

Mustang wrestlers finish fourth at Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational

The Heppner Mustangs wrestling team competed on Saturday at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational in Heppner. The tournament included nine teams from Adrian, Crane, Grant Union, Heppner, Imbler, Irrigon, Mac Hi, Riverside, and Union. Riverside took home the team championship trophy, followed by Crane in second and Mac Hi in third. The Mustangs finished fourth.

Sophomore Junior Spaulding, a new comer to the team, qualified for the tournament championship bout at 119 pounds in his first high school tournament by pinning his opponent less than one minute into the semi final match. He finished the tournament in second place.

Senior Jarreid Miller, ranked senior in Oregon 2A at 130 pounds, was the second Mustang to qualify for the tournament championship, also by pinning his challenger in the semi finals. He faced eighth ranked Martin Herrera from Riverside in the finals. Although Miller had previously beaten Herrera, he was taken by surprise by an arm spin throw early in the match and couldn't fight his way out, giving up a pin with 13 seconds left in the first round.

Six Mustang wrestlers qualified for the consolation championships and a chance at a bronze medal.

Freshman Jared Lemmon, ranked fourth in Oregon 2A at 112 pounds, conceded the championship semi finals due to injury default and faced third ranked Thomas O'Toole from Crane in the consolation championship. Lemmon won by a major decision 12-4.

Sophomore Wade



Senior Jarreid Miller faces an opponent in Saturday's BEO Invitational Tournament. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Matthew moved to varsity 140 pounds to fill in for the injured Treston Maben and won his first medal of the year. Matthew just missed qualifying for the tournament championship bout with a narrow 8-10 loss in the semi finals. He finished 4-1 for the day with four pins, scored the most team points for Heppner, and went on to claim the consolation championship.

Shane Miles (119), Alex Smith (125), Earl Prophet (135), and Andrew Bara (152) each finished fourth in their weight classes. Smith made it to the tournament championship semifinals by pinning a ranked opponent from Mac Hi in the bracket quarterfinals. He lost in the semi-

nals 8-16 to a returning state champion from Imbler and ended the tournament with a 2-2 record. Bara also had a 2-2 tournament record on his way to fourth place.

Garrett Gibbs won two and lost two and finished in fifth place at 171 pounds.

The wrestling team competes in their last regular season tournament on Saturday at the Pine Eagle tournament in Halfway, then moves on to the special district 4 championships in Wallowa on February 18 and 19. The top two wrestlers from each weight class at the district tournament qualify for the state championships held in Portland's Memorial Coliseum on February 25 and 26.

Lady Mustangs take 52-42 win over Bobcats

On Saturday, February 5, Heppner played their second road game of the weekend against the Union Bobcats. The Lady Mustangs beat the Bobcats 52-42.

The Lady Mustangs came out playing very good. The press and press break were both working well for Heppner, scoring 19 points in the first quarter for a 27-22 lead at the half.

The Bobcats found their game in the second half, chipping away at Heppner's lead. By the fourth quarter, with six minutes to go, they had tied Heppner 38-38. At the four minute mark the Lady Mustangs had gone on an eight point run to pull ahead 46-38 and hung on for the 52-42 win.

Senior Taighler Dougherty had a great game scoring 20 with many steals

from her pressure defense. Bailey Bennett scored 16 points in the win and Maggie Collins had 10 points for Heppner.

Going into the end of the season with a Friday game in Irrigon and the last home game Saturday night against Stanfield for senior night, it should get very interesting for Heppner basketball as they play for district seeding.

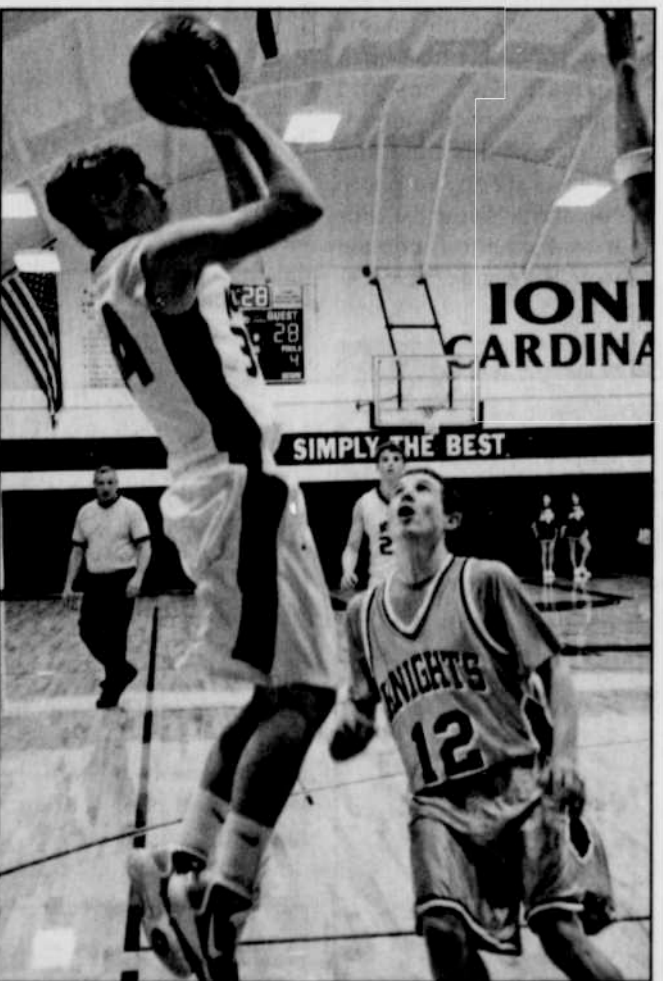
Cardinals beat Condon/Wheeler 49-40

By Paula Emmel

Ione continued to win, moving into February and beating Condon/Wheeler 49-40.

"We did not play well, but it was a win," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "We need to make sure and make teams play to our tempo."

Zac Orem made 15 of the team points. Steven Holland added eight more. Adam Collin shot for seven points and Tanner Rietmann and Omar Juarez added six each. Evan Rietmann scored four points and Marco Juarez scored three. Holland led the attack of the boards with seven rebounds. T. Rietmann had six, E. Rietmann added four, while Orem and O. Juarez each grabbed three, and rounding it out was Collin with two and Micah Stillman with one rebound. Orem was the thief of the night with three steals. T. Rietmann got two and Marco Juarez and Collin each had one. Orem also led the team with four assists. T. Rietmann gave three and Holland and Collin each gave one. The blocked shot king was Holland with five.



Evan Rietmann puts up a jump shot against Condon. -Photo by Paula Emmel

He has a goal to meet and is quickly becoming the man to watch.

Ione continues on the path to the district championship.

Ione continues winning streak on the road

By Paula Emmel

Ione continued its winning streak on the road, winning 97-36 over Central Christian. This was a fun game to play and watch. The Ione Cardinals shared the court, with all the players getting some playing time.

All 12 team members scored in this game and contributed to the team stats. Micah Stillman and Tanner Rietmann led the points with 15 each. Zac Orem put in 12 points, and Steven Holland and Kirk Haguwood each added 10 points. Evan Rietmann gained nine more, Marco Juarez got eight, Adam Collin and Alex Rietmann had six each, and Omar Juarez, Luke Emmel and Kaleb Dumler each put in two points. The team gave Holland some time to try out his dunk shot by shifting their positions to put him in the outlet position. He managed to make a couple one handed shots. Then the team decided to have fun in the fourth quarter and set a goal of making it to one hundred with just minutes to play and their score at 72. They fell just short with 97, scoring 25 points in that quarter alone.

Team Rebounding is as follows: T. Rietmann-10, Omar and Marco Juarez-six each, K. Haguwood-five, Holland and Orem with four each, Col-



Omar Juarez puts up a shot against Central Christian. -Photo by Paula Emmel

lin-two, and E. Rietmann, Dumler, and Emmel with one apiece. Orem and T. Rietmann had five assists, K. Haguwood, Emmel, and T. Rietmann had two assists each. The Juarez cousins each had one, as did Stillman and E. Rietmann. Tanner Rietmann stole five times, Orem had three steals, Collin, E. Rietmann, and Stillman stole twice, with K. Haguwood, Dumler, Emmel, and A. Rietmann each grabbing one steal. Holland blocked

three more shots and Orem blocked once.

Coach Stefani commented, "This was a great game for everyone to get some playing time before district. It was nice to see everyone get to score."

Ione made this the 10th consecutive win. They play Helix this Friday and Dufur on Saturday to finish up the regular season. Ione is currently first in the Big Sky Division East Conference.

Ione JV boys take win over Knights

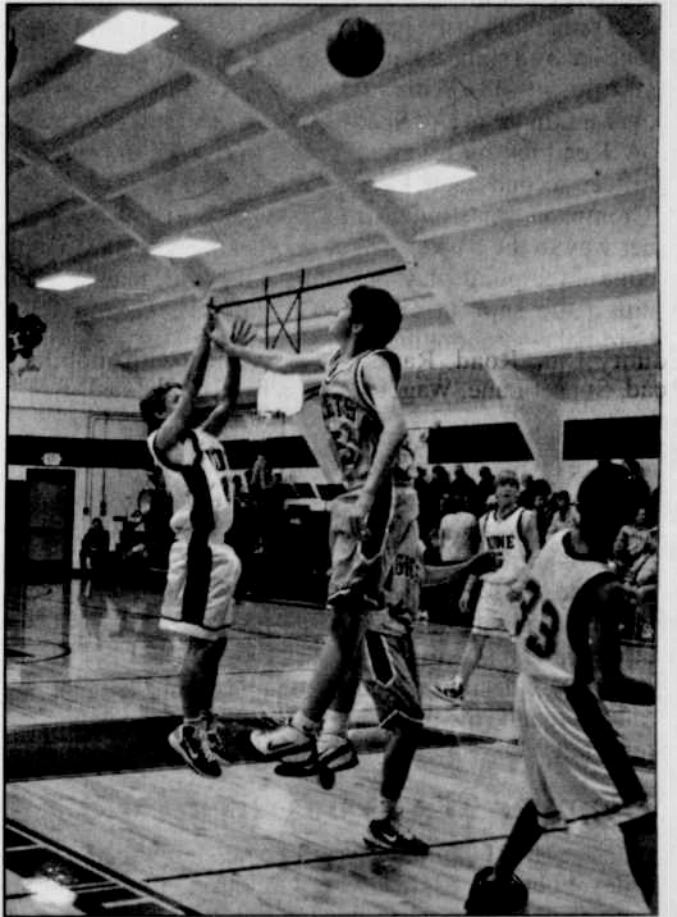
By Paula Emmel

The Ione JV boys took a 49-25 win over the Condon/Wheeler Knights on February 1.

"Kaleb Dumler, Luke Emmel, and Kirk Haguwood had their solid great games, while Trent Cannon had a great game off the bench," Coach Swanson reports.

Team rebounds were tied up with Condon/Wheeler at 31 apiece. Ione JV player, Emmel led the steals, nabbing the ball five times, while K. Haguwood and Gus Peterson each grabbed three. K. Haguwood rebounded seven times and Dumler got five, while Skyler Kendrick got four rebounds. Emmel led the assists with six and Dumler had three. Team scorers were: Dumler-14, Cannon-nine, K. Haguwood-nine, Peterson-five, Emmel-four, and with two points each are Jason Thompson, Bailey Haguwood, Joel Stillman, and Skyler Kendrick.

Coach Jim Swan-



Luke Emmel shoot shoots over a Knights' player. -Photo by Paula Emmel

son noted, "We played very consistent and aggressive. We are playing together, as

a team, and getting better all the time."

Cardinal varsity boys outscore Cougars

By Paula Emmel

Ione was ahead by one point at the end of the first quarter against the Echo Cougars on February 4. But Ione came alive and outscored the Cougars 23-7, in the second period to take the lead at the half with 35-18. With the 57-50 win, Ione moved ahead of Echo in the team standings 9-2.

Lead scorer was Adam Collin for the night with 19 points. Tanner Rietmann turned in 12 more. Zac Orem added eight and Evan Rietmann added seven points to the board. Stillman added six, Alex Rietmann had three more and, to top things off, Marco Juarez put in a bucket for two points. T. Rietmann led the rebounds with 10, Collin had seven, E. Rietmann had six, Steven Holland had three, and M. Juarez, Stillman, Orem, and A. Rietmann each grabbed two. Assists were shared with M. Juarez, Stillman, A. Rietmann and T. Rietmann each with two. Orem and Collin gave one each. A. Rietmann led the team with three steals for the evening, followed by Stillman and T. Rietmann with



Zac Orem shoots a three-pointer against Echo. -Photo by Paula Emmel

two each. Orem and Collin each nabbed one steal. Holland again blocked two shots, adding to his season total, and T. Rietmann blocked three shots to lead the team.

"This was a game we had to have, I thought the kids responded well, especially the bench," said Coach Stefani. "Adam Collin also had a big game for us with 19 points."