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BASKETBALL

NCAA Probe Stoudamire:

Damon Stoudamire candidate for Player of the year and a teammate were declared ineligible Saturday for Arizona's last of the season game against Arizona State because of possible NCAA rules violations.

Arizona athletic director Jim Livengood said the university took action after receiving word Tuesday from the NCAA about Stoudamire and Ben Davis a junior center.

The improprieties at question are that Stoudamire's father Willie received an airline ticket from a sports agent. And that Davis accepted a pair of shoes from a long time friend, Kebu Stewart when playing a pick up game last year.

For his part Willie has denied that he has had any dealing with Steve Feldman the Newport Beach, Calif. sports agent.

Gattison Cleared

Kenny Gattison, whose basketball career was in jeopardy because of serious neck injury, sustained earlier in the season, has been cleared to return playing by the doctors.

Surgery For Hardaway

Guard Tim Hardaway of the Golden State Warriors, is scheduled to have season ending surgery this week to repair ligament damage on his left wrist.

TENNIS

Agassi To Meet Sampras

Andre Agassi will get a second opportunity to usurp the No. 1 world ranking from Pete Sampras when they meet in the finals of the Newsweek Championship Cup, at Indian Wells Calif.

Sampras, who hasn't won a tournament this year, came back after slow start to beat Stephan Edberg 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Agassi defeated Boris Becker 6-4, 7-4 to 6-4 to reach the finals.

CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GIRL'S 16 AND UNDER, AAU STATE TOURNAMENT

March 31, April 1, April 2
Cost is \$150 per team - 4 game guarantee. Deadline to sign up is March 20.

Girls 18 and under, AAU State Tournament April 7, 8, 9
Cost is \$150 per team - 4 game guarantee. Deadline to sign up is March 27.

For more information, please call 399-5081.

JEFFERSON ADVANCES TO FINALS IN STATE

By DANNY BELL

In a final that no one expected, two unlikely teams who survived the Oregon Highschool State Sub-tournament made it to the State's final 16 at the Coliseum and vied for the State Championship Saturday night, which Churchill won 54-48.

Jefferson (23-6) rated No. 3 in the PIL and 5th in state had to travel a circuitous route to make it to the Coliseum.

Defeating three schools; Canby at home, then travel to La Grande and finally another long trip to South Medford before qualifying for the main tournament.

Churchill (24-3) of Eugene finished second in the Midwestern league and had to beat Sprague before advancing.

Both teams pulled off unexpected upsets on the night before to reach the championship game, the most stunning when each beat the states the top contenders.

Jefferson beat Wilson, a team

that twice beat them during the regular season, and Churchill beat Benson lauded as No 1 team in the state.

The Lancers had the edge of experience, having come to the playoffs three times in the last 5 years - and more importantly they had A.D. Smith who scored 25 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

He was complimented by the added scoring punch of Mike Wade who contributed 14 points, and four rebounds.

Jefferson came out the starting blocks first in the first half with, full court traps and effectively applying the two-three zone.

The Lancers couldn't get on track as Jefferson expanded their lead to 13 off Brandon Hopson jumper with 3:29 left in the second quarter.

The first half closed out with Jefferson up by nine 27-18 and hopes were high the prize was within their grasp.

However Churchill had other plans as the pivotal third quarter unfolded, it proved to be Jefferson's

down fall, because they only scored eight points to Churchills 22 and that proved to be the margin of victory for the Lancers.

"Everybody said the PIL is No. 1, but we beat two PIL teams and we're the state champs," said Smith, a 6 foot 8 center.

Smith score nine of his team's last eleven points.

A.D. has played 81 games (in three seasons) and he goes all out every time" said John Roche Churchill's head basketball coach.

Smith was virtually unstoppable inside in the second half, neutralizing the vaunted rebounding ability of the Demos.

the experience of the Lancers showed through in the second half as they methodically worked the ball, and managed to defeat the full court pressure when Jefferson threw it at them. Things were further complicated when K'Zell Wesson Jefferson big man and ago to guy picked up his fourth foul with 1:59 remaining in the third quarter.

Wesson who made first team all tournament finish with only 8 points.

Bobby Harris coach of the Jefferson Democrats, observed that Jefferson lack of getting the ball inside hurt them. "We let A.D. do too much, and they did a good job on the boards. We didn't move the ball around enough so that we could take advantage of the back door and we didn't get the ball inside enough and that hurt us."

The Lancers took the lead on a Smith basket with 2:06 left in the third quarter.

Churchill took a 40-35 lead into the third quarter.

Jefferson closed the gap to 46-43 on a Ime Udoka steal with two minutes, 25 seconds remaining in the game from there it was the A.D. Smith show. After teammate Cabe Nicksic hit two freethrows, Smith scored off a rebound and grabbed a defensive rebound other end following a Jefferson miss. He then sank two freethrows with 33 seconds left.

All this as Jefferson only managed a three point basket by Brandon Hopson. Udoka scored 19 points for Jefferson.



Jason Franklin of Benson finds the hoop for a stuff in the semi-finals against the Churchill Lancers of Eugene at the Oregon Boys 4A Basketball Tournament. (Photo by Eric Noon)



K'Zell Wesson looks up to the scoreboard on the way to the Jefferson Democrat's exciting win over Wilson and a trip to the finals of the Oregon Boys 4A Basketball Championship. (Photo by Eric Noon)

PORTLAND SCHOOLS COME UP JUST SHORT IN TITLE RACE

By ERIC NOON

The Portland Interscholastic League placed three ranked teams in the final four of the Class 4A boys state tournament and still couldn't come away with the state title. Benson, Wilson and Jefferson made it to the semi-finals of the tournament and only to see the Churchill Lancers from Eugene take home the first place trophy in front of 6,985 Saturday night against the Democrats.

The PIL has nothing to be ashamed of, as all three teams made impressive showing in this year tournament. Churchill's A.D. Smith just dominated the inside against Benson in the semis and did it all in the final against the Demos with 25 points and nine of the teams final 11 points as the 24-3 Lancers crushed the hopes of the Democrats with a narrow victory 54-48.

Jefferson, who won six straight in the tournament to get to the finals,

beat the No. 2 Wilson Trojans 61-56 in the semi-finals for the first time in six tries, dating back two seasons. The Trojans, who will return four starters next year, walked away stunned as the Democrats celebrated in center court and gave head Coach Bobby Harris his first finals berth in 16 tournament appearances.

"We knew we were better than number three all along," said Harris on the Demos number three seating and having to win three games just to get into the tournament. "I can't say enough about this bunch, I haven't been here on Saturday night in 18 years and finally we got a group that's here."

The Democrats pulled out the big victory Friday night in a emotional win that saw Jefferson's Tryrone "T-Bone" Hammick lead the cheers on the court with high spirited play and tough interior defense on the highly talented Trojan front line.

"We came together as a family, said the junior forward on the way Jefferson really played together. "We dug down deep and just came out there and beat them."

Ime Udoka chased down a sure slam by Wilson's Tyrone Manlove to stifle the Wilson comeback and send Jefferson to their first title game in 23 years. K'Zell Wesson, an All-Tournament selection, finished with 22 points and 14 boards while Hammick added 14 and nabbed eight caroms.

Wilson wasn't the only mighty to fall on Friday night as the eventual State Champions Churchill exposed the Techmen's weakness in the middle as 6'8" A.D. Smith led the Lancers with 28 points while pulling down 11 boards. Smith did it all for the Lancers, he was bringing the ball up court, blocking shots, getting into passing lanes and directing traffic as the Lancers dashed the hopes of the No. 1 Techmen 67-59.

The Lancers, who like Jefferson

had to win in the sub-tourney to get to the tournament, exposed the lack of experienced height in the post as the Class 4A scoring leader had his way inside. Jason Franklin struggled from the field with only 16 points on seven-of-18 from the field.

Although the Techmen were crushed by the upset lose the Lancers the Techmen bounced back and defeated the Trojans for the third time this year 66-59 two walk away with the third place trophy for the senior laden team. Benson really stepped up in the third place game with the come from behind victory that pride they have in themselves. Wilson played them tough as Manlove had 23 points and 14 rebounds for the Trojans. The match-up, which most thought would be for the state final, did live up to the bill, even though the teams were just playing for third place.

"When they called out the captains, I could see tears in there eyes," said Manlove of Benson's captains,

Franklin and Earl Clark. "They have big hearts."

The victory gave Head Coach Don Emry and the Techmen their third consecutive trophy at the tournament and reason to hold their heads a little higher as Benson has seven seniors on this years squad.

In the past the PIL has had trouble placing in the tourney, but this year the league was well represented and with Wilson bringing back four starters with experience and Jefferson and Benson returning solid players, the PIL should be the league to contend with in the 90's.

In the end you really had to feel for Jefferson, and to see the tears in those young men's eyes as they accepted the runner-up trophy really showed that this is the level of sport where the players really play for the love of the game and poor their hearts out to win. My hats off to the Jefferson Democrats and Coach Harris and his staff, there winners in my book.

OREGON WOMENS COLLEGE BASKETBALL SHINES

By DANNY BELL

In a year that was marked by superlative play from women in just about every category by women basketball programs, Oregon big three division - I schools will again be attending the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

The Pilots on the bubble due to their losing the West Coast conference Championship, were selected to play in the tournament Sunday morning.

The three team selection brought

more luster to an already brilliant season for womens basketball in the state. Portland state advanced to division II elite, 8 March 22-25, Western Oregon will play in Monday's NAIA Division II semi-final at Monmouth, and Oregon City finished the year a the nation's No. 1 team.

The announcement of Portlands berth left the team euphoric and the coaches scrambling for information about unfamiliar teams.

Portland will be playing in the West region seeded at 13, they will

face no 16 Purdue in the first round Thursday at San Diego.

Oregon State, seeded fifth in the Midwest Region, will face Tennessee State in a first-round game Friday at Bowling Green KY. Sixth seeded Oregon will play Louisville on Friday in the Midwest Region first round at Athens GA.

Unbeaten and top ranked Connecticut, Tennessee, Colorado and Vanderbilt were the top seeded teams in the four regions, the first round games will be played Thursday and Friday, with the winners advancing

to the second round Saturday and Sunday. Four team regional tournaments are March 23-25 at Storrs, Conn. (East); Knoxville, Tenn. (Midwest); Des Moines, Iowa, (Midwest); and Los Angeles, Cal. (West).

The final four will be held on April 1 and 2 at Minneapolis.

The PAC 10 will be sending five teams to the N.C.A.A. tournament, joining Oregon and Oregon State will be conference champion Stanford seeded second in the west as well as southern Cal which will be seeded ninth in West, and Washing-

ton is seeded third in the midwest. There remains a little puzzlement along with the elation.

The Beavers were confident of winning a bid to the tournament however when it was announced that they would be playing Tennessee State, they were in a fog as to who Tennessee State was.

"I know they have a team at Tennessee State," Junior Annette Mollerstrom said. "But I have no idea what kind of team." Oregon also assumed that they would make a berth for the NCAA, but things go a little

dancy as the announcements rolled on without mentioning Oregon. Finally with the announcing of their seed a wave of relief prevailed and the team focus was on the their upcoming game.

Portland on the other hand didn't know if they would get a bid or not. However they got a few hints that they might be in the running.

The National Invitational Tournament told coach Jim Sollars to hold off on his decision to accept their bid until Sunday when N.C.A.A. announcements were made.