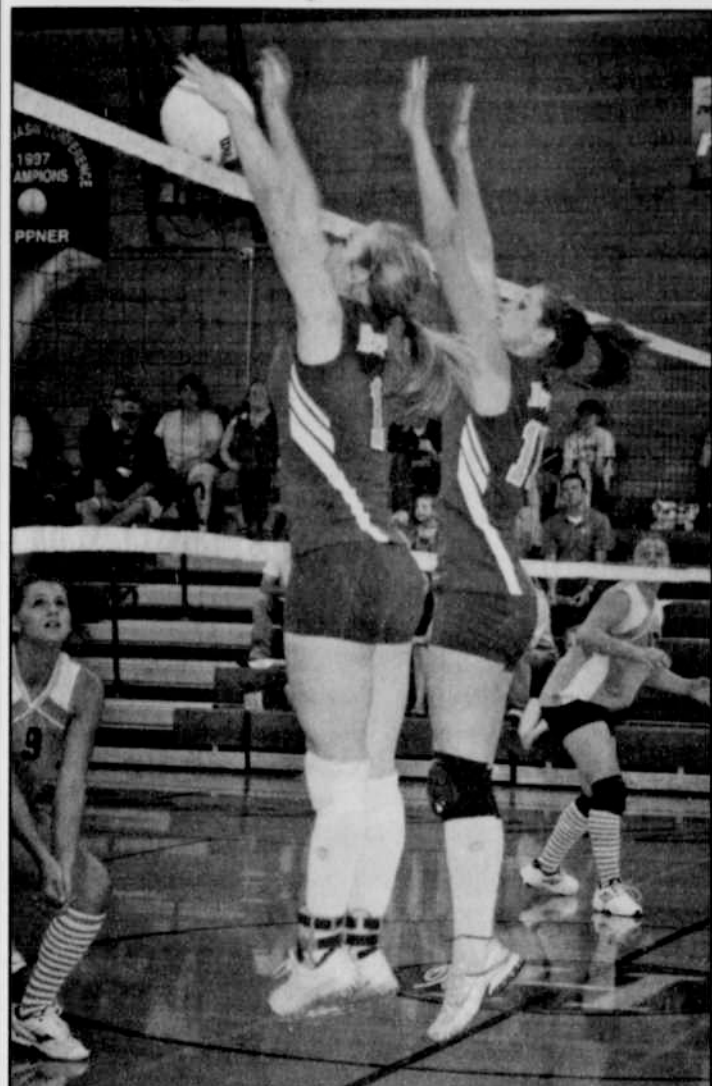
Rushing: Cory Peterson 12-174; Micha Stillman 4-34; Tanner Rietmann 2-4; Alex Rietmann 2-13; RJ Ramos 6-24.

Passing: RJ Ramos 9-19-45 yards.

Receiving: Clay Morter 5-29; Cory Peterson 3-7; Zack Orem 1-9.

Total Offense: Ione 294; Touchet: 446 (Rushing 298, Passing 148).

## Mustang volleyball off to a start



Heppner Mustangs Sherilyn Peck and Joanne Patton block the ball against the Riverside game last Thursday in Heppner. The Mustangs beat the Pirates in three sets. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

## Lady Cards come out on top at Joseph Invitational Tournament

The Ione Lady Cardinals were the surprise winners of the Joseph Invitational Volleyball Tournament last weekend in Joseph, finding their game as the day wore on. Ione emerged from pool play seeded third out of four team but played tough to move through the brackets for the win.

Pool play involved playing two games to 25 points. The Lady Cards met Wallowa in the day's opener, winning one game 20-25 and losing the second 20-25. Next the Cardinals lost to Joseph 12-25, 14-25 before finishing pool play by defeating the La Grande JV's 25-19, 25-23.

Bracket play pitted the Cards against Joseph again in a best two out of three match. Ione lost game one 19-25 but came on strong to win game two 25-21. With the momentum swing their way and Joseph looking rattled, Ione's hitters finished off the Lady Eagles 15-8.

That win moved them to the championship game right back where they started the day, playing Wallowa. Wallowa had lost just one game during the course of the day, and that happened to come at the hands of Ione.

The Lady Cards looked disorganized and distracted in game one, losing 12-25. But the team got back on track in game two and held off Wallowa 25-23. Again, the momentum shifted Ione's way and they raced out to a lead before Wallowa clawed back into the 15 point game three, tying the score first at 10 and then at 12. Long rallies meant it was going to come down to who blinked first and made an error. Two missed Wallowa spikes and a Tiana Camarillo ace serve sent the Cards to the win 15-12.

"Overall I was thoroughly impressed with how the girls played" said Coach Dawn Eynetich. "It was the best net play we have had all season." She noted that the Ione hitters, Tiana Camarillo, Tyree Svetich, Brianna Peterson, Beth Morter and Stefanie Archer, really came on in the game. "They were hitting the holes and that's what we have been trying to get them to do." Brianna Peterson and Stefanie Archer also recorded some good blocks during the day.

Earlier in the week, the Cardinals lost their first league match to Helix, taking the Lady Grizzlies to four games. On Thursday, Ione lost to Heppner in three games and to Riverside in four.

## Colt Jamboree held



Saturday the Les Payne Field was swarmed with football players attending the Colt Jamboree. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

## Cheerleaders to host soup feed

The Heppner High School cheerleaders will host a soup feed on Friday, September 19, from 4-7 p.m. during the football game.

## Mustangs fall short to White Salmon



Sophomore #76 Jordan Wright fights off the White Salmon defense for #3 Brent Eckman. The Mustangs were plagued with questionable penalties in the game, causing a loss against the Cougars in overtime 26-20. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

## 2008 Mustang Football Schedule

Sept. 19 - Elgin at home, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 26 - Stanfield at Stanfield, 7 p.m.

## Ione Football Schedule

Sept. 19 - Touchet in Ione, 6 p.m.  
Sept. 26 - at Condon, 7 p.m.

## 2008 Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 18 - Union at Union at 5 p.m. (A/B teams).  
Sept. 20 - 4-Way Tournament in Stanfield at noon (A team).  
Sept. 23 - Condon at Condon at 5 p.m. (A/B teams).  
Sept. 25 - Irrigon at Irrigon at 5 p.m. (A/B teams).  
Sept. 27 - Enterprise at home at noon (A/B teams).  
Oct. 2 - Stanfield at home at 5 p.m. (A/B teams).

## Ione Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 19 - Sherman at Ione, 5 p.m.  
Sept. 26 - at Condon, 5 p.m.  
Sept. 27 - at Riverside, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 30 - at Arlington, 5 p.m.  
Oct. 3 - at Maupin, 5 p.m.  
Oct. 4 - Echo at Ione, noon.

## Ladies Play Day results

Ladies Play Day was held on Tuesday, September 9, at the Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

### September 9

Low gross of the field was Betty Christman. Low net of the field was Virginia Grant. Least putts of the field was Luvilla Sonstegard.

Flight A winners were: Karen Thompson, low gross; Virginia Grant, least putts; and Betty Christman, long drive and long putt.

Flight C winner was: Luvilla Sonstegard, low gross.

K.P. (2nd): Karen Thompson.

Final Ladies Play Day will be September 30.

## Watermelon rewards for Ione players



Football and volleyball players at Ione High School get rewarded with a watermelon feed after a daily double's practice. The Cardinal sports calendar can be found on the school website at www.ione.k12.or.us. -Contributed Photos

## Sherrell Insurance Agency welcomes Jim Boyce



Jim Boyce  
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Brenda Sherrell of Farmers Insurance Agency in Heppner has added Jim Boyce as a new sales agent.

Jim grew up in Ione and Heppner where his father owned an insurance agency. A 1976 graduate of Heppner High School and a 1979 graduate of Lane Community College's Insurance Claims Program, Jim brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Farmers Insurance.

Jim states, "I am excited about the opportunity to go to work for Farmers Insurance in Heppner and I look forward to getting involved in working with the local community in this endeavor. Please contact me at 541-676-5818 for assistance with your insurance needs."

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