

## Cards win one, lose one in weekend play

A "terrific win" followed by a "tough loss" was the road the Lone Cardinals traveled last weekend, taking an overtime victory over the visiting Sherman County Huskies on Friday and losing a heartbreaker on the road against Central Christian on Saturday in Prineville. The weekend games moved the Cardinals' league mark to 3-1 with their season record at 5-7.

The Cards got right with the program Friday night, answering Sherman's first score of the game with 10 unanswered points. Clay Morter put up nine points and Matt Hams had seven in the period as the Cardinals took a 20-12 first quarter advantage. The Cardinals built their lead to as much as 13 but Sherman had a 10-2 run including back to back threes to close the gap at the half to 33-27.

Matt Hams scored the Cardinals first six points of the third quarter but Sherman connected on three more three-pointers including one near the buzzer to pull within one, 48-47. The fourth quarter was fast and furious with five lead changes and two ties. Zac Orem was whistled for his fifth personal foul with 1:29 remaining and had to sit. With 30 seconds left in the game, Matt Hams hit the first of two free throws to build the lead to 62-59. But Sherman's hot three point shooters had the answer, nailing one with 19 seconds left. The Cards called time out with eight seconds to go and got a shot off but it did not connect, sending the game to overtime with the score tied 62-62.

In the extra period, the first score didn't happen until Clay Morter hit the first of a pair of free throws with 2:19 on the clock. Sher-

### Mustangs take win over Union

By Cody Orr

Last Friday night the Mustangs traveled to Union to fight off the Union Bobcats. The Mustangs put up an outstanding 93 points while holding the Bobcats to just 58.

After Chris Lien's technical foul, the Bobcats went on a 6 to 0 run. The Mustangs got a little fired up after that and completely took over the game. In the first quarter alone Jared Huddleston scored 15 points.

The Mustangs first quarter score was 23 to 16. The second quarter was



Matt Hams (#11) shoots the first two points of the Sherman County game last Friday night in Lone. —Photo by Theresa Crawford

man answered with their tenth three-pointer of the game one minute later. Matt Hams drove the ball inside and was fouled. Hitting two clutch free throws tied the score again at 65 with 59 seconds left on the clock. Sherman brought the ball down court and was working it in when Clay Morter came up with a huge steal, taking ball coast to coast for the lay-in. Sherman tuned the ball over on their next possession and Cory Peterson ended up at the line shooting two. Hitting the second gave the Cards that familiar three point margin. With 10 seconds left on the clock, the Cardinals held tough and the Huskies last second shot was not good. The final score was 68-65 in favor of Lone.

"This was one of the big wins we had to have from the other side of the league," said Coach Dennis Stefani. He noted that Clay Morter had a "huge game" with a great stat line of 13 points, 15 rebounds, seven steals and six assists "but I really think it was the team effort that finally got this one down the stretch."

Matt Hams led the team in scoring with 26 points, shooting a sizzling 53% from the floor. Zac

a balanced battle, and the Bobcats were able to keep the game within reach. Going into halftime the Mustangs had the lead 39 to 31.

After halftime the Mustangs seemed like a totally different team, they clearly had the momentum. In the third quarter Heppner just pulled away with the game. Entering the fourth quarter, the Mustangs went ahead 64 to 49. Heppner dominated the fourth quarter and won 93 to 58.

Jared Huddleston was the game high scorer with 29 points.

Orem added 14 and Clay Morter had 13. The team shot 42% from the floor compared to 35% for Sherman. A coach's favorite stat was that the Cardinals had just ten turnovers compared to 24 for the opponent.

Saturday morning the Cards lamented the short night and boarded the bus bound for Prineville and Central Christian. The Cardinals looked a little road weary in the early going, clawing back from an 8-2 deficit to tie the game before the Warriors finished the quarter with back to back buckets and the lead, 16-12.

Playing without Zac Orem who missed the game for a family funeral, the Cards noticed the absence of the freshman scorer. In the second quarter, they never got closer than three but ended the half trailing by six, 32-26. Matt Hams got some help scoring in the third quarter with back to back buckets by Cory Peterson and six points from freshman, Adam Collin. Collin put back on offensive rebound and mixed it up underneath a couple more

### Lady Cards fall to Nixyaawii

The Lone Lady Cards hung tough with state-ranked Nixyaawii, leading after the first quarter but were barged by the Golden Eagles sharp shooters in the third quarter when the game got away. The Lady Cards fell 35-57 in the game held at the Nixyaawii home gym in Mission.

With 1:12 left in the first quarter, Beth Morter hit a shot from the top of the key to put Lone up 8-6. A Nix free throw made the score 7-8. In the second, Brenna Rietmann made the most of a blocked shot when she picked it and sunk the basket. Hayley Arbogast made a pair of free throws to put Lone up 12-7.

Nix made up the deficit and when they hit a pair of free throws with just over four minutes on the clock, they ran their lead to three, 17-14. The Lady Cardinals had a 5-0 run to retake the lead. The Lady Eagles hit a three before Briana Peterson made a free throw. With time

times, capitalizing on all four of his free throw attempts. Central hit three free throws to end the quarter leading 52-46. Matt Hams took over in the fourth quarter scoring 17 points and finally putting Lone in the lead on a jumper with 42.9 seconds remaining. Gunner Jessen went to the line and knocked down two with 36 seconds on the clock, putting Lone up 72-69. But Central answered with just their third three pointer of the day to tie game at 72.

The Cards brought the ball down court but the shot rimmed out and with 3.8 seconds remaining, the Warriors went to the line and connected on two free throws. The Cards in-bounded the ball and Cory Peterson laid in the game tying shot but it was waved off by the referee, ending the game with Central as the victors 74-72.

Matt Hams had an amazing game, scoring 41 points with 25 coming in the second half. Cory Peterson was the only other Cardinal in double figures with 11. Clay Morter led the team to a 36-29 rebounding edge with 14 boards and added five blocked shots and three steals. Gunner Jessen also had three steals. Cory Peterson paced the team with six assists.

"The kids showed a ton of character getting back into this game and taking the lead down the stretch," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "Matt had a terrific game on the offensive end but on this night, it wasn't enough. Maybe a break here or there and it would have ended differently."

running out, Nix hit a basket to go up 22-20 at the half.

Beth Morter hit the first score of the second half but a 13-0 run by Nixyaawii proved to be the Lady Cardinals undoing. After being outscored 20-4 in the quarter, the Lady Cards went into the final frame down 42-24. Pressure defense by Nixyaawii rattled the Lady Cards a bit but they kept scrapping.

"We played a great first half with one of the best teams in the state," said Coach Mike Garrett. "They shoot the ball real well from the outside and have the height advantage on the inside. It was good for the girls to see that we can play at their level for our next meeting."

**Lone- 8 12 4 11-35**  
**Nix- 7 15 19 16-57**  
**Lone- Morter 13, Peterson 6, Archer 6, Camarillo 4, B Rietmann 2, Arbogast 2, Svetich 2**  
**Nix- Withers 11, Kash 9, Watchman 8**

## Lone boys take win over Nixyaawii

The lone boys' varsity came away with a convincing 79-51 win against Nixyaawii on Tuesday, January 6 but it wasn't easy and it wasn't sure until late in the game. The game was played at Nixyaawii Community School in Mission.

The Cardinals did not have their act together at the start, falling behind 8-0 to the hard-charging Golden Eagles. Down 10-4, the Cardinals went on a scoring spree. Clay Morter got the ball rolling with a bucket under the basket. Then freshman, Zac Orem went to town with two steals in a row leading to two shots from right under the basket. The next trip down the court, Orem sank his first three of the game and with just over three minutes gone, the Cardinals were on top 13-10.

At the end of one quarter of play, the Cardinals trailed by one, 23-24. In the second quarter, the Cards tuned up the defensive pressure on the Eagles while going on a well-rounded scoring spree. Six players scored as the team combined to outscore Nixyaawii 20-8.

Nix came out playing a more deliberate game in the third quarter and scored the first eight points of the quarter. The Cardinals first score didn't come until four minutes were gone but they made the most of the last four minutes hanging a 14-3 run on the Eagles, ending the quarter up 57-43.

With the Golden Eagles looking to shoot threes, the Cards didn't feel like their lead was secure. With 5:46 on the clock, Nix hit a three and narrowed the lead to 11. But the Cardinals finished strong, steadily increasing their lead on the tiring Eagles to as much 25 with just under two minutes remaining.

Zac Orem led all scorers with 24 points. Matt Hams added 22 and Cory Peterson scored 10.

The Cards had a good shooting night, making 32 of 62 shots for 52% from the field. The Golden Eagles shot 32% from the field but struggled from the outside, making just two of 28 three-point attempts. Clay Morter's 14 boards led the team to a decisive 43-30 rebounding edge. Matt Hams added nine.

"This was a huge win," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "Nixyaawii is always a hard place to play and to get of there with this kind of win was great. I really though the difference came when we switched our defense to the 1-3-1 zone. The kids all did a great job with their responsibilities."

### Lone Middle School girls' basketball season has begun



At every home high school girls' basketball game, the middle school girls' team sits directly behind the varsity bench to learn the ropes and cheer on the Lady Cardinals. Pictured are (back row L-R): Shadow Kendrick and Lacey Thompson, and bottom row (L-R): Lauren Garrett, Jaqueline Juarez, and Emily Holland. Not pictured are Alisha Taylor, Emily Ruiz and Stacey Halvorsen. —Contributed Photo

The Lone Middle School girls' basketball team is off to a running start with games and tournaments. There are seven girls on the team and all of them are contributing to the success of the team.

With three eighth-graders, three seventh-graders and one sixth-grader, everyone is working hard and improving their skills.


"I'm really proud of the way the news players of our team are stepping up and playing hard," said coach, Erin Heideman. "I'm especially please though with the way the more experienced members of our crew and so encouraging and patient. It makes my job so enjoyable."

For a more detailed sports schedule, log onto the Lone Community School website at [www.ione.k12.or.us](http://www.ione.k12.or.us).

### HHS cheerleaders to hold dessert auction



Heppner High School cheerleaders will hold the 9th annual dessert auction on Friday, January 16, at HHS. The auction will be held during halftime of the boys' and girls' games against Enterprise.



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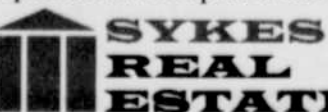
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