

HHS girls volleyball going to state

By Connor Corbin

The Heppner girls' volleyball team's victories were no spoof on Halloween. Winning against Pilot Rock, the score was 25-18, 25-19, and 25-4. Winning this match gave Heppner the chance to play for the third place in league conference.

Back to back matches, the Mustangs played Union with the same determination and focus. Winning 25-17, 14-25, 25-16, and 25-18 put the Mustangs third in the district and going to state.

Stats for the games

were impressive: Joanna Patton with 22 kills, 13 blocks, and 34 of 36 serves; Brynna Rust with 17 kills and two blocks; Lindsay Cutsforth with eight kills and two blocks; Taighler Dougherty with 12 kills and seven blocks; Bailey Bennett with 16 of 16 serves; and Jessica Hughes with 70 assists for the day.

Weston Played Elgin to determine the first and second seed, with Elgin winning the first seed.

State playoffs for Heppner will be Saturday, November 7, at 1:00. They will be playing St. Mary's in Medford.

Football program to host spaghetti feed

A spaghetti feed will be held from 5:30-7 p.m., before the home Mustangs' game against Enterprise. Spaghetti will also be served during halftime.

The menu will include spaghetti, salad, bread, cookies and a drink.

The feed will be put on by the football program.

Ione football seniors honor Kendrick



Seniors on Ione's football team gave flowers to Susan Kendrick in honor of Stormy Kendrick who would have been a senior this year. Pictured left to right are: Alex Fetterhoff, Gunner Jessen, Matt Hams, Eric Jepsen, RJ Ramos, Shadow and Susan Kendrick. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

HHS Boys Basketball Schedule

Dec. 4 - at Imbler, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8 - Condon at home, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10 - Col. River Classic in Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 18 - at Irrigon, 3 p.m.
Dec. 19 - at Stanfield, 1 p.m.
Dec. 28 - at Hermiston (JV Tourney), 1 p.m.
Dec. 29 - at Hermiston, 1 p.m.
Jan. 8 - Union at Home, 3 p.m.
Jan. 9 - at Weston McEwen, 1 p.m.
Jan. 15 - Enterprise at home, 3 p.m.
Jan. 16 - Elgin at home, 1 p.m.
Jan. 22 - at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.
Jan. 23 - Weston McEwen at home, 1 p.m.
Jan. 29 - Stanfield at home, 3 p.m.
Jan. 30 - Irrigon at home, 1 p.m.
Feb. 5 - at Enterprise, 3 p.m.
Feb. 6 - at Elgin, 1 p.m.
Feb. 9 - Pilot Rock at home, 3 p.m.
Feb. 12 - at Union, 1 p.m.

HHS Boys JV Basketball Schedule

Dec. 4 - at Imbler, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 8 - Condon at home, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 10 - Col. River Classic in Umatilla, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 18 - at Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 19 - at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 5 - Baker at Hermiston, 5 p.m.
Jan. 8 - Union at home, 4:30 p.m.
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Cardinals to play for league championship

The lone Cardinals kept their winning streak alive with a 44-22 win over rival Echo on Friday, October 30, in Ione. The win moved the Cards' season record to 8-0 (5-0 in the Big Sky Conference) and sets up a showdown with Sherman County this Friday night for the league championship.

The Cardinals win over Echo guaranteed a home playoff game for the first time in 29 years. Ione has not won a league championship in 30 years. "We're overdue," said Coach Dennis Stefani who was quarterback on the last league championship team.

Echo did not go away easy. "It was a tight game early on," noted Coach Stefani. "We talked at halftime that we were playing two teams at once - Echo and ourselves." The offense was out of sync and struggled at times, fumbling twice inside the five. Tanner Rietmann got Ione on the board in the first quarter with the first of his three touchdown runs on the night. Echo scored in the second quarter before



#47 Thomas Holland of Ione tackles #7 of Echo. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

Tanner Rietmann scored again on a 10-yarder. The Cards led 16-6 at halftime.

Ione outscored Echo 22-8 in the third quarter to take control of the game. An odd circumstance played out in the third when Echo's 89 yard kickoff return for a touchdown was immediately followed by Ione's Alex Rietmann running back a kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown. The final score of the quarter was a RJ Ramos-Gunner Jessen 35 yard pass play.

The teams each scored in the fourth with Gunner Jessen getting loose for a 14-yard scoring run for Ione but the big third quarter was too much for the Cougars to overcome.

The Cardinals carried the ball 48 times for 260 yards. Tanner Rietmann (19-94) and Gunner Jessen (11-94) led the way. Micah Stillman (9-59) and Alex Rietmann (6-28) also chipped in rushing yards. In the passing department, RJ Ramos was 4-6 for 77 yards. Gunner Jessen was

the leading receiver with 56 yards and Tanner Rietmann had one catch for 23. The Cardinals had 337 yards of total offense to 211 for the Cougars, who were held to 94 yards on the ground.

"We finally had to play a whole game with the first team," said Coach Stefani. "The kids came in sky high and maybe they were a little too fired up." He did note that the defense had a good effort. "The defense played great. They did their jobs really well."

Gunner Jessen led in tackles with 11 (6 solo) while Alex Fetterhoff and RJ Ramos each had 10 and Eric Jepsen added eight.

The Cardinals look forward to traveling to Sherman County on Friday night with a first place trophy on the line. "After years and years and years of being second, third or fourth and just missing the playoffs, the kids realize this is a big game. It would be nice to put a first place trophy in the trophy case," said Coach Stefani. Game time is 7 p.m. Two quarters of JV action will kick off at 5 p.m.

Lady Cards take second in districts

Will host Pine Eagle tonight

The Ione Lady Cardinals advanced to the state volleyball playoffs last weekend, marching through their district play-in game on Thursday and soundly dispatching Sherman County in the opening game of the Big Sky District Tournament in Umatilla on Saturday.

The Cards fell to the red-hot Helix Grizzlies in the District title game as the Lady Grizzlies captured their fourth consecutive district championship. The Lady Cardinals will host the number three seed from the Old Oregon League, Pine Eagle, at 6 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, November 4, in the newly refurbished Ione High School gym. OSAA ticket prices (\$6 for adults, \$4 for students) will apply for the game. The winner of that game will advance earn a road trip to Crane to take on the winner of the High Desert League, Crane.

Putting first things first, the Lady Cards needed to punch their ticket to district on Thursday when



The Ione volleyball team placed second at districts in Umatilla last Saturday. Picture (L-R) are: Beth Morter, Sarah Stillman, Makenna Ramos, Brianna Peterson, Tyree Svetich, Stefanie Archer, Mary Rietmann, Vanessa Ziliani, Collette Cason, Stacey Halvorsen, and Shadow Kendrick. District All Stars were Beth Morter (Honorable Mention), Brianna Peterson (Honorable Mention), Vanessa Ziliani (First Team), and Makenna Ramos (First Team). Dawn Eynetich was named the All Star East Coach of the Year and Lorena Woods was the All Star West Coach of the Year. -Contributed Photo

they hosted Arlington in an East-West crossover game. The Ione team rocked and rolled, putting away the Lady Honkers in straight sets, 25-14, 25-13, 25-6. Vanessa Ziliani put down 11 kills and Beth Morter backed her up with seven of her own.

The Lady Cardinals opened district tournament play against the

number one seed from the Big Sky West, Sherman County. Game one was tight with the score tied ten times before Brianna Peterson served two aces in a row on point 19 and 20 to help the Cards pull away to a 25-20 win. In game two, the Lady Cardinals set Sherman County on their heels, running out to a commanding 17-3 lead

before cruising to a 25-14 win. Vanessa Ziliani had five kills and five aces while Beth Morter added four kills and Brianna Peterson notched four aces. Sherman County took the early lead in game three but the Cards came roaring back to take the match and assure themselves a state berth and a home playoff game.

That win set up a showdown with Helix for the district championship. In their previous two meetings, Ione had pushed Helix to the edge but could not take the win. On this day, there would be no such suspense as the Lady Grizzlies played some of the best volleyball of the year. Helix won game one, 25-14. In game two, Ione led 19-11 and was at game point with the score 24-21 in their favor but the Lady Grizzlies came back to win 27-25. The Lady Cards put up a valiant effort in game three but Helix had the momentum winning the game 25-19 to take the match in straight sets.

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HHS Girls Jr. High Basketball Schedule

Nov. 14 - at Irrigon, 8 a.m.
Jan. 16 - in Umatilla, 8 a.m.
Jan. 23 - Heppner at home, 8 a.m.
Jan. 30 - at home, 8 a.m.
Feb. 6 - in Boardman, 8 p.m.

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