

Ione boys bring home two wins in weekend play Lady Cards lose two league games

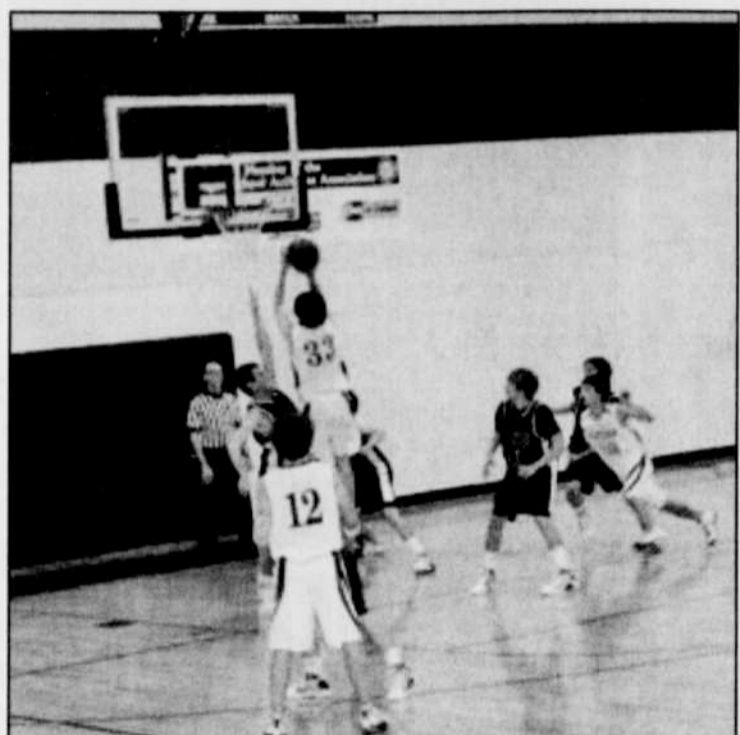
The Ione boy's varsity notched two wins over the past weekend, using a ferocious fourth quarter to take a win at Horizon Christian on Friday night and a sustained team effort to put away Condon/Wheeler on Saturday night. The Cardinals league record stands at 9-2, 11-8 overall.

The Hawks lit up the Cardinals with four three pointers in the first three minutes of the second quarter to build an eight point halftime lead, 30-22 in Horizon's shiny new gym in Hood River. The Cardinals got back in the game with an 8-0 run early and two Zac Orem three pointers in the third quarter. After pulling even at 42 with less than a minute in the third, Horizon reclaimed the lead to start the fourth quarter up by four, 46-42.

With the game in the balance, the Cards took the fourth quarter by storm, starting out with a 15-2 run, taking the lead for the first time since early in the first quarter 57-48. The Cards maintained their intensity, outscoring the Hawks 25-11 in the final frame to take the 67-57 win.

"This was a huge win on the road," said Coach Dennis Stefani. I was very pleased to see the kids come out in the second half and play with intensity. Our defense was the difference in this one."

Zac Orem led the team in scoring with 22



Top Photo: RJ Ramos shoots for two in the game against Condon/Wheeler. Bottom Photo: Clay Morter takes charge against Horizon Christian. -Photos by Theresa Crawford

is always hard fought. Ione trailed briefly in the first quarter but took the lead for good on a Matt Hams three-point play with just under two minutes left in the first quarter.

The Cards led 13-8 after one and were up by as much as 11 in the second before a fast and furious Condon/Wheeler rush and the end of the half narrowed the lead to just four, 35-31. The Knights closed the lead to two points in the third quarter before a 13-2 Cardinal run helped Ione go up 50-39 after three. The teams swapped scores in the fourth and a Knight three pointer allowed them to get back within five but the Cards were cool under pressure, finishing with a 67-56 win.

"This was a great team win," said Coach Dennis Stefani. He noted that Matt Hams had a fine offensive effort with 24 points and Zac Orem chipped in 12 but "it was Tanner Rietmann's 16 points and 11 rebounds and Clay Morter's nine points and 12 rebounds that made the difference."

"It was playing as a team that made all that happen. It was a great effort by everyone on this win" said Stefani.

With just two more weekends of league play, the Cardinals look to finish strong. This weekend, both games will be on the road, traveling to Arlington on Friday and Condon/Wheeler on Saturday.

Beth Morter led the team in scoring with nine points. Stefanie Archer added eight and Tiana Camarillo and Makenna Ramos each had four. Stefanie Archer had 14 rebounds in the contest.

"This was a disappointing loss. Condon came out and really took it to us in the first half," said Coach Mike Garrett. "We are fighting it out with them for the final spot into the district tournament and every win from here on out is going to be a big win. I was glad to see we regrouped as a team in the second half and put up a fight. It says a lot about the team and how far we have come in the last two months."

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1-31-09
Condon 9 10 6
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Ione 4 4 8
 11- 27
Ione: Morter 9, Archer 8, Ramos 4, Camarillo 4, B Peterson 2

Mustang JV boys win over Knights

By Jennifer Wilson

The Mustangs JV boys' team increased their second half effort in the game against the Irrigon Knights last Saturday for a 55-39 win.

The Irrigon Knights kept pace with the Mustangs in the first half, leading 20-18 at the end of the second quarter.

"At half-time we talked about raising our intensity level. The boys came

out and got in their faces and the pressure defense paid off in some steals and easy buckets," said Coach Ken Grieb. "That's what got us going in the third quarter."

With a pep talk from their coach and a new defensive strategy, the Mustangs came out and executed. At the end of the third quarter, the Mustangs led the Knights 35-23 and went on to win the game by 16 points.

Mustangs buck-off Knights

By Jennifer Wilson

A solid press and some key steals late in the first quarter put the Mustangs up 17-9. They led the rest of the game and finished with a 71-33 win over the Irrigon Knights.

Besides the cheers coming from Wacy Coil, "the Herd" section was somewhat depleted Saturday night but a quiet gym didn't stop the Mustangs from playing their game.

"It was a great team

win," Coach David Norton said. "Everyone scored in the game."

The Mustangs hustled for 19 steals while only turning the ball over nine times.

While every Mustang player put up points for the team, Brent Eckman was the leading scorer with 14 points. Jared Huddleston added 13 points and Cody Orr had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

A close one for Lady Mustangs

By Jennifer Wilson

After losing to the Tigers at home, the Lady Mustangs pulled off a close win last Friday night in Stanfield. The Mustangs beat the Tigers 37-33. With the win, the Lady Mustangs are now 4-5 in the Blue Mountain Conference league. Leading scorer with 10 points for the Mustangs was Mercedes Garrett, while Taighler Dougherty and Catherine McEligott added seven points each.

Mustangs outrun Tigers

By Jennifer Wilson

Winning 65-58, the Mustangs took advantage of the Stanfield Tigers who weren't prepared for their running game.

"It was obvious that our conditioning was much better than theirs," said Coach David Norton. "That was the key to the game."

Brent Eckman led the Mustangs to victory with 19 points. Chris Lien added 17 points and Jared Huddleston had 15 points. The Mustangs improve to a 7-2 league standing.

points. Matt Hams added 19 and Cory Peterson had 14. Cory Peterson paced the team with five assists while Matt Hams nabbed three steals. Tanner Rietmann had

a good effort on the boards, pulling down 12 rebounds.

On Saturday, the Cardinals hosted Condon/Wheeler in a game that always means something and

JH girls win all four games in Helix

By Jennifer Wilson

The junior high girls' basketball team traveled to Helix on Friday and won all four games against Echo and Helix.

The A team beat Echo 35-24 and soared over Helix 54-15. "Defensively, we could work on denying cutters and blocking out," said Coach Mindy Wilson.

The B team also won both of their games. "I'm really liking the aggressiveness on offense," said Coach Chris Rauch.

Mustang Wrestling Schedule

Following is the Heppner High School wrestling schedule for the 08-09 season:

-Feb. 7: BEO Invitational (at Heppner), 9 a.m.

HHS Basketball Schedule

Following is the Heppner High School basketball schedule for the 08-09 season:

-*Friday, Feb. 6: vs. Enterprise JV/V at Enterprise, 3 p.m.

-*Saturday, Feb. 7: vs. Elgin JV/V at Elgin, 1 p.m.

IHS Basketball Schedule

Following is the Ione High School basketball schedule for the 08-09 season:

-*Feb. 6: Arlington, away (GJV, BJV, GV, & BV) at 3 p.m.

-*Feb. 7: Condon/Wheeler in Fossil (GJV, BJV, GV, & BV) at 1 p.m.

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