

Cardinals improve record to 6-0

The Ione Cardinals kept their winning streak alive with a 48-18 non-conference win over Arlington, Friday, October 16, in Ione. The Cardinals improved their season record to 6-0.

While the game didn't count on paper, as the Honkers are playing an independent schedule this year due to a forfeit situation last year, neither team gave any indication that this game was strictly for show. "The kids told us that Arlington was one of the hardest hitting teams they have played all year," said Coach Dennis Stefani. Arlington was sporting an unbeaten record of their own and came to town ready to play ball. "It kind of scared me that we would let down in the game knowing it didn't count," said Coach Stefani. The coaches told the team that they "couldn't take any steps backwards because this game really did count."

No worries for the coaching staff as the Cardinals established early in the game that they were ready to play. Alex Rietmann scored the first of his two touchdowns on the night with about 2 1/2 minutes gone in the first quarter. The Cards followed up



Top Photo: Ione players block for #34 Alex Rietmann. Bottom Photo: #13 quarterback RJ Ramos makes a pass during last Friday's game against Arlington. The Cardinals will play their homecoming game against Nixyaawii at 7 p.m. on Friday. -Photos by Theresa Crawford

shortly after that with a safety when Eric Jepsen sacked the Arlington quarterback in the end zone. Gunner Jessen got loose for a 30 yard scoring run and then the passing combo of quarterback RJ Ramos and Tanner Rietmann connected for a 22 yard pass as the Cardinals put up 28 first quarter points to zero for Arlington. Follow-

ing a Honker touchdown, the Cards scored twice in the second quarter. Alex Rietmann ran in from 26 yards out and the Ramos-Rietmann tandem connected on a 14 yards pass. The Cardinals led 40-6 at the half.

Neither team scored in the third quarter. Arlington scored early in the fourth but Ione an-

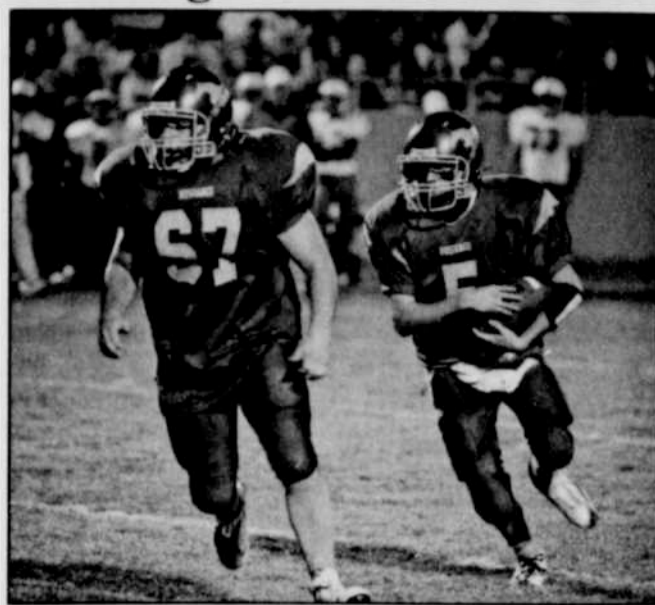
swered when Marco Juarez punched in from one yard out to score. The Honkers put one last score the board as time ran out on a 47 yard pass play. The Cardinals had 326 yards of total offense. They ran the ball 44 times for 266 yards and passed for 63.

Coach Stefani was pleased with the team's effort. "We took control early but Arlington did make us put together some drives." He also complimented the work of the offensive line. "With Christian (Cederquist) out sick, Zac Orem and Alex Fetterhoff got a crash course in playing the offensive guard spot. The line just did another terrific job." With Arlington running the ball frequently, the Cardinals racked up a big number of tackles. RJ Ramos led the team with 16 (3 solo) while Gunner Jessen had 15 (7 solo.)

Tanner Rietmann had 12 (7 solo) Eric Jepsen had 11 (3 solo) Micah Stillman had 11 (4 solo) Alex Rietmann had nine and Alex Fetterhoff had eight.

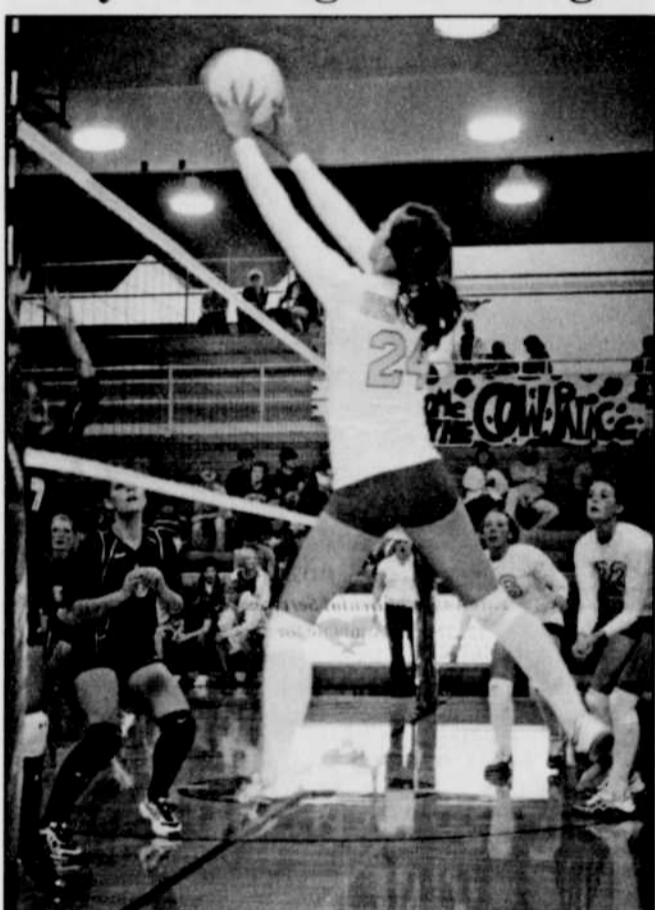
"Another one down," noted Coach Stefani "and now the great distractions of homecoming week." The Cardinals will cap a week of spirit and frivolity with a 7 p.m. game against Nixyaawii.

Mustangs beat Rockets 28-7



The Heppner Mustangs shook off the "Swine Flu hangovers" and came to life in the second half of the Mustangs versus Rockets game Friday night in Heppner. Top Photo: Bryan Holland stays behind the defense of Ian Murray taking the Mustangs to their victory 28-7. Bottom Photo: A Pilot Rock player tackles #3 Brent Eckman. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Lady Mustangs beat Irrigon



Heppner Mustang Lindsay Cutsforth hits against the Irrigon Knights Thursday in Heppner. The Mustang beat the Knights in three sets. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Lady Cardinals second in Big Sky East Conference

The Ione Lady Cardinals locked up second place on the East Side of the Big Sky Conference with a marathon week of volleyball. The Cardinals took league-leading Helix to five games on Tuesday and followed up with wins against Arlington on Friday and Echo on Saturday.

With just one practice back together as a team after a wave of illness, no one knew what to expect when the Lady Cards hosted Helix on Tuesday, October 6. The most surprised group in the gym might have been the Lady Grizzlies when Ione set them on their heels and won game one convincingly, 25-18. Helix came back to win game two 25-20 but Ione closed out game three with

a similar score in their favor. The Cardinals dropped game four 16-25 forcing a game five tie-breaker with the league leader. The Lady Cardinals committed costly errors, allowing the Grizzlies to establish a lead. Ione closed at the end but had given up too much of a lead and lost the game 13-15.

Vanessa Ziliani led at the net with nine kills while Beth Morter had six kills and three blocks. Stefanie Archer served 7-7 with two aces and Tyree Svetich made all six of her serves.

Despite the loss, Coach Dawn Eynetich was upbeat. "We played a good game. It came down to the team who made the least amount of mistakes."

A scrappy Arlington team challenged the Lady Cards in their home Friday contest. The Cardinals took the match 25-21, 25-19, 25-10 but the Lady Honkers kept the score close in all but the last game. Vanessa Ziliani had eight kills in the match and Stefanie Archer added four. Beth Morter was 14-14 at the service line with two aces and Vanessa Ziliana was perfect on 12 serves with four aces. "The girls did what they had to do," said Coach Dawn Eynetich.

The Lady Cards fought a Saturday afternoon letdown when they traveled to Echo on October 17. Ione won in straight sets, 25-16, 25-19, 25-21 but Echo kept them honest. Game one was close in the early going but the Cardinals pulled away for good when Beth Morter served points 17-25 with

an ace thrown in for good measure. In game two, Echo served five points in a row to get as close as 15-14. Tyree Svetich served points 16-22 to put the game out of reach for the Cougars. In game three, Ione led early but Echo closed the gap at the end.

Brianna Peterson had nine kills followed by Vanessa Ziliani with eight and Beth Morter with six. Vanessa Ziliani was 10-10 in serving and Beth Morter was 24-25 with two aces.

"Our serving has really improved," noted Coach Eynetich.

The Lady Cardinals are scheduled to appear at the Dufur Tournament this Saturday and look forward to a district playoff game in Ione on Thursday, October 29, against the number three team (yet to be determined) in the Big Sky West.

Heppner High Football Schedule

Oct. 23 - Irrigon at Home, 7 p.m.
Oct. 30 - Weston McEwen at Athena, 7 p.m.
Nov. 6 - Enterprise at Heppner, 7 p.m.

Ione High School Football Schedule

Oct. 23 - Nixyaawii at Ione, 7 p.m.
Oct. 30 - Echo at Ione, 7 p.m.
Nov. 6 - Sherman at Moro, 7 p.m.

HHS Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 22 - at Pilot Rock (A/B/C), 6 p.m.
Oct. 24 - 4-way WM/Elgin at Elgin (A), noon
Oct. 27 - Stanfield at home (A/B/C), 6 p.m.

Ione Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 24 - Dufur Tournament (V) in Dufur, 9 a.m.

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Heppner Jr. High Football/Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 23 - Umatilla at home, noon
Oct. 24 - 7th grade tourney at home, 9 a.m.
Oct. 24 - 8th grade tourney, TBA
Games in italics are volleyball only

Ione Middle School Volleyball and Football Schedule

Oct. 22 - Echo (FB) at Ione, 6 p.m.

Ione celebrates homecoming week



Seniors Stefanie Archer and Brianna Peterson helped the seniors with the dress up day on Monday. The theme for the day was "Welcome to the Jungle". For every activity there are points assigned and the seniors are easily taking the lead. Ione Community School conclude their homecoming week activities with the football game against Nixyaawii on Friday at 7 p.m. -Contributed Photo

Parent Teacher Club to host annual School Carnival at HES

The Heppner Elementary Parent Teacher Club will be hosting their annual School Carnival on October 29 at Heppner Elementary School.

The carnival games will be available from 6-7 p.m. and dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. They will be serving all-you-can-eat hot dogs, chili, or baked potato for \$5 per adult and \$3 per child.

Games will include bingo, Wii bowling, junk food walk, fish pond, plinko, and much more.