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Girls Class AAA observations

I was very disappointed by the lack of attention given to Coach Lindsey Strothers and his assistants, Thomas Channel and Anna Marie Lopez. Karen Howell played through the tournament with a very high fever and fighting the flu. The Blues aren't a one-woman gang, however, it can't be denied that Karon is the heart of this team. When the heart isn't ticking properly it's tough to get the other organs to operate efficiently. The Blues coaching staff brought their team through it all and wasted no precious time arguing with the referees in the process. I was impressed.

Speaking of being impressed: Julie Scheer, Wilson center, showed anyone with eyes that she is a major college prospect. That young lady is tough! When she asks for the pill down low, give it up because she can do something with it. She will put you on her hip and wheel for the hook shot with that dirty left hand.

Lisa Reslock of West Linn is going to give the girls fits for the next two years. Lisa is a sophomore guard that stands 5 feet 11 and has some sweet moves for you.

Traci Thirdgill, Wilson forward-center, showed another dimension in her game during the playoffs. She's decided to play more aggressively and it's going to expand her game tremendously. Playing with Scheer can do that to you.

NCAA Tourney

Let's start here in the West Region. Don't worry, I don't mention the fact that all the PAC 10 schools were eliminated in the first round. St. Johns will take Kentucky and run

right through North Carolina St. to advance.

North Carolina should get by Auburn and ease around Maryland to emerge from the Southeast Regional second round. The Mid-West regional will see some good basketball. Oklahoma should take Louisiana Tech but Wayman Tisdale will play his last college game against Keith Lee and Memphis State. I look for Wayman to head for the NBA next year.

Georgetown, the beasts from the east, will get past Layola, Ill., with style, but won't find it so easy in getting by Georgia Tech. I pick Georgetown to win against Georgia Tech, but if Tech pulls it out, I'll say I told you so. Tech has a player named Yvon Joseph that I'm a little partial to.

The women's NCAA tournament is in progress also. Thursday, March 21 in Los Angeles, Cheryl Miller will lead her Southern California mates (21-8) against Long Beach St. (27-2) and the infamous Cindy Brown. That is a semi-final game. The game is to be televised so make a note of it. Cindy cleaned Cheryl's plow in their last meeting.

And still heavyweight champion of the world

Larry Holmes met David Bey in Las Vegas, Nevada, for the heavyweight championship of the world and spanked Bey for half an hour. That's what happened, and that's all I've got to say about that.

If you traveled as I did, the champagne flight, first class via HBO Air, you heard Larry announce his retirement. The champ spread the word that he would fight any light-heavy-

weight (namely Michael Spinks) for the championship and a few million. Those few million will make you UNRETIRE quick, won't they?

Girls AAA

Tournament Stats

- Scoring:**
1. Shanna Daniels, Sandy, 70
2. Julie Scheer, Wilson, 68
3. Nancy Imhoff, Glencoe, 67

- Rebounds:**
1. Lori Elkins, St. Mary's, 50
2. Traci Thirdgill, Wilson, 45
3. Tammy Lewis, Newberg, 42

- Steals:**
1. Karon Howell, St. Mary's, 20
2. Traci Thirdgill, Wilson, 19
3. Annan Wilson, Lake Oswego, 18

- Assists:**
1. Jennifer Marron, Wilson, 22
2. Karon Howell, St. Mary's, 20
3. Lena Pinard, Roseburg, 18

- Blocked Shots:**
1. Tammy Lewis, Newberg, 14
2. Stacy Saucedo, West Albany, 9
3. Traci Thirdgill, Wilson, 9

- All-Star Team**
Julie Scheer, Wilson
Karon Howell, St. Mary's
Lisa Reslock, West Linn
Katy Steding, Lake Oswego
Lori Elkins, St. Mary's

- Second Team**
Annan Wilson, Lake Oswego
Lena Pinard, Roseburg
Heidi Hakala, West Linn
Sandra Howell, West Linn
Shanna Daniels, Sandy

Sportsmanship Award
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

St. Mary's takes state honors in coaching masterpiece

This game began with defense and it ended the same way. Lindsey Strothers, Head Coach of the St. Mary's Blues, played a chess game on the basketball floor and came away a winner last Saturday night at the Class AAA high school girls basketball championship. St. Mary's came through for their second straight championship.

West Linn began the game going to their strength, everything starts in the paint. West Linn has a very tall, talented and aggressive team but just couldn't keep the Blues at bay. At 6:37 of the first quarter, Karon Howell picked up her first foul trying to maneuver around and through the tough 2-3 zone defense of the Lions. At 3:09 Karon picked up her second personal and the Blues were down 10-4.

From my seat, it didn't look good for the Blues. Just as my mind registered that thought, Karon picked up personal number three at 1:37 and she was headed for the bench. The quarter ended with West Linn out front 17-11.

Lori Elkins got tough to start the second quarter and her play became infectious and spread throughout the Blues lineup. The Lions sat back in their zone and tried to force the Blues to take the perimeter shot and for a time it seemed to work. Coach Strothers decided it was time to close down the painted area and now the Lions were taking the poor percentage shots from the outside. When the Lions missed their shots it was Elkins on the boards and outletting for a few uncontested good percentage shots that went through the net.

The West Linn Lions missed their golden opportunity to take the Blues out of this game after Karon Howell went to the bench at the end of the third quarter. The score was 14-9 Lions when Karon left and the Lions scored only 8 points for the rest of the half. St. Mary's battled back and the halftime score was 22-19 Lions.

Karon started the second half and quickly got the Blues on top with a quick score off the jump ball and then a steal for another basket. When Coach Strothers had the upper hand he quickly and wisely slowed the game down to force the taller Lions to come out of that dreaded 2-3 zone defense. The Lions were stubborn and wouldn't budge from the zone so Coach Strothers had to take a different approach. He decided to save his star, Karon

Howell, who had picked up her fourth personal foul on a rebound attempt, substituted for her and relied on Lori Elkins to hold down the fort until Karon could get back into the flow of things in the fourth period.

Elkins did her thing to perfection but the Blues started the fourth period down 31-24. Karon came back and quickly got the tip and suddenly it was 31-26, and the Blues had momentum. The Blues fought back and regained the lead at the 4:56 mark. Karon Howell had a breakthrough for an easy layup but missed the shot, and Coach Strothers brought her out of the game for some conversation. On her way out Assistant Coach, Thomas Channel looked Howell in the eyes and told her to keep her head up and not to worry about the miss. It was the right thing to do and it worked.

At 3:32 Karon was back. Now you know where I'm coming from when I referred to a masterful job of coaching. The Blues were up 38-37 when Karon hit Elkins inside and took the big end of a 40-37 score.

The Blues called a timeout at 1:13 and Coach Strothers decided to see if West Linn was still going to be stubborn and not come out of that 2-3 zone. The Lions didn't come out of the zone and went back to West Linn licking their wounds because it ended 43-39.

When there was :07 on the clock the Blues fans started to yell and scream and a few St. Mary's players began to feel the victory but Coach Strothers yelled from the bench, "This game is not over yet, it's not over yet." Well, it's over now, Coach, and CONGRATULATIONS!

CLASS AAA GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP BOX SCORE

St. Mary's..... 11 8 5 19-43
West Linn..... 17 5 9 8-39

ST. MARY'S 43

MP	FG	FT	R	A	P	ST	TC	TS
Murrell..... 23	3-7	1-2	4	3	3	1	2	7
McInnis..... 24	1-3	2-3	3	1	4	1	1	4
Elkins..... 32	4-15	2-6	14	0	2	0	0	10
Cole..... 29	4-11	3-5	4	1	3	1	1	11
K. Howell..... 18	3-10	1-2	4	3	4	3	1	7
Error..... 5	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	0	0	2
Barendrick..... 25	1-5	0-1	4	2	2	0	1	2
Gelluso..... 2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Boardman..... 1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals..... 160	16-51	11-21	40	10	20	6	7	43

WEST LINN 39

MP	FG	FT	R	A	P	ST	TC	TS
Hakala..... 32	5-10	0-0	8	2	3	2	5	10
S. Howell..... 30	4-9	2-6	6	2	2	1	1	10
Enger..... 31	0-5	0-3	12	2	3	0	3	0
Anderson..... 31	1-2	0-2	2	2	4	0	1	2
Reslock..... 26	4-12	9-10	3	1	4	2	3	17
Morrow..... 6	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Hughes..... 3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Cartwright..... 1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals..... 160	14-38	11-21	39	10	18	5	16	39

THIRD PLACE

Wilson 34 Lake Oswego 29

Julie Scheer took this game into her hands to insure the win. Julie scored 14-points and grabbed 12-rebounds for the Trojans. Traci Thirdgill backed up her partner with 13 rebounds and 4 points. Katy Steding led Lake Oswego with 13 rebounds and 10 points.

Women's basketball gains steam

Playing women's basketball has yet to make anyone a millionaire, earn someone a perfume contract or turn a woman's name into a candy bar, but the female game grows faster, more aggressive and intimidating every year.

Witness some of this season's milestones:

- The U.S.A. Olympic team, coached by Pat Head Summit of Tennessee, grabbed the gold this summer in Los Angeles.

- A smaller, lighter ball was tipped off and the first female slam-dunk was stuffed through the hoops by West Virginia's Georgeann Wells.

- An attendance record was smashed when 22,157 spectators rooted for the Ohio State-Iowa women's game on Feb. 3.

Even though the financial reward of men's professional sports is but a pipe dream for women, their spirits are not dampened. These dedicated athletes play for something much less tangible — the love of the game.

Recognizing this commitment to amateur athletics, Eastman Kodak Company has teamed up with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association for the last 10 years to honor the top women college basketball players across the nation. The 1985 Kodak Women's Division I All-America basketball team will gather on March 28 in Austin, Texas, site of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's Final Four Tournament at the Erwin Center, March 29-31.

Previewing this year's likely candidates begins with look at the eligible returnees from last year's Kodak All-America team.

A leading member of the squad last year was Cheryl Miller of the University of Southern California. Miller has kept up her incredible pace this season, returning to the forward position and leading her team with impressive scoring and rebound statistics.

Already a two-time Kodak All-American as a junior at USC, Miller led the women's Olympic team last summer to victory and a gold medal.

Her stamina, strength and pure playing ability leave little doubt that it would be "Miller time" again in Austin.

Another Kodak All-American playing well this year is Janet Harris of the University of Georgia. Harris currently holds the record as the Bulldog's all-time scoring leader, male or female, breaking the 2,000-point barrier this season. She has already been named a Kodak All-American twice... the first time as a freshman

when she became Georgia's first woman player to win the honor.

Harris' teammate from Georgia, junior guard Teresa Edwards, is another favorite for the Kodak team. Teresa was also a member of the 1984 Olympic women's basketball team and has "bulldogged" her way to becoming one of the top guards in college basketball this year.

Two of the University of Texas' Lady Longhorns... currently the No. 1 team in the nation... are stampeding their way to possible inclusion on this year's team.

Sophomore forward Andrea Lloyd has turned on the heat again this season after a hot first year. Last year Andrea was named Southwest Conference "Newcomer of the Year," was the youngest of 27 finalists for the women's Olympic basketball team, an Academic All-America candidate and a district candidate for the Kodak team.

Joining Lloyd as a possible All-America candidate from Texas is guard Kamie Ethridge. Ethridge is referred to as "the brat," not only by her older sister Kriss, who also plays for U.T., but by her peers and coaches who applaud her hard-nosed play and floor leading drive. She's a small, quick dynamo that can push the ball up court at breakneck speed. Ethridge is a junior and served as an alternate on the 1984 Olympic basketball squad.

Another team on the warpath toward the ladies' finals are the Northeast Louisiana University's Lady Indians. They are nationally ranked No. 2.

Two outstanding players have led Northwest Louisiana to NCAA Division I playoffs twice in the past couple of years and may, again this year. They are junior guard Eun Jung Lee and junior center Lisa Ingram. Their nickname is the "dynamic duo."

Lee is from Seoul, South Korea, where her family still resides. Before playing with the Indians, she was a member of the Korean national team and played in the Asian Games. Her speed and mobility have led her to becoming one of the best fast-breaking women in the game today.

Ingram was named to the All-District Kodak team last year.

At Penn State there's senior center Kahadeejah Herbert. Herbert has captured a number of kudos at Penn State, including the Lady Lion's leading all-time scorer, rebounder (1983-1984) and most accurate shooter (1983). She was named Kodak All-District player last year and twice has been named "Most Valuable Player" in Atlantic 10 Conference Champion-

AMONG THE GALAXY OF CANDIDATES FOR ALL AMERICA HONORS:



Members of the Women's Basketball Coaches Assn. are studying films, videotapes, scouting reports and statistics as they vote for the 1985 Kodak Women's All America team. The 10-woman squad will be announced at the NCAA tourney

