

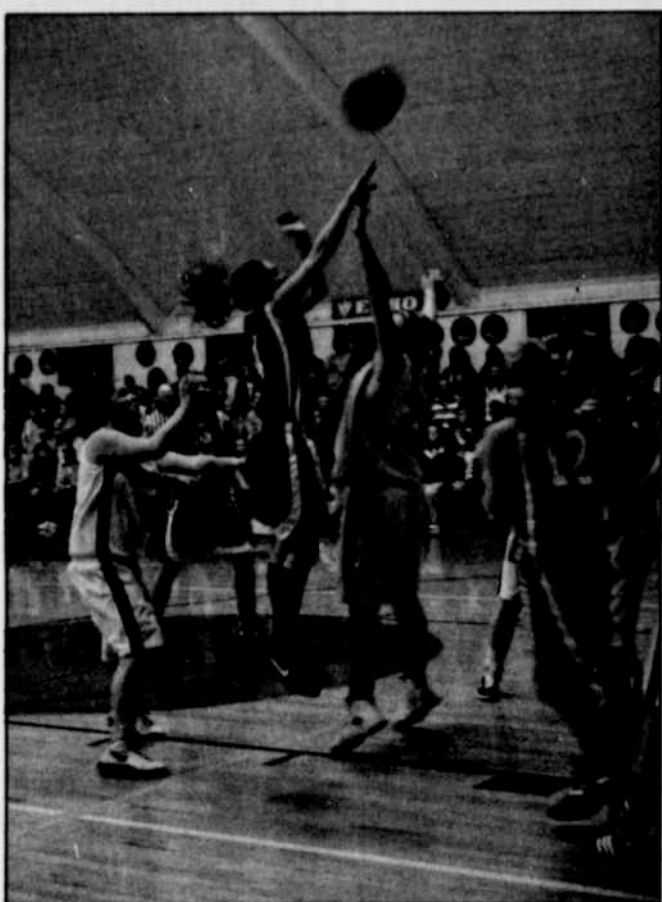
Lady Cards move to 11-1 in conference play

The lone Lady Cardinals strengthened their hold on first place in the Big Sky East with three huge wins last week, two against east side rivals. With just two league contests left on the schedule, the Cards sport an 11-1 record in conference play and a 17-5 record overall.

It didn't seem like a Tuesday night game with a packed gym and the lone Community band playing but that was due to the importance of the match against Condon/Wheeler. The Cardinals put the first blemish on Condon/Wheeler's perfect record back in January and the Knights were looking for payback as well as fighting for their playoff lives.

After trailing by six towards the end of the first quarter, the Cardinals clawed their way back only to see CW use an 8-2 run to rebuild that six point lead. Behind Shadow Kendrick's 11 point second quarter, Ione took a 30-28 lead to the locker room at halftime.

The third quarter was tight with neither team able to edge ahead by more than three points. Lacey Thompson hit a basket with 30 seconds left in the frame and the teams started the final eight minutes of play all tied up at 40. Again Shadow Kendrick came up big with her own 7-3 run to start the fourth. The Knights refused to shake loose though. With 2:05 remaining in the game, Ione led by a slim, one point margin, 49-48. With just over a minute to go, Shadow Kendrick hit a jumper. Fifteen seconds later, Lacey Thompson was fouled on her way to the basket. That huge three point play provided the separation the Cardinals were looking for as they finally stretched out to a six point lead, 54-48. The Knights weren't able to score on the next possession and then provided such an open look at the basket, that Collette Cason banked in a nice little shot to build the lead to eight points with 35 seconds remaining. The Knights made a three point play to reduce the Cardinal lead but Makenna Ramos



Lacey Thompson shoots against Echo. -Photo by Paula Emmel

swished two free throws with 8.8 seconds showing on the clock and the Cardinals collected their second win over the Lady Knights this season, 58-51.

Shadow Kendrick had an outstanding scoring effort with a game high 24 points, 10 of those coming on perfect free throw shooting. Beth Morter added 12 points and hauled in 14 rebounds. Rounding out the scoring was Lacey Thompson with eight, Mary Rietmann with five, Makenna Ramos with four, JoAnna Patton with three and Collette Cason with two. JoAnna Patton had five assists and five steals and Lacey Thompson had four blocks.

"This was a very good game with a lot riding on it for both teams," said Coach Mike Garrett. "We shot the ball well, shooting 40 percent from the field and 40 percent from three point line. The Logan sisters are very hard to defend and I thought overall we actually played them pretty tough. This was a big win for us in getting into the district tournament."

On Friday, February 4, Ione traveled to Echo with payback on their minds. Echo had inflicted

Ione's lone league loss on a heartbreaking buzzer. The Cards needed the win at Echo to solidify their spot at the top of the league and to help forget the earlier loss.

It was not a smooth operation in the first quarter as Echo took advantage of Ione miscues to run out to a 13-5 lead. The second quarter was marginally better as the Cards outscored the Cougs 10-4 but costly as well when Beth Morter picked up her third foul early in the period. Despite the shaky start, the Cardinals trailed Echo just 15-17 at the half.

The team came out of the locker room rolling in the third quarter. After using two quarters to gather up 15 points, they used just one quarter to more than double that score. The Lady Cardinals used an 8-3 run to close the third quarter and pull to their biggest lead of the day, 36-31. Echo tied the score at 40 midway through the fourth but, when they needed it most, the Lady Cardinals put together a string of unanswered points. Shadow Kendrick put down four free throws. Lacey Thompson fed JoAnna Patton a pass for a basket. Then

Beth Morter made the extra pass to Lacey Thompson for a score and the team followed up with a textbook press break lay in, also by Lacey Thompson. With 1:35 showing, the Cardinals were up 50-41. Echo then sent the Cards to the free throw line several times in hopes of regaining possession of the ball. With 9.2 seconds remaining, Beth Morter hit the second of two for the final margin 51-41.

Shadow Kendrick led the Cardinal scoring 15 points. JoAnna Patton added 11 with Lacey Thompson and Beth Morter both had eight. Mary Rietmann had four, Collette Cason had three and Makenna Ramos had two.

One key to the game was the Cards soundly out-rebounding Echo. JoAnna Patton led the effort with nine, Collette Cason had eight, Beth Morter had six and Lacey Thompson had five.

"This was a very physical game with both teams playing man to man for a majority of the game," said Coach Garrett. "We wanted Echo to have to really work on offense and I thought we did a great job. We started out slow and didn't shoot the ball very well but made a run at the end of the second quarter. We played a very good second half and played one of our best defensive halves of the season. I was extremely pleased that we controlled the glass in the manner that we did. This win really put us in the driver seat to be the number one seed in the Big Sky East."

The Lady Cardinals finished their week with a 70-25 blowout on the road against Central Christian in Redmond. Beth Morter led all scorers with 19. Shadow Kendrick and Collette Cason also were in double figures with 10 each. Rounding out the scoring was Stacey Halvorsen with nine, Emily Holland with five, Mary Rietmann, Makenna Ramos and Yesinia Verdusco with four each, Lacey Thompson with three and JoAnna Patton with two.

Heppner Little League registration to be held

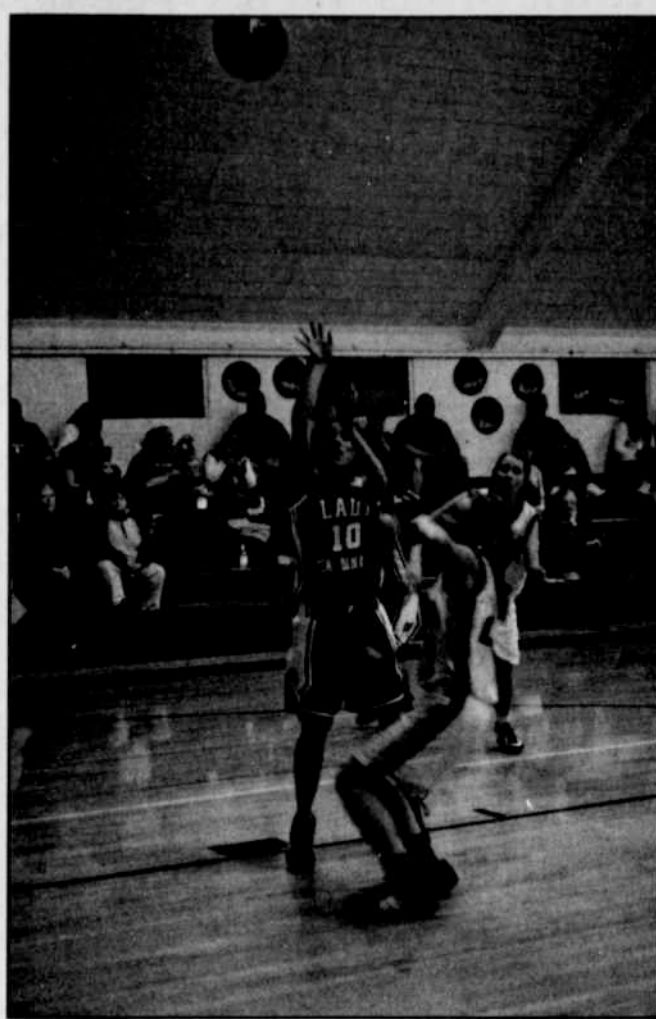
The Heppner Little League will hold registration on February 15 from 5-7 p.m. and February 16 and 17 from 5-8 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Boys ages 5-12 and girls ages 5-16 are eligible to play t-ball, minors and majors baseball or softball. The fee is \$35 per participant and \$70 per family. All registrations received after the February 28 deadline will be \$45 per participant and an additional \$10 per

participant if on the family plan.

One parent or legal guardian must be present to register. Please bring three proofs of current residency with your physical address and a copy of the original or state certified birth certificate. Coaches and volunteers may fill out applications at this time and must have a copy of photo ID or driver's license. For more information, contact Corey Sweeney at 541-256-0355.

JV Lady Cards fall to Condon/Wheeler & Echo



The lone Lady Cardinals JV team played well this week, losing by only two points against Condon/Wheeler on February 1. Foreign Exchange student Siren Endresen nailed an exciting three-point shot at the final buzzer to finish the game 18-20. And, following a hard fought game at Echo on February 4, they again were only down by two points at the end of the game. Final score at Echo was 25-27. Pictured is Yesenia Verdusco shoots against Echo. -Photo by Paula Emmel

Heppner girls and boys lose to Enterprise

In Enterprise on Friday, February 4, the Lady Mustangs played another close game against the Outlaws. These two teams were as evenly matched as any in the conference.

Heppner came out playing well, on both ends of the court, scoring 29 in the first half to Enterprise's 24.

In the second half the Mustangs' offense cooled off, only scoring 10 points. And, again, the sixth ranked Outlaws, for the second time, won by two points, 41-39.

Bailey Bennett had a good game, scoring 14 points and pulling down 17 rebounds for Heppner. Point guard Alana Wilson

also played well, scoring 13 points, two three-pointers and three for four from the line with six steals.

This team has struggled to put together fourth quarter of basketball this season. We're waiting for their best game to appear when they need it most, we believe it is coming.

The Heppner boys' team also lost to the Enterprise Outlaws for the second time this year, 62-50. They played pretty good against the fast paced Outlaws, scoring well and coming a few times within a couple points of the Outlaws. Enterprise went on a late game scoring run to seal the win.

Heppner JV girls' bring home two wins

The Heppner girls' JV team got two wins on the road this past weekend.

The trip started in Enterprise on Friday. The game started slow on offense for both teams and became a defensive struggle the whole way. After one quarter the Mustangs lead 3-1. In the second Ryan Dougherty got some offense going with six and the defense took if from there, holding the Outlaws scoreless for the quarter, taking a 9-1 halftime lead. The Mustangs looked like it might get going on offense with two quick baskets by Emma Osmin. But once again, the offense dried up.

But the Outlaws got some offense going, getting 11 in the third and making it 15-11 after three quarters. In the fourth the Mustangs outscored Enterprise 7-5 to take away a 22-17 win. The Mustangs were led in scoring by Dougherty and Osmin with six each, three each for Greenup and Sandford, and two each for Kindle and Day. Osmin also led the team in rebounding with five. It was great defensive effort especially

after their last meeting the Outlaws won 48-33.

On Saturday Heppner traveled to Union to take on the Bobcats. They got off to a very fast start leading 20-6 after the first quarter led by Makenzie Correa's eight points, hitting two three-pointers. That proved to be the difference in the games as the Bobcats kept chipping away at the lead through the rest of the game, outscoring the Mustangs 33-22 the rest of the way. The girls protected the ball enough at the end and made just enough free throws to pull out a 42-39 win. The scoring for the Mustangs was Correa with 16, Cassi Day seven, Emma Osmin six, Blake Greenup four, two each for Aimee Selnes, Carrie Haguewood, Anne Gokesh, Larrisa Gray, and one for Lilly Sandford. Sandford and Day led the team in rebounding with seven and five each. Osmin had five steals to lead the team and Haguewood provided three assists.

The two wins put the JV's record at 8-6 with two games left against Irignon and Stanfield.

Heppner FFA to host feed

The Heppner FFA will be hosting a feed on Saturday, February 12, from 3-6 p.m. during the final home basketball games. The meal will include a pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw or potato salad, drink, and dessert.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

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