

Lady Cardinals advance to state volleyball tournament

Ione senior, Beth Morter, celebrated her "best birthday present ever" as she and her volleyball teammates powered their way to a 3-0 win over visiting Portland Lutheran in the second round of the OSAA State 1A playoffs in Ione on Saturday, November 6. The win advances the Lady Cardinals to the state volleyball tournament for the first time since 2002. The state tournament is set for November 12 & 13 at Pacific University in Forest Grove.

After sitting around all day Saturday waiting for the 5 p.m. game, the Cardinals shook off some opening game jitters to take the first set 25-17. The young Portland Lutheran squad had the game tied at 7-7 before Ione broke away for good. Game two was a blowout as Ione went up 17-4 before rolling on to the 25-13 final score. The Blue Jays put up their biggest fight in game three, never letting the Lady Cards get more than four

or five points ahead in the early going. Siren Endresen took over serving with the score at 16-12 and didn't stop until the lead was a much more comfortable 20-12. When Joanna Patton smacked down her seventh kill of the match for the 25th point, the Cards won the game 25-15 and celebrated their upcoming trip to state.

Joanna Patton, a lanky junior with a powerful hit, had seven kills and five blocks in the match. She also served a perfect 11-11 with two aces. With a mile-wide smile, she summed up the mood of the Cardinal faithful, "I'm so excited."

Beth Morter, returning to almost full power after a three-week layoff with a sprained ankle and a mid-week bout with the flu had seven kills and she, too, served a flawless 11-11. "They had no answer for the middle," said Morter.

Makenna Ramos was 18-19 at the service line with two aces and also tallied 20 assists in the match. Shadow Kendrick continued her streak of 100% serving throughout the season. For every perfect serving game, the Cards receive certificates good for a milkshake. "I

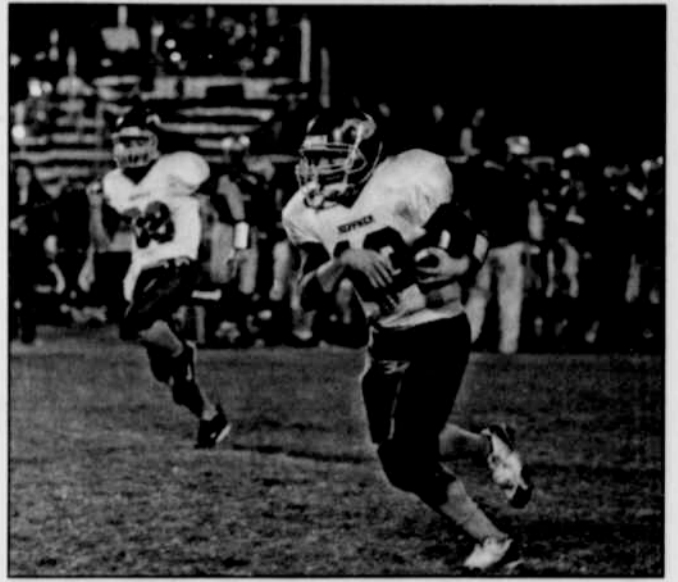
think I have over 30 milkshake certificates," said Kendrick. "I'm going to give them away for birthday presents."

Ione Coach Dawn Eynetich was thrilled with the big win, especially since it was played in front of a packed house of predominantly Cardinal fans. "It hasn't really sunk in to me yet. It probably will when I try to go to sleep tonight," she said. After a roller coaster season of managing limited personnel through injury, illness and "everything else you could think of" she was proud of the way her team played through it all. "The girls have done a great job of stepping in for whatever came their way."

The Lady Cardinals open state tournament play at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 12. This is the first year the OSAA has used their power rankings to place teams in the tournament brackets. Ione finished the season number three in the state in power rankings and will play Hosanna Christian, number six in power rankings, in the first game.

Tournament brackets, results and live broadcasts of the games are available at www.osaa.org.

Mustangs complete regular season with another conference win



The Heppner Mustangs completed another sweep of the Blue Mountain Conference with their win over the Irrigon Knights in their 53-8 victory Friday night. All Mustang seniors got to carry the ball during the game. Pictured is senior Jared Hedman #13 heads for the goal line Friday night in Irrigon. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Ione flag football teams finish season



Ione boasted two flag football teams this year that competed in the Hermiston Parks and Recreation League, a first and second grade team coached by Ryan Rudolf and a third and fourth grade team. Pictured are the third and fourth grade 'Cardinals' sponsored by Eric and Brandi Orem Farms and coached by Deacon Heideman. Pictured L-R are Logan Burright, Tyler Carter, Matt Orem, Josh Hasty, Jill Rudolf and Jake Heideman. Not pictured was Paul Taylor. -Contributed Photo

2010 Cardinal Basketball Schedule

Dec. 3 & 4 - Ione Basketball Bonanza, 1 p.m. (JV) and 3 p.m. (V)
 Dec. 10 & 11 - Heppner Tournament, 3 p.m. (V)
 Dec. 17 - at Horizon Christian, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Dec. 18 - Helix at home, 1 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Dec. 21 - at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Dec. 23 - Culver at home, 1 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Dec. 27 - at Irrigon, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Dec. 29 - Pilot Rock at home, 1 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Dec. 30 - at Riverside, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Jan. 7 - at Nixyaawii, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Jan. 8 - Arlington at home, 2:30 p.m. (BJV, GV, BV)
 Jan. 11 - Irrigon at home, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Jan. 14 - at Condon, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)

HHS Girls' Basketball Schedule

Dec. 3 - Imbler at home, 3 p.m.
 Dec. 4 - at Tri Cities Prep, 1 p.m.
 Dec. 10 - Heppner Tournament, 3 p.m.
 Dec. 11 - Heppner Tournament, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 17 - at Elgin, 6 p.m.
 Dec. 18 - Union HS at home, 4 p.m.
 Dec. 21 - at Imbler, 3 p.m.
 Dec. 28 - Christmas Tournament, 3 p.m.
 Dec. 29 - Christmas tournament, 1 p.m.
 Jan. 4 - Tri Cities Prep at home, 3 p.m.
 Jan. 7 - at Stanfield, 3 p.m.
 Jan. 8 - Irrigon at home, 1 p.m.
 Jan. 14 - Pilot Rock at home, 3 p.m.
 Jan. 15 - at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
 Jan. 21 - Enterprise at home, 6 p.m.
 Jan. 22 - Elgin at home, 4 p.m.

Heppner Little League to meet

Heppner Little League will meet Wednesday, November 17, at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

The Little League is in need of volunteers and officers for this season. Officers will be elected at this meeting.

For more information call 541-626-1177.

Heppner Jr. High Boys' Basketball Schedule

Nov. 13 - at Irrigon, 8 a.m.
 Nov. 20 - at Pilot Rock, 8 a.m.
 Dec. 4 - at Riverside, 8 a.m.
 Dec. 10 - at Echo, 9 a.m.
 Dec. 11 - Heppner Tourney, 9 a.m.
 Dec. 17 - Heppner Tournament, 9 a.m.
 Jan. 7 - Ione at Heppner, TBA
 Jan. 8 - at Dufur (A team only), 9 a.m.

HHS Boys' Basketball Schedule

Dec. 3 - Imbler at home, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 4 - at Tri Cities Prep, 6 p.m.
 Dec. 10 - Heppner Tournament, 3 p.m.
 Dec. 11 - Heppner Tournament, 11 a.m.
 Dec. 17 - at Elgin, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 18 - Union HS at home, 5:30 p.m.
 Dec. 21 - at Imbler, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 28 - Christmas Tournament, 3 p.m.
 Dec. 29 - Christmas tournament, 1 p.m.
 Jan. 4 - Tri Cities Prep at home, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 7 - at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 8 - Irrigon at home, 5:30 p.m.
 Jan. 14 - Pilot Rock at home, 7 p.m.

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1A State Volleyball Tournament

November 12-13, 2010
 Pacific University

HOSANNA CHRISTIAN
 vs.
 IONE
 November 12, 2010 10 AM



Back row-Coach Dawn Eynetich, Collette Cason, JoAnna Patton, Beth Morter, Emily Holland Middle row-Mary Gates, Shadow Kendrick, Mary Rietmann, Siren Endresen, Jaqueline Juarez Front row-Yesenia Verduzco, Makenna Ramos

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