

Ione celebrates seniors at last home games



Last Friday night was senior night for Ione's basketball teams. Those who were present at the games said the evening was a great tribute to some amazing seniors who will definitely be missed next year. Seniors are Jessie Flynn, Rachel Holland, Jason Juarez, and exchange students Umaedali Rajabaliev and Pablo Ramos. Above left (L-R): Amado Juarez, Jason Juarez (back), Fabiola Juarez and Elia Juarez, and exchange students Umaedali Rajabaliev and Pablo Ramos with host mother Taranna Patton. Not pictured are Jason's older sister Jaqueline and exchange student host father Mark Patton. Above right: Back L-R--Hannah Flynn, John Flynn, Marlinda Flynn and Maggie Flynn, and Janet Holland, Craig Holland and Emily Holland. Front L-R--Jessie Flynn and Rachel Holland. Not pictured is Jessie's brother Cord Flynn. -Photos by Sylvia Sandford



Ione JV teams end season



The Ione basketball teams traveled to Spray to take on the Eagle Loggers last Tuesday night. The Ione JV boys and girls each played two quarters, the girls winning 20-9 and the boys winning in overtime 22-19. Ione then played the South Wasco Redsidies in Ione's last home games of the season, but both teams suffered disappointing losses to the Redsidies. Finally, Ione played Horizon Christian in Hood River for their last league games of the season Saturday. The Ione JV boys held their own for the first half but ran out of steam at the end, losing 36-49. Above: Emily Taylor (left) passes off to Sydney Qualls as Ione heads down the court in Friday's game. The JV girls lost the contest 6-20. Below: Ione JV Tyson Epperson (22) tips off to teammates in Saturday's game in Hood River. Pablo Ramos (1), Tyler Carter (32) and Aaron Smythe (21) are ready to grab the ball. -Photos by Sylvia Sandford



Lady Cards second seed going to districts

The Lady Cardinals needed a win to secure their number-two spot in the Big Sky League District Tournament this weekend, and they found it last Tuesday when they played the Loggers at Spray. Ione shut down the Mitchell/Spray shooters and held out to secure a win in the last few seconds of the game, 43-40.

Friday night was senior night for the girls as they hosted the South Wasco County Redsidies in their last home game of the season. The Lady Cards secured a substantial 42-23 win over South Wasco.

Saturday, the Ione girls played Horizon Christian in Hood River for their last league game of the season before going to districts this coming weekend. Ione had a hard game, with players coming off bench with injuries and illness. The Lady Cards played hard but, haunted by turnovers, just couldn't pull out the win. They lost 39-42.

Despite that final league loss, the Lady Cards

held onto their number-two district seed, their league ranking of 11-3 right behind first-place Condon's 13-1. At the Big Sky girls' crossover games Tuesday, the third- through sixth-ranked teams will play to see who will advance to districts; the results of those games, not available at press time, will determine Ione's opponent in Madras.

Big Sky District Tournament is Feb. 19-20 at Madras High School. Games begin at 3 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday.

Cardinal boys go to district crossovers

The Ione varsity boys' team traveled to Spray last Tuesday to take on the Eagle Loggers. They played hard to pull out a 41-30 win against Mitchell/Spray.

Friday night the boys celebrated senior night during their last home game of the season when they hosted South Wasco County in the game of the season. Ione senior Jason Juarez had the hot hand of the

night, making three-point-er after three-pointer. His teammates held up their end of the bargain, playing their hearts out and almost overcoming the Redsidies to the cheering of a large hometown crowd. Despite an outstanding game, the Cardinals fell short at the buzzer, ending with a 50-68 loss to South Wasco.

The Cardinals then traveled to Hood River to

play Horizon Christian in the last league game of the season. Their momentum faltered, and they lost on the Hawk's home court 38-59.

The Cardinals sit at sixth in the Big Sky League with a league record of 3-11. They go to the district crossover games in Dufur Wednesday at 6 p.m. to determine whether they advance to the district tournament this weekend.

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