

Ione High School football team defeats Joseph

By Paula Emmel

The Ione Cardinals traveled to Joseph last Friday where they were matched up with one of the better ranked teams. With Joseph quickly scoring a touchdown in the first minutes of the game, the Cardinals rose to the challenge. Zac Orem found a hole and scampered into the end-zone, only to be called back on a penalty. Then Micah Stillman rushed 11 yards, unchallenged, for a touchdown. Joseph scored another touchdown, which was answered by Evan Rietmann with a four-yard rush for another touchdown for the Cardinals.

Micah Stillman completed the conversion for two points, putting the Cards in the lead 14-12. Joseph scored a touchdown and two point conversion to end the first quarter with a 20-14 lead. The Cards put in another touchdown with a seven-yard run by Gus Peterson and a two-point conversion by Evan Rietmann to take back the lead, 22-20.

Rietmann completed an eight-yard run for another touchdown; bringing the score to 28-20. Then Joseph scored another touchdown, now 28-26.

Towards the end of the first half Kirk Haguewood intercepted the ball at the 10-yard line and the Cardinals took possession. Micah Stillman got another touchdown on a 10-yard run and Omar Juarez completed the two-point conversion, bringing the half-time score to 36-26.

Ione went on to hold the Joseph Eagles scoreless for the rest of the game. During the third quarter, Evan was good for a touchdown and he received the pass in the end-zone, for the conversion, to end the quarter 44-26. In fourth quarter play, Micah Stillman ran a punt return 49 yards up the sideline for another touchdown and Gus Peterson ran the two-point conversion. The final score



Micah Stillman

was 52-26.

After the game, Coach Stan Weiper remarked, "I am very pleased with the outcome. We made a massive jump to the positive. We battled both emotionally and physically, scoring tit for tat throughout the first half. Our defensive line held them when it counted, and we took the lead during the second quarter, and held them when Joseph had the chance to take the lead back. Joseph is ranked as one of the better teams and they provided quality competition." "We are making improvements," he continued. "We had a quality week of practice. We had enough players to provide good coverage of the positions, making both the offense and defense consistently better. During the game, our team showed good improvement over last week; exercising good control in the offensive line. We had an even ball game during the first half, proving we have a competitive team and we held Joseph scoreless in the second half."

Weiper said the team all played consistently well and that we have good depth on the team. He added, "We were able to combine old and new plays and execute them proficiently; on short notice and without practicing them. This combined with having a high percentage of conversion points (10 points), added to our successful win. Our offense did a nice job, was accurate on their

assignments and played consistent. The offense was just short of 300 yards on the ground—near 289— and had over a 100 in the air. The defense just played well, and as the game went on, they got better and better. I feel there were three outstanding players that contributed greatly to our win. Zac Orem, as quarterback he did a nice job for us. He ran well, threw accurate passes on plays that we needed, was good at his pitch and played a good technical game on the offense. On defense he just played well, once he got the hang of his position. Evan Rietmann ran over 100 yards and did well in his new position of linebacker. He had four team tackles and was very effective all over the field. And Omar Juarez had 13 tackles and made a nice catch on offense, as well as snagging an interception."

"Overall, I am real happy with the development of the Cardinal team and I am beginning to feel like they are connecting to me and I feel more like myself on the field," said Coach Weiper. "I look forward to coaching these boys and am feeling more at ease with them."

Ione Cardinals will host Dayville/Monument at 7 p.m. this Friday. "This will be a good pre-season game as well," said Weiper. "It should prepare us for the upcoming league games. Dayville/Monument had a good team and a great passer."

Ione Lady Cardinals continue winning ways, mow down opponents

The Ione Lady Cardinals continued their winning ways on the volleyball court last weekend, mowing down any opponent who got in their way. The Cards improved their season record to 6-0 with a win over Joseph on Friday and a convincing title run at the Summit Springs Tourney on Saturday. The road looks a little tougher ahead, though, with a brutal three day stretch of games scheduled. Ione travels to Heppner on Thursday for matches with Heppner and Grant Union. Friday, they host the defending state champion, Cove, and Saturday they hit the trail to Joseph again for the Joseph Tournament.

On Friday, September 9, the Cards found Joseph to be fairly easy pickings, downing the Eagles in three games, 25-15, 25-12, 25-11. JoAnna Patton continued to be a force from every spot on the floor, leading the team with 14-14 serving and two aces.

At the net, she notched nine kills. Dominika Senserikova, an exchange student from the Czech Republic, added six aces and seven kills.

After a long bus ride and a short night, the Lady Cardinals regrouped to face league rival Condon/Wheeler in the opening match of the Summit Springs Tournament in Condon on Saturday, September 10. With the Lady Knights missing three starters for reasons unknown, Cardinal Coach, Dawn Eynetich admitted that the Knights were not a true representation of what they might look like down the road. However, the Cardinals took care of business and dispatched the hosts in two games, 25-12, 25-16. JoAnna Patton was dominant at the net with 12 kills and serving was good for the team. Patton was 10-10 and Makenna Ramos was 15-15 at the service line in the match.

The Cardinals were

able to substitute freely and rotate in everyone in the next two games as Ione downed Long Creek 25-13, 25-8 and then took care of South Wasco County 25-10, 25-17. Coach Eynetich noted that serving for the team was 100 percent for the final two games of the tourney.

With two weeks under their belts and an unblemished record, Coach Eynetich is looking forward to continued good things from the team. "I think we have a ton of potential. We have some areas we still need to work on but I think we can go far this season."

The team is currently ranked ninth in the OSAA rankings although there has not been enough season for those rankings to start making sense. The Lady Cardinals finished last season with a thrilling third place finish at the state volleyball tournament.

Mustangs lose home game against Gold Beach



Photo by Sandy Matthews

The Heppner Mustangs fought a long hard battle coming up short against Gold Beach Sept. 9 at Heppner. The Mustangs lost to the Panthers 8-26.

Heppner Varsity Football Schedule

Sep 16 7pm @ Umatilla
 Sep 23 7pm vs Enterprise
 Sep 30 7pm @ Elgin
 Oct 7 7pm vs Stanfield
 Oct 21 7pm @ Pilot Rock
 Oct 28 7pm @ Weston-McEwen / Griswold
 Nov 4 7pm vs Irrigon
 Nov 12 1st Round Play offs
 Nov 19 Quarter Finals
 Nov 26 Semi Finals
 Dec 3 State Finals

Heppner Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Sep 9 3pm vs Annie Wright (WA) (1-1-0) (Yakima Sundome Tournament) W 2-1
 Sep 9 7:30pm vs Goldendale (WA) (3-0-0) (Yakima Sundome Tournament) L 0-2
 Sep 10 8am vs Dufur (Heppner Tourney) L 0-2
 Sep 10 4pm vs Culver (Heppner Tourney) W 2-0
 Sep 15 vs Grant Union
 Sep 15 7:30pm vs Ione
 Sep 17 12:30pm vs Enterprise (Weston-McEwen Invitational Tournament)
 Sep 22 5pm vs Pilot Rock
 Sep 24 Noon vs Elgin (Heppner)
 Sep 24 1pm vs Weston-McEwen
 Sep 29 6pm @ Irrigon
 Oct 1 Noon @ Union
 Oct 1 1pm vs Enterprise (Union)
 Oct 6 6pm @ Stanfield
 Oct 13 5pm @ Pilot Rock
 Oct 15 Noon @ Elgin (Elgin 4-Way Heppner/Stanfield)
 Oct 15 1pm vs Weston-McEwen (Elgin)
 Oct 20 6pm vs Irrigon
 Oct 22 Noon vs Union (Stanfield)
 Oct 22 1pm vs Enterprise (Stanfield)
 Oct 25 6pm vs Stanfield

Ione Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Sep 15 4:30pm vs Grant Union (Heppner)
 Sep 15 7:30pm @ Heppner
 Sep 16 5pm vs Cove
 Sep 17 9am vs (Joseph Invitational)
 Sep 20 5:30pm vs Echo
 Sep 23 5pm vs South Wasco County
 Sep 27 5pm vs Riverside
 Sep 30 4:30pm @ Sherman
 Oct 1 Noon @ Griswold / Nixyaawii
 Oct 4 5pm vs eCondon / Wheeler
 Oct 7 5pm @ Dufur
 Oct 11 5pm vs Griswold / Nixyaawii
 Oct 13 5pm vs Arlington
 Oct 15 1pm @ Condon / Wheeler (Fossil)
 Oct 18 5:30pm @ Echo
 Oct 22 vs (Dufur Tournament)

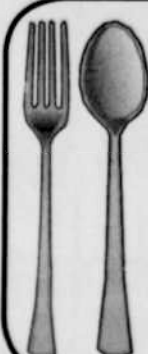
Ione Varsity Football Schedule

Sep 16 7pm vs Dayville / Monument
 Sep 23 7pm vs eSouth Wasco County
 Sep 30 7pm @ Sherman
 Oct 7 7pm @ Dufur
 Oct 13 7pm vs Arlington
 Oct 22 2pm vs Hosanna Christian (Culver High School)
 Oct 28 7pm vs Echo
 Nov 4 7pm @ Condon / Wheeler

Box Score:	IHS (1-1)	14
	22	8
	8	8
	52	final
JHS (1-1)	12	14
	0	26
Rushing:		
E. Rietmann	22-126	
M. Stillman	15-95	
Z. Orem	4-50	
G. Peterson	4-18	
Passing: Z. Orem	4-13-1	
Receiving:		
M. Stillman	1-30	
O. Juarez	1-45	
A. Collin	2-27	

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