

Cardinals down Stanfield 70-50

The lone Cardinals closed out Christmas break with a runaway win over the visiting 2A Stanfield Tigers. A large crowd enjoyed the game, played January 2 in Lone, as the Cards left the Tigers in the dust. The final score was lone 70-Stanfield 50.

The Cards jumped out to an 11-0 lead before Stanfield finally scored with two minutes left in the first quarter. Lone led 17-2 at the end of the first quarter and kept the pedal to the metal in the second, leading 44-18 at the half. Matt Hams scored seven points for Lone in the last minute of the second quarter as the Tigers struggled to deal with him. He scored 23 of his game high 33 points in the first half. The Cardinals led by as much as 30 in the third quarter and, in fact, Stanfield was only able to narrow the lead to 20 in the waning minutes of the game.

"We came out and played a terrific game," said Coach Dennis Ste-

fani. "I think the biggest difference tonight was our aggressive board play," he said noting that Tanner Rietmann and RJ Ramos both had 14 rebounds on the night. The Cardinals had a team total of 49 rebounds to 40 for Stanfield. "This was a good win going into league play."

Matt Hams was red hot from the field, hitting 15 of his 27 shot attempts for 33 points. Some were his signature jump shots while he also took advantage of layins from steals. Zac Orem chipped in with 18 points and RJ Ramos had eight. The Cards shot 40% from the floor (28-70) compared to just 25% shooting from Stanfield (18-71.) Zac Orem led the team in both steals and assists with five each.

The Cardinals resume league play with a highly anticipated match up with Nixyaawii on Friday night in Lone. They then travel to Arlington on Saturday.

Cardinals win one, lose on

The lone Cardinals had a win and a loss in non-conference games played early in the Christmas break week, downing Irrigon and falling to Pilot Rock.

The Cards came into the first game after Christmas looking a little rusty. Irrigon proved to be a worthy opponent in the game played Monday, December 28. The Knights, who were soundly defeated by Lone, hung tough through three and a half quarters before Lone took control to win the game 71-53.

The Cards built a 9-2 lead in the first quarter before Irrigon got into the game. The Cards led 18-15 after one and 31-29 at the half. The Knights used an 8-2 run at the end of the third quarter to take a two point lead. The score only swung two points either way until midway through the fourth quarter when the Cardinals finally broke open the game to take the led for good. Behind 10 points from Matt Hams and Gunner Jessen in the final frame, Lone outscored Irrigon 29-9 in the fourth quarter.

Matt Hams led all scorers with 30 points, making 14 of his 28 shot attempts for another solid 50% shooting night. Zac Orem chipped in 13 and Gunner Jessen added 11 in the game. The team shot 48% although Irrigon also had a decent shooting night, connecting on 43% from the field. The Cards struggled at the free throw line making just nine of 20 for 45%.

The Cards soundly out-rebounded Irrigon 42-18 led by Zac Orem with

nine and Tanner Rietmann and Adam Collin had eight each. Matt Hams and Zac Orem each had four assists and Hams added four steals.

"We came out very flat," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "Gunner Jessen gave us a big lift of energy in the fourth quarter and we finally got going."

The Cardinals hosted Pilot Rock on Tuesday, December 29. Pilot Rock's physical inside game gave the Cards fits. The Rockets led from wire to wire and, though Lone would close the lead to three midway through the fourth quarter, they could never get over the hump, losing to the visitors 68-60.

"Plain and simple, we got outplayed inside," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "They presented us with a physical game and we didn't respond. We now have to make that correction for down the road."

Matt Hams led the team in scoring with 22 points. For the second night in a row, Zac Orem had 13 points and Gunner Jessen had 11. The team cooled off a little shooting from the floor, making 38%. They continued to struggle at the free throw line, making 10 of 21 for 48%. Pilot Rock had their own problems at the line, making just 13 of 30 for 43%. The Rockets out-rebounded the Cards 44-35. Zac Orem pulled down nine rebounds and Gunner Jessen had seven to lead the team. Jessen also had five assists. Matt Hams paced the team with five steals.

Lady Cards take win over Irrigon, lose to Pilot Rock

The lone Lady Cardinals had a win and a loss against non-conference opponents early in the week following Christmas.

The Cardinals survived a sluggish basketball night to overcome a much-improved Irrigon squad on Monday, December 28, in a game played on Lone's home court. After a slow first half, Lone led 14-9 but Irrigon rallied to tie the game at the start of the fourth quarter. Irrigon took its first lead of the game with 3:30 remaining but the Cardinals were determined. Beth Morter tied the game up at 31 with 1:46 on the clock and Shadow Kendrick put back her own offensive rebound with 1:25 to go to put Lone up 33-31. Between the two teams, they went to the line four times in the last minute and 20 seconds but in a reflection of what an ice cold free throw night it was, neither team was able to capitalize on any of the opportunities.

"Both teams came out very flat and with little energy," said Coach Mike Garrett. "I am not sure if it was the Christmas Break or a let down after the big win over at Helix but we were

not focused. In the middle of the second quarter things started to move around and we started to play some good basketball. We worked on a few new additions to our offense that we had put into practice the night before and you could tell that we were forcing some passes that were not there. Defensively we played a good game. Noelle Wright had 12 points on us in the first game and we wanted to limit her touches. Our guards did a very good job of rotating down to help."

Beth Morter led all scorers with 17 points. Brianna Peterson had five and Shadow Kendrick added four. Brianna Peterson led the team with 10 rebounds while Stefanie Archer and Beth Morter each tallied eight. Beth Morter also had seven steals and made seven of her 10 free throw attempts on a night where the Lady Cardinals hit just nine of 26 attempts.

Pilot Rock came to town the following night, December 29, in a game that was competitive from the opening tip. The Rockets used a 7-0 run in a two minute stretch in the first quarter to open a five point

lead, a lead that would be their largest margin until late in the third quarter. The Lady Cards trailed by just one point at the half, 18-19. Beth Morter hit 10 points in the third quarter as the scored see-sawed. The Rockets hit a three pointer with 1:05 to go in the third to open a seven point margin. Lone closed to within two but the Rockets responded with a basket at the buzzer to take a 37-33 lead to the final quarter. The Lady Cards got to within four points twice in the fourth but could not seem to close the gap as Pilot Rock took the game 58-51.

Beth Morter led all scorers with a career high 26 points, 21 of those in the second half. Shadow Kendrick added eight and Brianna Peterson and Makenna Ramos each had five. Beth Morter had seven rebounds and three steals to lead the team while Makenna Ramos had a team-leading three assists and chipped in with six rebounds. The Lady Cardinals pleased their coach by connecting on 22 of 31 free throws for 71%.

"This was a great game," said Coach Mike

Garrett. "The intensity level was high for both teams and the game was very physical. We ran a full court press the entire game and Pilot Rock ran a 1/4 and 1/2 court trap the majority of the game. The offense flowed well and I was again pleased with the team defense. The best part of playing these preseason games is getting some major playing time for my bench to prepare them for league. Pilot Rock is always an intense game and I can understand why Heppner has such a rivalry with them. Every time we play against them they make us better."

Ione	2	12	9	10	=	33
Irrigon	3	6	12	10	=	31

Points: Beth Morter 17, Brianna Peterson 5, Shadow Kendrick 4, Mary Rietmann 2, Tyree Svetich 2, Stacey Halvorsen 2, Stefanie Archer 1.

Ione	8	15	18	=	51	
P.R.	9	10	18	21	=	58

Points: Beth Morter 26, Shadow Kendrick 8, Brianna Peterson 5, Makenna Ramos 5, Mary Rietmann 2, Tyree Svetich 2, Stacey Halvorsen 2, Collette Cason 1.

Lady Cardinals finish Christmas break with win over Stanfield

The lone Lady Cardinals closed out their Christmas break with a solid win over Stanfield on Saturday, January 2. The game, played in Lone, marked the highest point total for the team under the direction of Coach Mike Garrett and their second time over 50 points this season. The Lady Cards broke open a close game early and then held the Lady Tigers scoreless in the third quarter to

notch the 58-25 win.

Lone never trailed in the game and Stanfield was able to tie the score just once, at the very start of the second quarter. But from then on, it was all Lone. The Lady Cards led 30-18 at the half and, as a result of Stanfield offensive woes in the third, led 41-18 after three. The coaching staff was able to use some different player combinations and spread the playing time

down the bench with great results as the Lady Cards put up 17 points in the final quarter.

Stefanie Archer led the team in scoring with 13 points. Freshman, Shadow Kendrick notched a double-double with 11 points and rebounds.

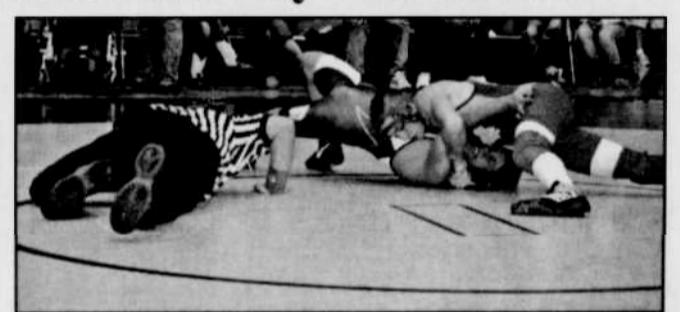
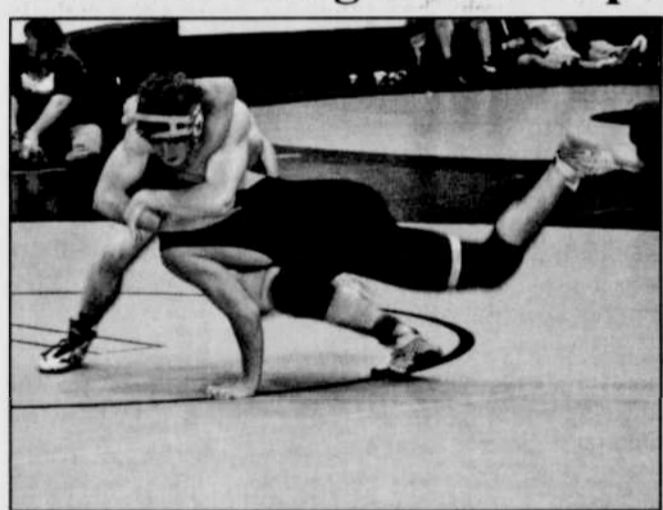
"I was happy with the defensive intensity," said Coach Mike Garrett. "Our press kept them out of rhythm and we were

able to control the tempo that way."

Ione	12	18	11	17	=	58
Stanfield	10	8	0	7	=	25

Stefanie Archer 13, Shadow Kendrick 11, Beth Morter 7, Stacey Halvorsen 7, Brianna Peterson 4, Makenna Ramos 4, Mary Rietmann 4, Collette Cason 4, Sarah Stillman 2, Lacey Thompson 2.

HHS wrestling team competes in two-day tournament



The Heppner High School wrestling team competed in a two-day tournament in Riverside this past weekend. Left Photo: Andrew Bara attempts to take his opponent down. Right photo: Jarried Miller works on pinning his opponent. -Photos by Alita Nelson

HHS Girls Jr. High Basketball Schedule

- Jan. 7 - in Umatilla, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 8 - at home, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 14 - in Condon, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 16 - in Umatilla, 8 a.m.
- Jan. 22 - in Lone, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 23 - at home, 8 a.m.
- Jan. 25 - in Arlington, 5 p.m.

HHS Boys Jr. High Basketball Schedule

- Jan. 8 - at home, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 14 - in Condon, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 22 - in Lone, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 23 - in Arlington, 9 a.m.

HHS girls' basketball program to host feed

The Heppner High School girls' basketball program will host a baked potato feed on Friday, January 15, from 4-8 p.m. at HHS.

The feed will consist of baked potatoes, chili, salad, rolls, dessert, and drinks for \$5.

Heppner Elks Hoop Shoot

Jan. 9 at 1p.m. During Colt Sign Up

Free for all Boys and Girls age 8- 13

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Morrow County Public Works Department would like to announce Due to reconstruction on the south end of the Bombing Range / Hwy 207 Intersection project. It is necessary to close the South end section of Bombing Range road for a period beginning on January 4, 2010 and continuing through January 29, 2010 weather permitting. The primary north detour route will be Grieb Ln. The South detour route will be Juniper Canyon to Baseline Rd. All traffic of any kind with the exception of those local residents will be restricted and the closure will be strictly enforced during this period. Local residents will be allowed access subject to following traffic control measures necessary at the time.

This project is an Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Any questions or concerns may contact the Public Works office 365 W. Hwy 74, P.O. Box 428, Lexington, OR. 97839. 541-989-9500