



Prep ramblings

Madras to face tough playoff test in Mac Hi

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In almost any other district, Madras would be a cinch to gain a spot in the A-2 tourney at Coos Bay March 13, 14 and 15.

But in gaining the tournament this year, Madras, champions of the Greater Western subdistrict, must play off with Mac Hi, champions of the Greater Eastern subdistrict.

Madras, 20-0 this season, is rated first among the state's A-2 clubs. Mac Hi of Milton-Freewater, playing a slightly tougher schedule, is 17-5 and rated second in the state.

So, if you pay attention to polls, the district playoff clashes between Madras and Mac Hi look like they could turn out to be the feature A-2 games of the year.

Madras Coach Ole Johnson certainly isn't taking the Pioneer's lightly as he prepares his charges for the first playoff game this Saturday at Milton-Freewater.

For one thing, he figures Mac Hi is much improved over the club that played Prineville and Redmond in this area early in December.

For another, he knows Mac Hi's reputation as being "almost unbeatable" on their home "cracker-box gym."

But this year he's got something going for him that he didn't have last year when Madras lost to Vale in the A-2 district playoff after winning the first game at home.

That's the "hammer," as they say in shuffleboard — in this case meaning Madras will have the

home-court advantage in the second game March 3 and the third game March 4 (if necessary).

Of course, a win this Saturday at Milton-Freewater would be just fine with Ole and his boys. Besides, they've got an undefeated record to protect.

It may have been quite a surprise to high school basketball fans in the state to read in Sunday's Oregonian that Wilson cage boss Chuck Stevenson was quitting coaching after this season.

It was in the fall of 1956 that Stevenson took over the basketball coaching reins at Wilson, then a brand new Portland school.

Starting out with a bunch of green sophomores, he figured it would take about four seasons to become a contender in the tough PIL league.

This year, his fifth season as Wilson coach, he's made it — losing two narrow games to undefeated Grant but mowing down everything else in the Portland City League.

The club, ranked fourth in the state, is also expected to be very tough in the upcoming A-1 tournament.

So naturally, cage followers are wondering why Chuck is quitting just when he hits the top.

Oregonian prep writer Bruce Engel said the reason Stevenson was quitting was the money.

"I have a couple of youngsters who will be ready for college educations in a few years," Stevenson told Engel, "and I won't be able to put them through on my cur-

rent salary. So I'm going to go after something better."

We remember another season when Stevenson was "at the top" — only to step down from coaching — but that switch was the forced kind.

It was after the 1956 season when Stevenson's fine Baker team had tied Pendleton and Milton-Freewater for the old Blue Mountain Conference title.

In a three-way playoff for a lone A-1 tourney spot, Stevenson's club lost out to Pendleton.

Still, Baker had tied for the league title with something like a 10-2 record. And in three years at Baker Stevenson had fashioned an enviable 500 won-loss record.

Nevertheless, it wasn't good enough for Baker — known that time as a graveyard for coaches.

We remember the day the school board was called for a special closed meeting. We were waiting outside the door of the school superintendent's office when Stevenson was asked to resign his post despite an outstanding coaching and teaching record.

The reason, as given to us by Baker School Superintendent James Evans after the meeting, was that Stevenson was a "controversial figure" — which, translated, meant that he had become another victim of the downtown quarterbacks.

Shortly thereafter Stevenson got his job at Wilson, where he has been highly respected ever since.

Not long after, a Baker auto dealer (who had coached a state tournament winner at Baker sev-

eral years before) also transferred.

And suddenly the ugly downtown pressure collapsed. But that is another story.

Anyway, we can't help thinking that, subconsciously at least, the Baker experience might have had something to do with Stevenson's plans to quit when ahead.

Chuck told Engel: "The more success you have in this business, the more you get to thinking you're pretty sharp in your line. Then you have an unavoidable poor year and you're down in the dumps. The key to a coach's success is 90 per cent the material he has and nobody guarantees the continuous supply of good material."

Chuck knows he's a hero today. He also knows there's no guaranteeing that he won't wind up a bum tomorrow.

Anyway, we wish all the best to one of the finest gentlemen in the coaching ranks we've ever had the pleasure to know — Chuck Stevenson.

Speaking of Baker, Bulldog Coach Gary Hammond had all the bad luck a guy could ask for last weekend.

First off, his Baker quintet was upset by a hot The Dalles team 65-55 Saturday — just as the fast-improving Bulldogs looked like they would battle La Grande down to the wire for the second A-1 tourney spot.

As if that wasn't bad enough, Hammond was hospitalized in Boise the next evening after get-

ting a chicken bone lodged in his throat.

A physician worked for more than an hour to retrieve the bone. Hammond remained in the hospital overnight.

**BILLS SIGN ROOKIE**  
BUFFALO, N. Y. (UPI) — The Buffalo Bills of the American Football League have signed Joe Griffith, a 200-pound defensive halfback from Miami of Ohio. He is the 21st rookie signed by the Bills.

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Redmond takes City League crown

**Bend City League (Final 1961 Standings)**

Redmond Music	14	0
Century Tap Room	12	2
COC	9	5
Brooks-Scanlon	5	9
The Bulletin	5	9
Sisters (Barclay)	5	9
Brooks Drug	5	9
Jaycees	1	13

Redmond 24-15 and grabbing a 38-37 halftime lead.

Redmond led again at the end of the third quarter, 56-54, and outscored the Tap Room five 13-10 in the final 10 minutes of play.

Joe Beimler led Redmond with 18, but Joe Peterson and V. Tittle were the whole show in the last quarter, Tittle hitting for seven and Peterson for six.

Immonen paced Century with 14. In other games COC whacked the Bulletin 93 to 56 as Jim Ward poured in 31 and Cecil Kribs added 20.

Dick Anderson and John Simonson led T.e Bulletin with 12 each. Barclay Logging of Sisters had a close fight before clipping Brandis Drug 53-51. Willis Winkle scored 15 for Sisters, while Jack Fraser led all scorers with 22.

In the night's other game Brooks-Scanlon beat the Jaycees 61-54 as Roebuck hit for 25 points. Baltimore paced the losers with

**Tap Room (64)**

Martin 2	18
B. Baer 5	13
Painter 0	13
Bonsell 13	4
Christensen 13	17

**(69) Redmond**

Beimler 18	13
Peterson 13	4
Nordman 13	17
Mullins 4	17
Christensen 13	17

**Tap Room subs: Dk. Lenaburg 7, G. Baer 8, Immonen 14, Dr. Hawes 0, Redmond subs: Pierce 4, Badger, Penhollow.**

**Bulletin (56)**

Turner 10	31
Anderson 12	12
Simonis 12	20
Grass 7	8
Hassler 9	7

**Bulletin subs: Schosow 6, COC subs: Dv. Hawes 10; Hodge 3.**

**Sisters (53)**

G. Mouser 10	22
Benson 8	2
Winkle 15	10
Weller 10	8
Langlers 8	8

**Sisters subs: D. Mouser 2.**

**Jaycees (54)**

Skeen 8	23
Powell 14	0
Myers 13	14
Trent 0	6
Baltimore 19	6

**Brooks subs: Burtleigh 6, Burmeister 4.**

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Weekly Recreation Schedule

**THURSDAY**

9:30 — 11:30 A.M. — Shell Craft at Harmon Hobby House  
1:00 — 4:00 P.M. — Ceramics at Stokesberry Studio  
7:00 — 9:00 P.M. — Jr. Church League Basketball at Allen: Baptist vs. LDS  
1st. Presbyterian vs. Episcopal  
7:15 — 9:15 P.M. — Sr. Church League Basketball at Kenwood: Catholic vs. Methodist  
Baptist vs. Christian  
8:00 — 9:30 P.M. — Men's Volleyball at Sr. High  
8:00 — 9:30 P.M. — Little League Meeting at Harmon Hobby House  
8:00 — 10:00 P.M. — Square Dance lessons at Bendenian Hall, East 10th and Penn.

**FRIDAY**

7:00 — 9:00 P.M. — Chess Club at Harmon Hobby House

Portland wins

By United Press International  
Portland stayed in second place behind front-running Calgary in the Western Hockey League Wednesday night.  
The Buckaroos, five points out of the first spot, downed Winnipeg 3-1 while the Stampeters beat Edmonton 6-2.

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Prell	
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