

## Buffalos have highest points average

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The Madras High White Buffalo boys basketball team continues to put up big numbers on the scoreboard, even in Tri-Valley League play, where action's supposed to be more intense.

The White Buffalos continue to have the state's highest scoring average at 75.8 points per game and set another high-water mark last Friday in a 107-83 win at Gladstone. Six players scored in double-figures for Madras in the game, including 18 by the hot Marcus Zacarias (38 points in two games last week) and 17 by Derrick Metcalf.

Zacarias had a season-best 20 points in a 68-66 win over Valley Catholic Jan. 10, a game that was decided when Metcalf hit a free-throw line jumper with four seconds left.

The wins gave Madras a 2-1

mark in conference play, with Wilsonville, the defending state champion (13-4, 3-1 TVL) coming on Tuesday, LaSalle, at 5-11, 0-4, visits the Buffalodome on Friday.

Metcalf, a junior, continues to lead the team with a 15.3 scoring average, while Jansen Harrington averages 12.6 a contest. Zacarias, with his recent surge, brought his average back over double figures at 11.0.

Ellsbury, who had a season-high 14 against Gladstone, averages 8.0, while Carson Ahern averages 7.6 and Albert Adams 6.8.

In girls basketball, Madras is one of two teams that haven't yet won in TVL action, along with Estacada, at 0-3, but they played competitively through three periods of a 58-44 loss to second-place Gladstone Friday. Trailing, 27-21, at the half, Madras cut the Gladiators' lead to

one before a buzzer-beating three-pointer before the end of the third period put Gladstone back up by four.

The Madras offense came from unexpected sources, as junior guard Shirelle Adams led the team in scoring for a second game in a row with 16 points, while Krista Haugen had 12 and Whitley Ruiz 10. Unfortunately, the players the Buffalos expect to score, Briana Stacona and senior Susan Ahern, combined for five.

Stacona was held scoreless for the first time this season in the White Buffalos' 81-37 loss at Valley Catholic Jan. 10. In that game, only Adams and Haugen, with 11, scored in double figures for Madras, 5-9 going into its game at Wilsonville Tuesday.

Prior to Tuesday's game, Stacona continued to lead Madras in scoring at 13.6, while Ahern averages 7.3 and Adams 7.0.



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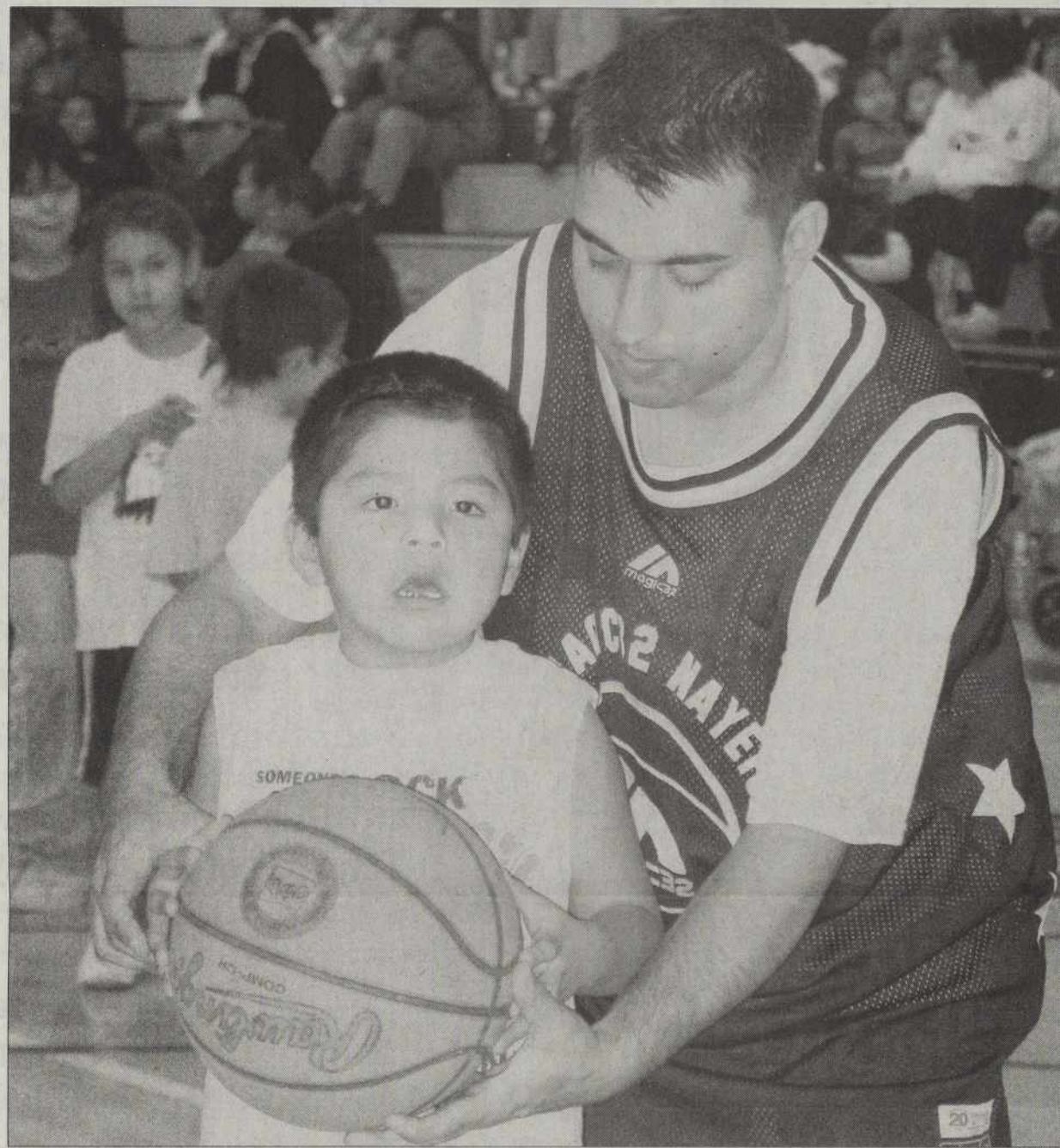
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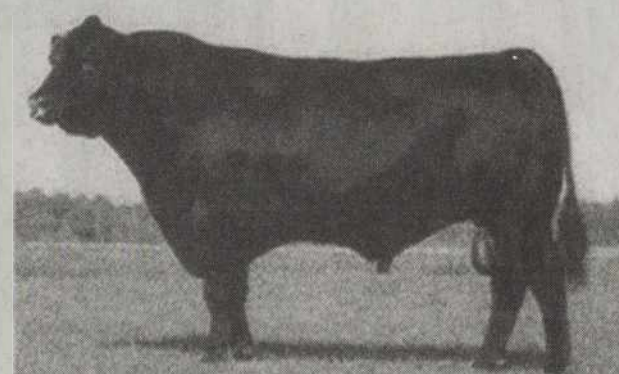
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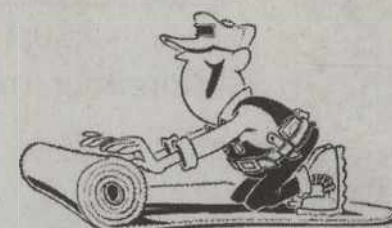
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