

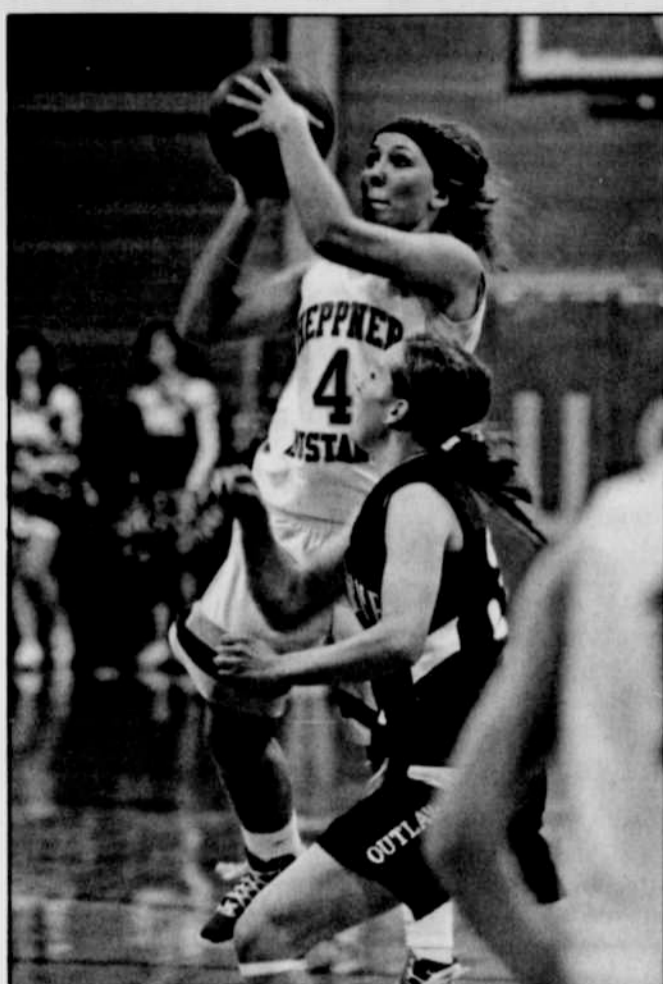
Lady Mustangs sweep weekend

The Heppner Lady Mustangs continued to roll through their Blue Mountain Conference schedule with wins over Enterprise and Elgin. With the wins, the Mustangs kept pace with Pilot Rock first place in the Blue Mountain Conference.

Friday night, Heppner used a 20 point third quarter to pull away from Enterprise and cruise to a 55-36 victory. Heppner played an all-around game in the second half. Jessica Hughes and Lindsay Cutsforth lead the offense with 14 and nine points respectively in the second half. The defense, which forced 26 Enterprise turnovers, was led by Brynna Rust with six steals. Hughes ended the game with 20 points; Erin Price added 13 and Torri Lovgren chipped in 11.

Heppner's defense led the charge on Saturday night as they did not allow the Lady Huskies to score in double digits in any quarter. Heppner forced 31 turnovers in the game. The Heppner offense was well balanced as eight players scored points, lead by Brynna Rust with 10 points. Taighler Dougherty led the team with five rebounds and Bailey Bennett added three rebounds.

Heppner will travel to Pilot Rock on Friday night to play for the Blue Mountain Conference lead as both teams come into the game 6-0 in conference play. Saturday night, the Mustangs return home to take on Weston-McEwen.



Heppner Senior Mustang Jessica Hughes scored 20 points for the Mustangs in their 55-36 win over Enterprise. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Heppner 55, Enterprise 36
EHS 12 10 8 6 - 36
HHS 14 10 20 11 - 55
Enterprise- Sarah Butterfield 10, Marta Stangle 6, Alex McCadden 6, Summer DeSpain 4, Shelby Graining 4, Joselyn Stangle 2, Madison Ribich 2, Karly McCarthy 2, Whitney Schaefer, Hannah Graham, Asuka Matsuda.
Heppner- Jessica Hughes 20, Erin Price 13, Torri Lovgren 11, Lindsay Cutsforth 9, Brynna Rust 2, Alana Wilson, Taighler Dougherty, Enily Thomp-

son, Baily Bennett, Natalie Rauch.

Heppner 44, Elgin 22
EHS 2 4 7 9 - 22
HHS 10 10 16 8 - 44
Elgin- Predmore 8, Smith 7, Ludwig 4, Southard 3, Fitchett, Malone, Robbins, Jones, Strickland, Lathrop.
Heppner- Brynna Rust 10, Jessica Hughes 9, Erin Price 9, Torri Lovgren 6, Lindsay Cutsforth 4, Alana Wislon 2, Emily Thompson 2, Baily Bennett, Maggie Collins, Natalie Rauch.

Cardinals take win over Arlington, lose to Nixyaawii

The Ione Cardinals split their games last weekend, losing a tough one to Nixyaawii on Saturday and fighting off a scrappy Arlington squad on Saturday. The Cards' conference record now stands at 3-1.

In a highly anticipated match-up, the Ione Cardinals were outgunned by the visiting Nixyaawii Golden Eagles 93-78 in a game played in Ione on Friday January 8. The fast-paced game was Ione's in the early going and close all the way until early in the fourth quarter where the Golden Eagles were able to pull away. Deadly 26-30 free throw shooting and killer three pointers for Nixyaawii plus too many costly turnovers for Ione resulted in the final outcome.

The Cards led by as many as 14 points in the first quarter but Nixyaawii used a 10-0 run at the end of the quarter to pull back to within four. The Cardinals relinquished the lead for the first time in the game with 2:44 remaining in the half but battled back to take a 48-44 lead at halftime. Tanner Rietmann scored eight of his career high 26 points in the third quarter as the Cardinals attempted to put some distance between them and Nixyaawii. The

quarter ended with Ione leading 62-61. It was a 32-16 point advantage in the final frame that sealed the deal for Nixyaawii, including hitting 11 of 12 free throw tries in the quarter. A Nixyaawii three pointer with 6:08 remaining put them in front for good as they stretched the lead for the final 15 point advantage.

Tanner Rietmann led the Cardinals with 26 points, 13 rebounds and three blocked shots. Matt Hams added 18 points and nabbed three steals. Adam Collin was the other Cardinal in double figures with 10 points. The Cards shot 52% from the field but had a dismal night at the line, making just three of 12 free throw attempts. The high-flying Golden Eagles shot 54% from the floor, which included seven three pointer and made 87% of their 30 free throw attempts. A telling statistic was 24 turnovers for Ione compared to seven for the Golden Eagles.

"This loss was one that we need to learn from," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "Turnovers hurt us and putting to the foul line 30 times hurt us. It seems like we were trying to play with the attitude of not to lose. It

made us timid and created many mistakes late in the game."

After the tough loss on Friday, the Cardinals traveled to Arlington on Saturday, January 9. The Honkers made it a game, leading 14-12 at the end of the first quarter and trailing just 20-26 at the half. But the Cardinals spread out the scoring with four players in double figures and outscored Arlington 35-25 in the second half to take the 61-45 win.

Tanner Rietmann led the team in scoring for the second night in a row with 18 points. He also dominated the team's rebounding effort with 17 rebounds and added five blocked shots. Matt Hams added 15 points with five assists and four steals while Zac Orem and Adam Collin each had 11. The Cards shot 54% from the floor and also were able to limit turnovers, committing just 13 in the game.

"This win was good as we needed to rebound after Friday's tough loss," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "We still aren't playing as aggressive on offense as we should but it was a good performance on the defensive end and that made the difference."

Cardinals split weekend games

The Ione Cardinals split their weekend games with a win over Condon/Wheeler on Friday night and a tough loss on the road to Sherman County on Saturday. The Card's league mark now sits at 4-2 with their overall record at 10-5.

On Friday, January 15 the Cards used a six point advantage in the first quarter and a five point advantage in the third to combat dead even second and fourth quarters. Ione was up 31-25 at halftime until the Knights took the lead 38-37 with 4:19 on the clock in the third. The Cards went on a fantastic 14-0 run to build the lead to 13 in the third quarter. The Knights hit a bucket in the closing seconds of the third quarter and Ione was up by 11 to start the fourth. Matt Hams completed a rare four-point play when he was fouled after his successful jump shot, giving him two chances at the line. After he canned both, a Knight technical foul on that same play then sent Zac Orem to the line to shoot two more and the Cards were off and running on another run, this time 12-0 to build the lead to 23. Condon/Wheeler put on a last-ditch 11-4 effort to close to the final margin, 72-61.

Matt Hams led the team in scoring with 26 while Tanner Rietmann added 17 and Zac Orem had 16. The Cards shot a respectable 43% from the floor while the Knights were at 37%. Ione had a decided advantage on the boards, 37-26 led by Tanner Rietmann with 11 and Adam Collin with eight. Zac Orem and Matt Hams each had four steals and Orem had four assists to lead those categories.

"This was a hard fought game," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "Our kids did a great job of finding a way to win."

On Saturday in a game played in Moro, the Cards closed the first quarter by scoring 14 unanswered points to lead the game 19-7. But the Huskies woke up after that and came roaring back to outscore the Cardinals 20-9 in the second. Ione led by a whisker, 28-27 at halftime. Sherman County tied the game with three minutes gone in the third and then took a lead. The Huskies hit a three with 20 seconds left in the quarter to take their biggest lead of the game, 49-40. Matt Hams responded with a basket to cut their lead to seven entering the fourth quarter. RJ Ramos hit back-to-back buckets for Ione early in the fourth to cut the Sherman led to three. Adam Collin scored with 4:52 showing on the clock to tie the game. The teams swapped scores and with a Matt Hams' jumper with 2:24 to go, Ione led by four. Sherman responded with a three pointer to get back within one. From there on, the Huskies capitalized on their double bonus situation, making four of four



Top Photo: #10 Gunner Jessen goes high and lands hard during the game against Sherman County. Bottom Photo: #5 Evan Rietmann puts up a shot against Condon. -Photos by Theresa Crawford

free throws to lead by three. Sherman County scored once more on a Cardinal turnover to take the game 64-59.

The Cardinals had to deal with a lopsided foul situation in the second half of the game as they were whistled for 15 fouls to just four on the Huskies, and foul number four came with :01 remaining in the game. The Huskies hit the double bonus midway through the third quarter while the Cardinals never even saw the bonus. Sherman cashed in at the free throw line, making 20 of 27 tries while Ione only got their nine times and then only made four.

Matt Hams led the team with 18 points. Zac Orem and Adam Collin both had 12 and RJ Ramos chipped in nine. The Huskies shot a tad better than the Cards (44% to 41%) but also outrebounded Ione 32-28. Tanner Rietmann led Ione's attack on the boards with 10. RJ Ramos paced the team with five assists and Matt Hams had five steals.

"This was a very hard loss to swallow," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "We seem to be out of sync and trying to force things. We have to learn from this loss and go back to work to correct the problem."

The Cardinals have just one game this weekend, traveling to Echo on

Friday.

Ione 72, Condon-Wheeler 61
CW 10 15 15 21 - 61
Ione 16 15 20 21 - 72
Condon-Wheeler - Cole MacInnes 27, Tyler Urbach 16, Harold Stevens 6, Tyler George 5, Bill Jaeger 4, Collin Anderson 2, Widner 1, Shaeffer, Herrera, Hill.
Ione - Matt Hams 26, Tanner Rietmann 17, Adam Collins 4, R.J. Ramos 3, Zach Orem 16, Gunner Jensen 3, Evan Rietmann, Fetterhoff, Stillman, A. Rietmann.
3-point field goals - Condon-Wheeler 6, Ione 1. Free throws - Condon-Wheeler 17-26, Ione 13-23. Personal fouls - Condon-Wheeler 14, Ione 19. Technical fouls - Anderson (C-W). Fouled out - Anderson (C-W), Ramos (I).

Sherman 64, Ione 59
IHS 19 9 14 17 - 59
SHS 7 20 22 15 - 64
Ione (10-5, 4-2 BSC) - Zac Orem 12, Tanner Rietmann 2, Matt Hams 18, R.J. Ramos 9, Adam Collin 12, Gunner Jensen 5, Alex Fetterhoff 1, Evan Rietmann. Sherman (8-5, 3-2 BSC) - Zack Smith 3, Kyle Barnett 13, Scott Stroud 14, Riley Brown 3, Andrew Olsen 8, James Stroud 23, Jordan Anderson, Danny Kivet. 3-point field goals - Ione 3; Sherman 4. Free throws - Ione 4-9; Sherman 20-27. Personal fouls - Ione 24; Sherman 12. Technical fouls - E. Rietmann (IHS). Fouled out - none.

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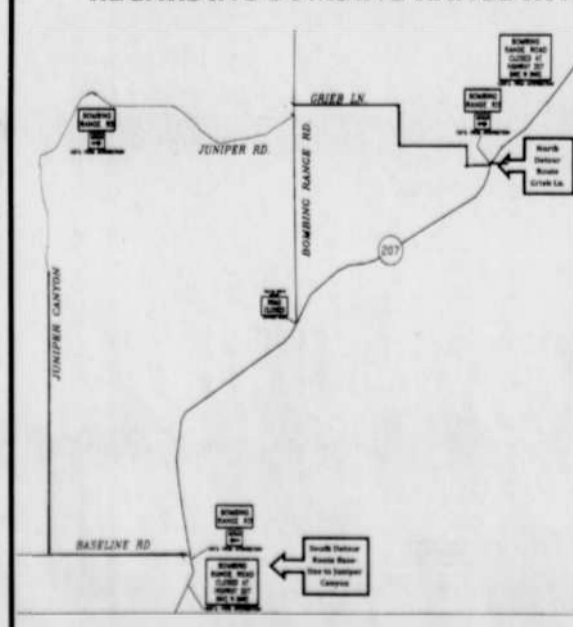
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Morrow County Public Works Department would like to announce Due to reconstruction on the south end of the Bombing Range / Hwy 207 Intersection project. It is necessary to close the South end section of Bombing Range road for a period beginning on January 4, 2010 and continuing through January 29, 2010 weather permitting. The primary north detour route will be 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