

Cardinals celebrate seniors with a win

Ione wrapped up their football season with a 48-28 win over the Union Bobcats on Thursday night. With the win on senior night, the Cardinals remain undefeated for the month of October with 3-0.

The first score in the game came on the Cardinals first possession when Hunter Padberg threw a 35 yard pass to Junior Verduzco who ran it in for the score. Verduzco and Padberg continued in the passing game, linking up four more times for touchdowns.

Besides the arm of Padberg and hands of Verduzco, the Cardinals were also successful running the ball behind the blocking of their front line, Aidan Barresse, Josh Gray and Taylor Rollins. "They have been work horses for the team all year long and stepped up Thursday," stated a spokesperson. "They opened up lanes for JR Roque and Nestor Ramirez who both



Ione seniors pictured with parents (L-R): Nestor Ramirez (10), Josh Gray (59), Aidan Barresse (25) and Junior Verduzco (5). -Contributed photo.

had rushing touchdowns in the game."

On the defensive side of the ball, the Cardinals had big games from Jake Heideman, Gary Walls and Taylor Rollins on the defensive line. Heideman intercepted a pitch late in the third quarter to put the game away.

In the secondary, the Bobcats passing game was

shut down by Colt Parker, defensive back. Cardinals' Maruricio Martinez led the attack on the special teams making five tackles to pin the Bobcats inside their own 25 yard line.

The Cardinals honored the seniors on the team saying they will greatly miss the leadership and play of Aidan Barresse, Josh Gray, Nestor Ramirez and Junior

Verduzco next year. "It's always easy to tuck tail and run when things don't go our way. For these seniors to stick it out all four years and stay true to Ione after losing their football team for a year is a real testament to their character. I could not be more proud of these men and feel honored to be their coach," said Coach J.J. Rosenberg.

Ione volleyball ends season with a win



Ione volleyball girls picking up the Big Sky Sportsmanship Award are (L-R) back row: Laryssa Burrigh, Eva Martin, Megan Doherty, Emma Rietmann, Renee Peterson and Haylie Peterson. Front row (L-R): Jessica Medina, Serenity Rodriguez, Ola Rietmann. -Contributed photo.

The Ione High School volleyball team wrapped up its season last week with a Tuesday win on the road against Condon/Wheeler and the honor of earning the Big Sky Sportsmanship Award at its tournament in Echo

on Saturday. Additionally at the tournament, two Cardinal volleyball players were named Big Sky All-League. Emma Rietmann, a junior middle blocker, made Second Team and Serenity Rodriguez, a sophomore outside hitter, earned Honorable Mention.



All-League players: Serenity Rodriguez and Emma Rietmann. -Contributed photo.

The Cardinals finished fifth in the Big Sky with a 4-8 league record, 6-15 overall. A spokesperson stated, "They won several hard-fought sets against much higher ranked teams and grew in talent and, crucially, confidence throughout the season. A very young team, they had tremendous growth from August to October and they are looking forward to an even more successful season next year." Their entire team will be returning, except their only senior, setter Renee Peterson and French

4-H club holds first meeting



2018-2019 Homestead 4-H Club officers who were elected are (L-R): vice president Chris Dames; secretary Corey Rice; president Jake Heideman and reporter Gage Heideman. -Contributed photo.

The Homestead 4-H Club in Ione held its first meeting of the year on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 12 p.m. at the Ione Legion Hall. There were 18 members in attendance. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge and then talked about the community service project and organized parent involvement.

Election of officers were held. The 2018-2019 officers are president, Jake Heideman; vice president, Chris Dames; secretary, Corey Rice and reporter, Gage Heideman.

The next meeting of the Homestead 4-H Club will be held Nov. 4 at 12 p.m. at the Ione Legion Hall.

Mustangs receive volleyball awards



Four members of the Mustang volleyball team received All-conference recognition last week. Pictured (L-R): Jenna McCullough, Honorable Mention All-Conference; Sydney Wilson, First Team All-Conference and Jacee Currin, Second Team All-Conference. Not pictured: Nicole Proptheter, Honorable Mention All-Conference. -Contributed photo.

foreign exchange student and middle blocker, Marie Chrétien.

"I am so proud of the girls' hard work and just how much they grew as individual players and, more importantly, as a team this season. Having them honored with the Big Sky Sportsmanship Award is a very well-deserved recognition as they are a courteous and kind group of girls," said head coach Becky Wagenblast. "Emma Rietmann earned her spot on the All-League Second Team by not only being our team's leader in blocks and kills, as well as a great server and dependable passer, but by her incredible work ethic and team leadership. Serenity Rodriguez, who made Honorable Mention,

did fantastically as well. She led our team in passing, is a tough server and strong at the net as well as being a true competitor. I am so proud of these girls and how hard they worked."

A spokesperson stated they will miss Renee and Marie, but with the return of all the other players, coupled with the experience gained this season and the natural development of growth another year brings, the young team will be very successful next year. One of the team goals was to win the Sportsmanship Award this year and they did.

"Now, next year we will shoot for the Sportsmanship Award and the district title. I believe we can do it. They are an amazing group of girls."

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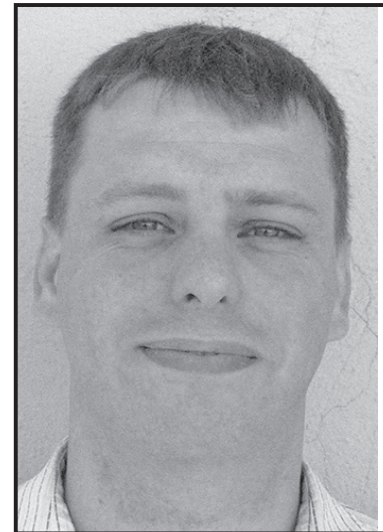
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