

Cardinals fumble defense

By Paula Emmel

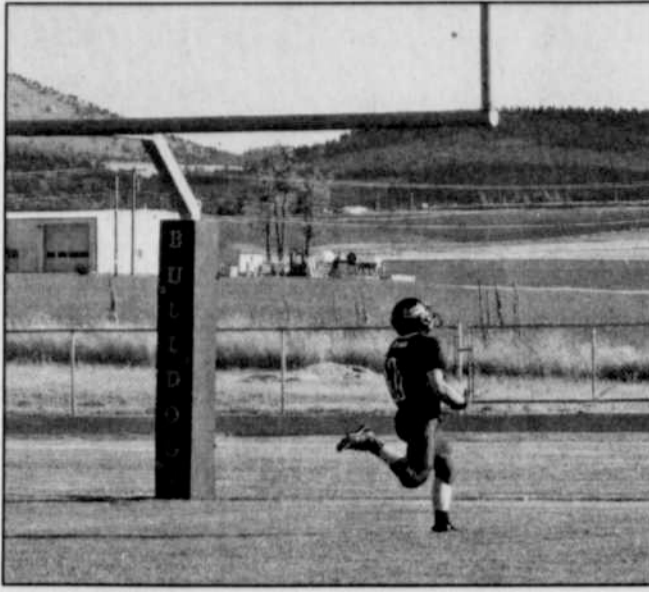
Ione Cardinals traveled to Culver to meet Hosanna Christian of Klamath Falls, an independent 1A school from special district 2. The weather was perfect for a day of football. The autumn colors made for a beautiful backdrop as both teams were rewarded for their travel.

During the opening minutes of the first quarter, Micah Stillman ran in the first touchdown in answer to Hosanna's touchdown. Evan Rietmann completed the two-point conversion to take the only lead during the game at 8-6. In the second quarter of play, Ione scored twice to end the half at 22-48. Evan scored the touchdown, with Adam Collins making the two points (pat), and then Micah Stillman scored another touchdown with Omar attempting to receive a pass for the pat.

During the third quarter Ione's defense held Hosanna to one touchdown and a pat to end with 22-56. Micah picked up two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter with Micah attempting a pat on a handoff from quarterback Zac Orem. Then his little brother, Joel, attempted the final pat. The final score was 34-68 in Hosanna's favor.

Ione knew it would be a tough game to win, but tried to play competitively. The kickoff and punting teams continued to help Ione, as did the punt return teams. Coach Weiper again put in the younger players, both for playing time and to help build depth on the team.

"Micah Stillman ran the ball very well but we were unable to stop big plays on defense. Critical fumbles inside the three yard line also cost us the opportunity



Top: Micah Stillman (11) runs in yet another TD of 4 during the Ione versus Hosanna game at Culver. Bottom: Evan Rietmann (28) runs in a touchdown against the Klamath Falls team. -Photos by Paula Emmel

to make this a competitive game. We will need to play much better defense against Echo this week to stop their strong running game," said Weiper.

Scoring

Rietmann, 1 T.D., 1 pat, 8 pts.

Stillman, 4 T.D., 24 pts.

Collin, 1 pat, 2 pts.

Rushing, for 266 yards:

Stillman, 24x202 yards, 4 T.D.

Rietmann, 9x37 yards

Joel Stillman, 2x12 yards

Petersen, 4x10 yards

Orem, 5x5 yards

Passing

Orem, 10x22, 172 yards

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Collin, 2x46 yards

Juarez, 4x84 yards

Stillman, 1x5 yards

Rietmann, 1x8 yards

Dumler, 1x29 yards

Defense

M. Stillman, 3 tackles, 7 assists

K. Haguewood, 1 tackle, 7 assists

Rietmann, 3 tackles

Heppner wins at Stanfield

The Heppner Varsity volleyball team beat the Irrigon Knights at home on Thursday the 20th to revenge the loss they took from the Knights earlier in the season. Everyone on the team played for a total team effort in the win, setting the tone for weekend play at Stanfield.

In Stanfield on Saturday, the 22nd, the Mustangs first defeated the Enterprise Outlaws in four sets against an improving Outlaw team. Heppner didn't play their best game, but managed to

finish the Outlaws by not letting down and making a push for the win when it counted.

Needing to win out in Stanfield, the Mustangs next faced the Union Bobcats. Knowing the Bobcats to be tough opponents, the Mustangs dug in and played hard. After losing the first set, the Mustangs showed their determination by winning the next three sets with close margins to snare the Bobcats and take the win.

The Mustangs finished the regular season

on Tuesday, October 25, celebrating Senior night against the Stanfield Tigers (results not available at press time). A Thursday game on neutral territory against the Union Bobcats will break a tie for third and fourth place in the league. That will set the bracket for the District Tournament in Pilot Rock on the 29th. The Elgin Huskies currently hold the number two spot. The Weston McEwen Tiger-Scotts sit at number one going into the weekend.

Ione undefeated going into districts

By Anne Morter

The Ione Lady Cardinals completed regular season play undefeated, punctuating a fine season with another tournament championship at Dufur last Saturday. The Ione ladies advance to the post season riding high on a 26-0 record and currently sit #3 in the latest OSAA RPI rankings.

As the undisputed number-one team from the east side of the Big Sky, the Cardinals earned a bye for the first day of District Tournament play, held this year at Hermiston High School on October 28 and 29. The team will play Saturday afternoon against the winner of Friday's quarterfinal matches. Three teams advance to the state playoffs from the Big Sky Conference.

The Cardinals encountered little resistance in their last league match of the season when they traveled to Echo on October 18. Ione rolled over their hosts 25-10, 25-9, 25-10. JoAnna Patton continued her all-around play with 100% serving on 18 trips to the

line and five aces, as well as 14 kills and three blocks. Shadow Kendrick got into the act at the net with eight kills and Dominika Senkerikova added seven.

The Cards traveled to the Dufur tournament on Saturday, October 22, where they had the opportunity to tune up for district and face teams that have been kicking around the top of the RPI rankings for most of the season.

One such team was Perrydale, whom Ione faced in their opening game in pool play. The Cards started out a little slow but withstood the challenge and took the two games-to-20 match, 20-15, 20-16. After a one-game break, the team faced Klickitat, WA and easily took the match 20-7, 20-11. After a three-game rest, Ione faced Echo and won that match 20-5, 20-15.

This put the Ione girls in first place out of pool play, earning them a bye in the first round of bracket play. They then squared off with a reinvigorated Klickitat team, who played tough in the second game but still

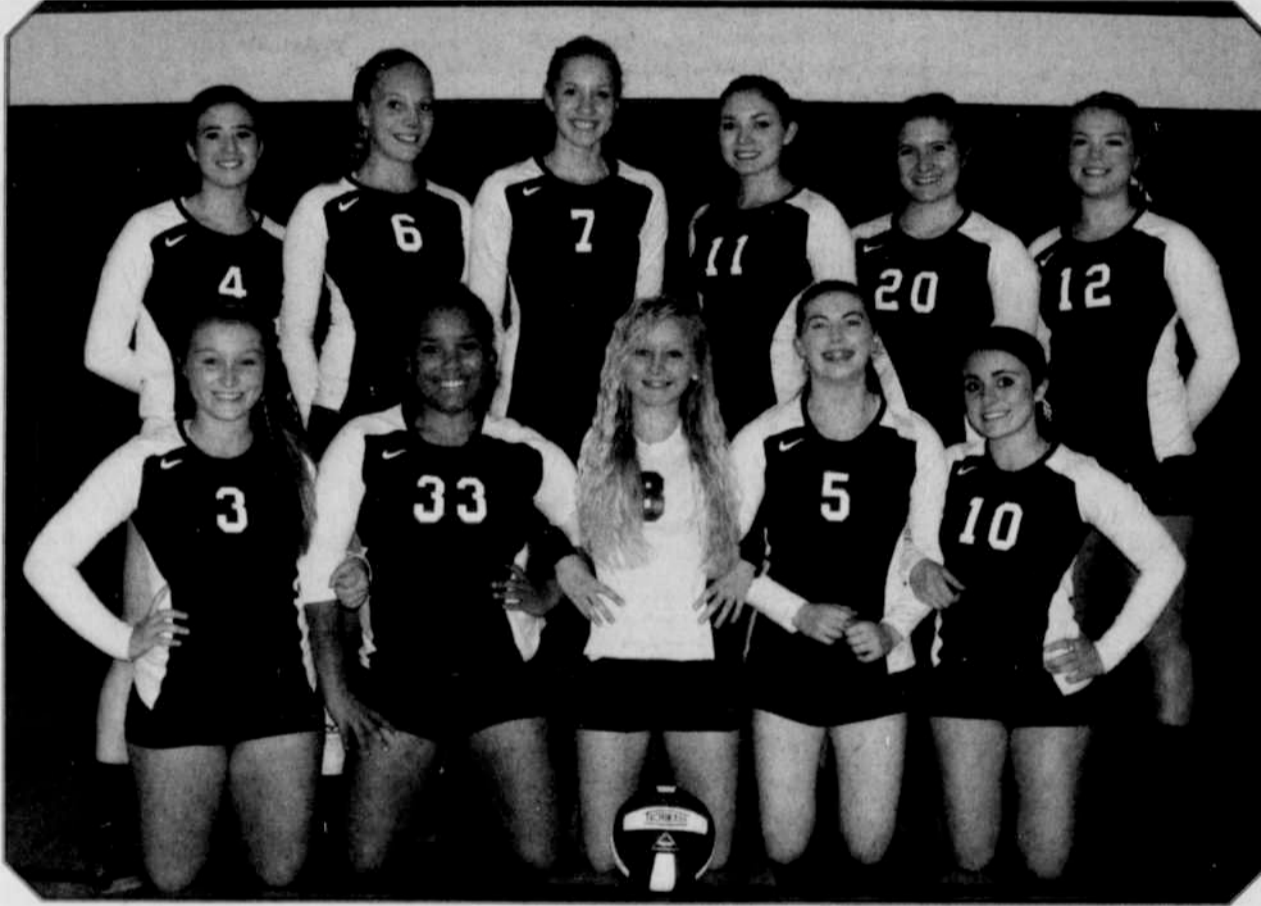
fell to the Cardinals, 25-6, 25-17. Due to an OSAA rule that says matches cannot start past 7 p.m., the Lady Cardinals went immediately back onto the floor for the championship match.

"They did the coin toss for the championship while we were still playing Klickitat," said Coach Eynetich. "It was a big challenge to play games so close together. The girls had no time to decompress. It took a while to make the adjustment to playing another team."

Ione did adjust, and took the first game decisively at 25-13. They then fought fatigue, digging deep to hold off Dufur 25-23 for the championship.

"It is nice to come out of regular season undefeated. The girls are focused and know they need to stay strong for districts and state," said Eynetich. "It's hard going into district in our position. We have a huge target on our back. We just need to go into every game like we have been and we'll be fine."

GOOD LUCK, CARDINALS!



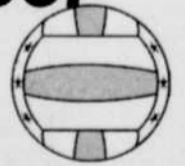
Back row-Collette Cason, Dominika Senkerikova, JoAnna Patton, Lacey Thompson, Emily Holland, Mary Rietmann Front row-Shannon Metcalfe, Shadow Kendrick, Stacey Halvorsen, Lauren Garrett, Makenna Ramos Not pictured-Head Coach Dawn Eynetich, Asst. Coach Jill Martin

Big Sky District Volleyball Tournament

Hermiston High School

Saturday, October 29th

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