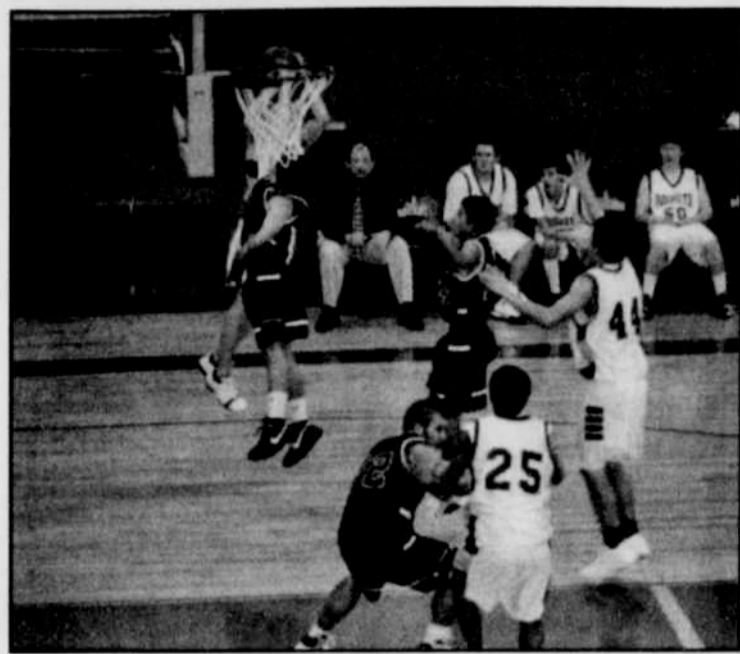


## Ione boys take win, Lady Cards lose against Pilot Rock



Kevin LaRue (JV) blocks a shot. —Photo by Teresa Crawford

The Ione boys varsity put on a show in the first quarter at Pilot Rock but foul trouble sat a few players down and Pilot Rock rolled to a 81-52 victory in a game played Tuesday, December 9, in Pilot Rock.

The offense was "a beautiful thing to watch" in the first quarter in the words of Coach Dennis Stefani as the Cardinals made shreds of the Rocket press on their way to scoring 24 points. The Cards had their biggest lead of the game at 29-21 early in the second after Matt Hams canned a three and Clay Morter hit two free throws with just under a minute gone.

But Matt Hams was whistled for foul number three with 1:14 left in the half and Cory Peterson picked up his third shortly thereafter. With both players having to sit, Pilot Rock went on a 20-3 run that put them up 41-32 at the half.

Foul trouble continued to be a factor as Clay Morter was called for fouls three and four in the third quarter and Matt Hams fouled out early in the fourth. With all five Pilot Rock starters scoring in double figures and foul trouble taking its toll, the

Cardinals couldn't maintain their early pace.

Matt Hams led the team in scoring with 26 points. Zac Orem added 11 and Alex Fetterhoff had six. The Cards shot a respectable 33.9% on 20 of 59 from the field. They went to the line just nine times, hitting six while the Rockets shot 22 free throws and made 13.

Clay Morter led the team with 12 rebounds and Cory Peterson had five assists in the game.

The Lady Cardinals found themselves at a significant height disadvantage against Pilot Rock. The Lady Rockets' starting five boasted two girls 5'11 and above who could play. The Rockets jumped out to 20-7 first quarter lead and held a 20 point advantage at half time, 34-14. The Rockets won the game 63-37.

Beth Morter led the Cardinals with 17 points. Tyree Svetich had seven, including a three pointer, and Tiana Camarillo added four.

"We had a mismatch inside," said Coach Mike Garrett. "Once we switched to a 2/3 zone defense, we played really well with them."

## Ione boys defeat Joseph, fall to Enterprise



Zach Orem shoots a three-pointer. —Photo by Teresa Crawford

Five Cardinals put points on the board in the first quarter as Ione defeated Joseph for their first win of the season. The Cards took an 11-9 lead on a Zac Orem three pointer and never relinquished it, downing the taller Eagles 55-44 in the Winter Classic Tournament at Enterprise.

Matt Hams put up 10 points in the first frame to lead the Cards to a 20-13 first quarter lead. Clay Morter found his touch in the second, dumping in eight points to widen the lead to ten at the half 34-24.

Hot Joseph shooting in the third quarter and a stretch of eight unanswered points put the Eagles back in contention at 37-39 with just over three minutes to go in the third but the Cardinals responded with an 8-0 run to pull away. The Cards held Joseph to just three points in the final quarter to take the 55-44 win.

Matt Hams led all scorers with 23 points. Clay Morter added 16 and Zac Orem had seven. The Cards had one of their best shooting nights of the young season making 24 of their 57 attempts for 42%. Neither team shot many free throws. Ione was 5 of 8 from the line while Joseph was 3-4.

"The kids played great," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "By far, it was our best performance of the year." He noted that the team really took care of the ball. "We had a few turnovers but they were aggressive turnovers."

"The most impressive thing about the game is that we out-rebounded them, 34-21," said Coach Stefani. "We were on the boards hard." Joseph was a much taller team with four of their

starting five over 6'0" and a 6'7" player in the middle. Clay Morter led the effort with nine rebounds and Alex Fetterhoff had six. The Cards also racked up an amazing 24 steals to just four for Joseph. "They would drive in and try to dump the ball off and we stole the ball a lot in the middle." Matt Hams and Clay Morter had seven steals each and Zac Orem added six. Orem also paced the team with six assists.

On Saturday night, the Cards struggled in the early going against the fast-moving Enterprise team and were never really in the game, losing 35-60. The Outlaws created a number of fast-break opportunities with a sticky press that the Cards had trouble handling. Along with the turnovers, the Cardinals had trouble getting shots to fall.

"Enterprise is a good basketball team," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "We played with them but just couldn't get the ball to go in the hole."

Matt Hams led the team in scoring with 13. Alex Fetterhoff added six and Zac Orem had five. Coach Stefani found a bright spot in the rebounding stats where the Cardinals out-rebounded Enterprise 42-37. Clay Morter had a "monster game" with 14 rebounds and Zac Orem added eight.

Despite the loss, Coach Stefani was not displeased with the effort. "We got inside and were doing things right. It was just our shots were not falling."

"Overall the whole weekend was a pretty good positive," said Stefani. "I think we showed that coming into league, we can be competitive."

## Mustang wrestlers bring home first place trophy

Seth Palmer was the only Mustang to appear on the individual placer podium, finishing as the consolation champion at 112 pounds.

Jarreid Miller lost his first match at 135 pounds to Conner White from La Grande. He battled back to win his next three matches against The Dalles Watonka, Barlow and Mac Hi wrestlers to advance to the consolation championship where he again faced White from La Grande. Despite improving on his first match, Miller could not prevail.

Heppner got key wins from Cody Nelson, John Nelson, Tyler Robin-

son, Matt Holland and Justin Yocom. Every win and every team point was vital to the Mustangs bringing home the 2A/1A first place trophy.

Freshman Cody Nelson won his first varsity match representing the Mustangs at 119 pounds. He was trailing his opponent from Baker by a score of 3-0 with just 10 seconds remaining in the match when he rolled a five-point granby move that won the match 5-3 as time ran out.

Also competing for the Mustangs were Zach Yocom, Andrew Bara, Dillon Lucher, Conner Pappas, Garrett Gibbs, Alex Fuentes and Zach Hintz.

## Lady Cards lose two games during Winter Classic Tournament



Makenna Ramos passes the ball to Tyree Svetich. —Photo by Teresa Crawford

The Ione Lady Cardinals dropped two games over the weekend at the Winter Classic Tournament in Enterprise but found some encouraging signs.

Taking on the defending state champion, Joseph, in Friday's matchup, the Lady Cards didn't look intimidated in the early going taking a 9-6 first quarter lead. The Eagles woke up in the second quarter out-scoring Ione 14-2 to take a 20-11 halftime lead. Joseph continued to build their lead but never really trounced the Cards, taking the win 43-23.

Stefanie Archer and Beth Morter both had six points for the Lady Cardinals. Tiana Camarillo added four. Stefanie Archer also led the team with nine rebounds and had four steals. Beth Morter had four assists in the contest.

"As a team, we're starting to find out we can play at a fairly high level," said Coach Mike Garrett. "We just have to keep it up in the second, third and fourth quarters. Field goal and free throw percentages were the tale of the game," he added, noting that 0-18 shooting in the second quarter hurt the team.

Saturday's game pit-

ted Ione against a very motivated Enterprise squad. The Outlaws were looking to chalk up their coach's 300<sup>th</sup> career victory and came out gunning. Enterprise put up 17 points in the first two quarters on their way to a 34-13 halftime lead and ran away with the 53-21 win.

"We had the same problem as the night before," said Coach Mike Garrett. "We started off the first quarter pretty well but shot 1-9 in the second quarter and 1-17 in the third quarter which hurt."

Mary Rietmann had six points to lead the team. Tyree Svetich and Beth Morter added four each. Beth Morter was the leading rebounder with seven while Tiana Camarillo and Stefanie Archer each had a team leading three steals. Briana Peterson had three assists.

"Overall, we competed really well and played some really tough teams," said Coach Garrett. "We're looking forward to this weekend when we start league play."

The Cardinals are scheduled to take on league opponents Nixyaawii on Friday in Mission and host Dufur on Saturday.

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