

SPORTS

Buffaloes Edged In Play-off At Burns

This is what happened as the Greater Oregon basketball season came to a close with Madras and Vale emerging as Co-Champions, each team compiling an 11 win 3 loss record. The Buffs defeating the Vikings two times

should have given them the right to represent the Greater Oregon League as the No. 1 team. But due to the rules, a play-off is a must, and as they say the third time is a charm, so Vale edged Madras in a heart-breaker by

the score of 74-72 to claim the top spot. By this the Vikings of Vale are matched against Coquille in the first round of tourney play. The Buffs, on the other hand are matched against LaSalle of Milwaukie, the No. 1 rated class AA team in the State as of the latest polls.

With a little cool the Buffs can do what they have been doing all season long, and with heads up play can get by LaSalle. Statistics don't prove a thing even though LaSalle is boasting height in two key players. All five starting Buffs can score in double figures on any given night.

Pat Gallagher, a work horse all season long in rebounding and scoring, has an average of 16.5 points per game. Another outstanding player is Rodney Mitchell with an average of 15.5 points per game. Ron Wilson the ball handler in back court is right there and carries a 12.4 point average per game. Mike Fiala has been coming real strong toward the end of the season doing a great job in rebounding and has an average of 9 points per game. Clarence Brooks has had his nights of

pulling down rebounds and can do damage to the opponents of greater heights and has an 8 point average per game.

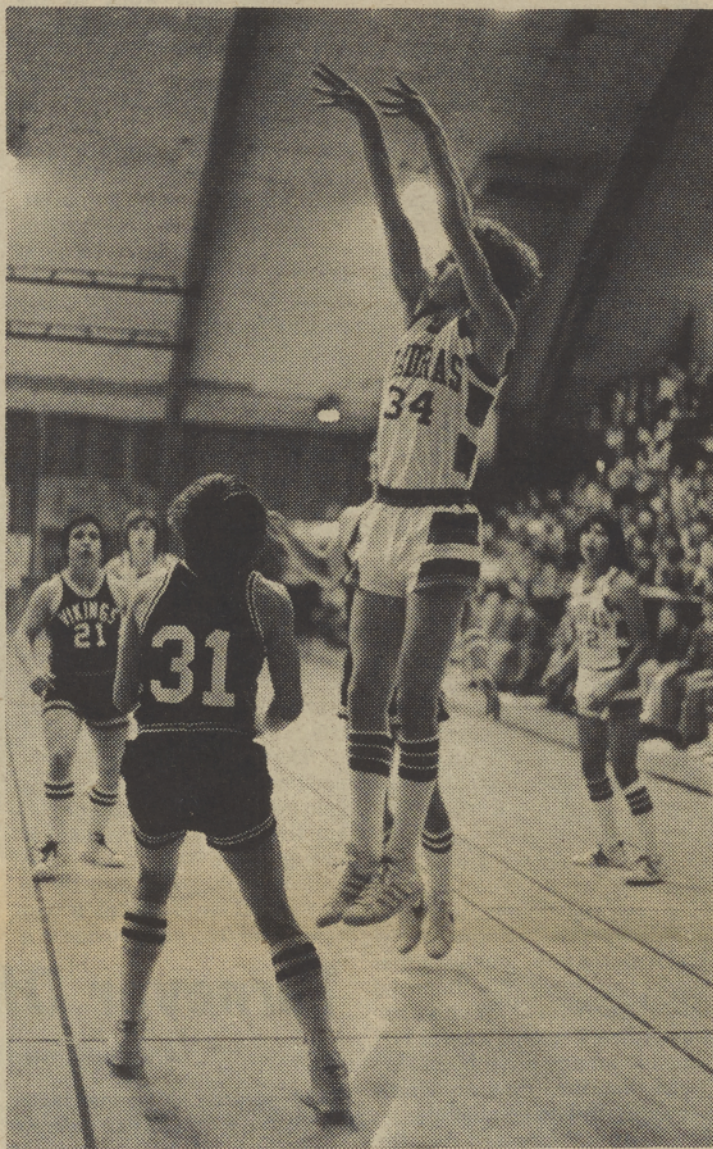
The starting five are capable of scoring in double figures and work well together, but des-

pite their lack in height, with their hustle they might make up for that defect.

Coach Blincoe's bench has had their share of playing time and contributed much to the Buffs' success this year.



Pictured to the left at the play-off game at Burns is Clarence Brooks going high for a shot as Mike Fiala moves in for the rebound.



Pictured to the right is Pat Gallagher getting two points from a pass from Rodney Mitchell in the background. Photos by Priscilla Squiemphen

Cottontail Tournament Starts Tonight

Anticipation is high. The Bravettes have been readying themselves for the 10th Annual Cottontail Tournament which starts tonight (Friday) at 6:30 p.m. and ends with the championship game on Sunday March 12 at 4:00 p.m.

The big feature of the double elimination tournament is the L.A. Jacks from Los Angeles who are last year's NIAA champs. The L.A. Jacks are undefeated in game action. Other teams participating are: Nisqually, Wash.; Lewiston, Idaho; Yakima, Wash.; Colville, Wash.; Wapato, Wash.; Pendle-

ton, Oregon; Taholah, Wash.; Puyallup, Wash. and the host team, Warm Springs Bravettes.

The weekend after the Cottontail tournament, the regional tournament will be hosted by Colville in Omak, Wash. The winner of the regionals will automatically advance to the Nationals to be held in Fort Duchesne, Utah.

Admission will be charged daily. Adults \$1.50, High School and Junior high school students \$1.00. So go on down to the Community Center and support your team. Action will get underway tonight at 6:30 p.m.

District Champ Greene, Loses at State

Tim Greene from Warm Springs and Bob Crocker and Nels Ochs of Madras represented Madras High School at the Oregon State AA Wrestling Tournament in Eugene March 2-4.

Having lost his first match to a Douglas High School grappler, Tim Greene, at 136 pounds,

was eliminated early in the tournament. The only way he could have gotten back into the tournament was if the winner of his match won again, but he didn't. Tillamook wrestler won the 136 pound division.

Greene, a senior, won third at State in Washington in 1977 when he went to school in

Sunnyside.

Bob Crocker, senior, who wrestles in the unlimited Division came home with sixth place honors, and Nels Ochs, junior, at 98 pounds was fifth place in his class.

Coaches are Jerry Byrne and Joe Thornton.

Yakima Wins Tourney

Yakima Nation beat Warm Springs in a tournament hosted by Warm Springs to win first place honors February 25-26.

White Swan was third and Chemawa a close fourth.

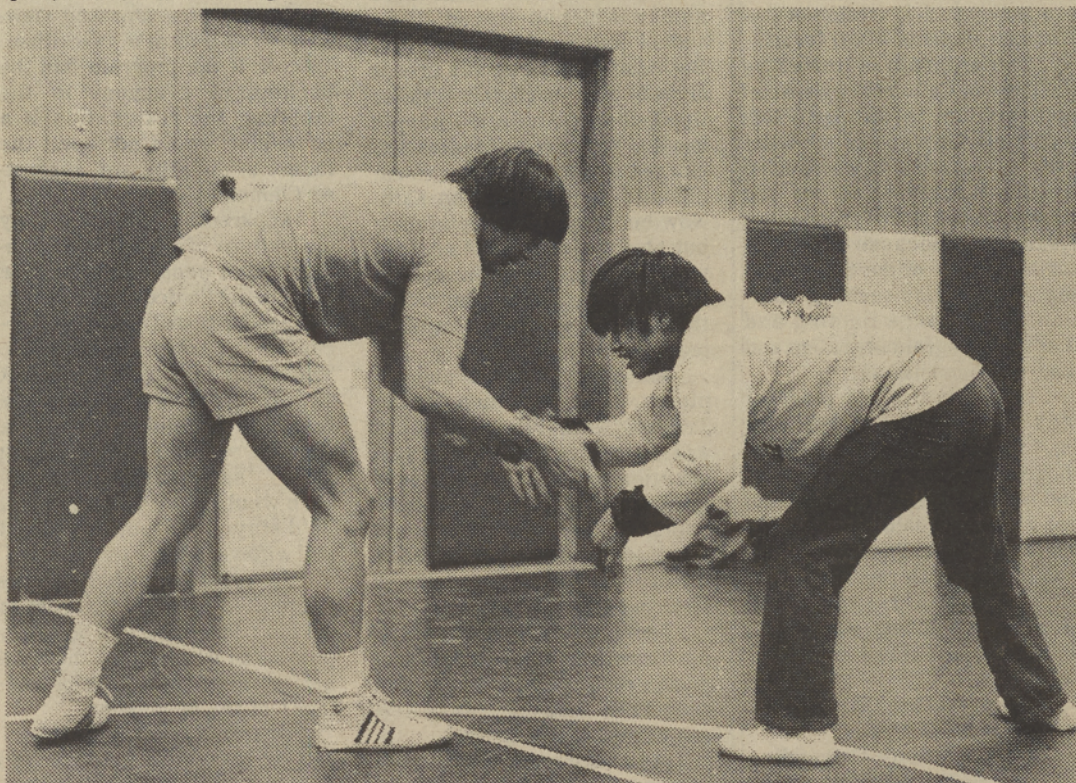
High scorer overall was Bob Johnson of the Chemawa Indian School. Johnson was also Mr. Rebound and earned an all-star position.

Most Valuable Player was Dutchie Blodgett, Yakima Nation.

Mister Hustle and most inspirational player was Harley Kelly, Warm Springs.

All-Stars included: Leonard Strong, Dan Kinkins, Jay Vargas, Sid Owens, Matt McCoville, Austin Greene, Bob Johnson, Willie Dittentholler, Dutchie Blodgett, and Harley Kelly.

The Warm Springs Teen Club travels to Nespelum, Washington this week-end.



On the eve before the state meet, Tim Greene (right) and Coach Jerry Byrne worked out in preparation for upcoming matches. Greene, who was District Champion, failed to place at State. Sandy Rangila Photo