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SPORTS

Defending champs, "Champs" of tourney

The Yakima Players dumped the White Swan Chiefs by the score of 118 to 106 for the championship of the third annual Magpie six foot and under basketball tournament held here in the Warm Springs Community Center on February 25 through the 27th.

The Yakima Players won the tournament for the second straight year as they built up an early lead which put them ahead by 11 at the end of the first quarter, 30-19. From that point on, the scoring was pretty much even with Yakima holding on to their lead.

Jay Keys scored a total of 42 points to pace the winners as he swished the nets with 15 field goals, one which counted three points from out of the perimeter circle and he added 11 more points from the charity stripe. There were four others who joined Keys in double-figure scoring.

The White Swan Chiefs put up a battle during the last three quarters out-scoring Yakima, 27-25, in the second quarter. Both teams scored 29 points a piece in the third quarter but the determined Yakima team managed to continue their dominance scoring 34 points to the Chiefs 31 in the final stanza and 15 of those points came from the free throw line.

It was the first quarter surge by the Yakima team which put them up by 11 points and the White Swan Chiefs were unable to overcome the deficit throughout the game. Both teams lost two players each from foul trouble late in the fourth quarter. There was one technical foul on White Swan for unsportsmanship conduct by one of the team members.

The Intertribal Sports team rambled over the Owyhee Nevada team, 130-80, for third and fourth places in the tournament. There were five out of seven of the Intertribal players scored in double figures with Jack McCormick leading

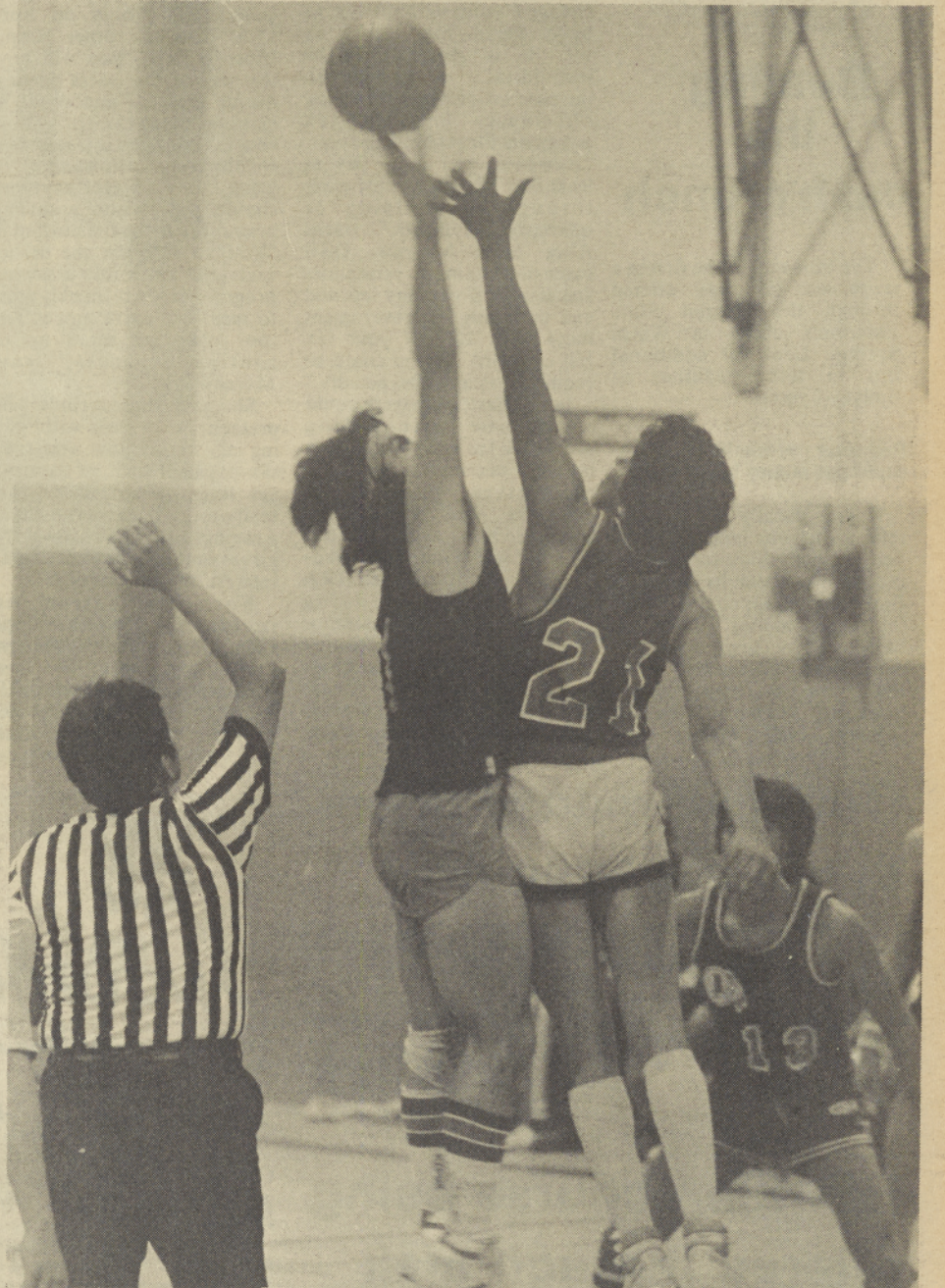
the way with a total of 36 points. Both teams were deadlocked at the end of the first quarter at 20 points apiece. But from that point on it was all Intertribal's show. They contributed three baskets which counted three points during the scoring spree by the Intertribal squad. Mark Whitman got a hot hand in the fourth quarter where he scored 16 points in that quarter alone.

Marty Tom of the Owyhee team managed to pop in 22 points for his team and Manning Jason contributed 19 points as the Owyhee team could not get anything going after the first quarter.

In other action the Warm Springs Magpies won their first game, 107-99, in a close game over the Valley Panthers. They had a walk-by win for the second game as the Pendleton team did not show up. But from then on, the roof fell in on the Magpies as they dropped their next two games which put them out of tournament play. First losing to the White Swan Chiefs, 99-94, and their final game they lost, 69-66, to Owyhee.

The Oregon Travelers ran smack into a deadend, losing their first two games to the White Swan Chiefs, 116-95, and the final game they to the Valley Panthers, 83-81.

Jay Keys of the Yakima Players was voted the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Mr. Hustle was Charlie Shippentower of the Wapato Hawks. The All-Stars were Jim Wabense and Titus Shoulderblade of the Players, Vince Blodgett and Chief Sanchez from the White Swan Chiefs, Jr. Cowpoo and Zeke Doembo of the Intertribal, Donald Kickingwoman and Marty Tom of Owyhee, Moose Senator of the Valley Panthers and Austin Greene from the Magpies. Hoopa, California received the Sportsmanship trophy.



Looking taller than six feet

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"The tip-off," starting the game for third and fourth places during the recent Six Foot and Under basketball tournament. This game between the Intertribal Sports and Owyhee, Nevada. Intertribe went on to win 108-80. Pictured is Dion Smith, Intertribe, and 21, Marty Tom of Owyhee.

Roadrunners win tourney

The Simnasho Roadrunners won the Yakima Valley College 30 and over tournament held at 30 and over basketball tournament held at Toppenish, Washington on February 25, 26 and 27. The Roadrunners came back after a loss in the semi-finals to the Satus Cowboys.

The Roadrunners came through the backdoor to win the championship but they managed to pull it all together and win the next three games. They dusted the Mission Bulls. They then met the Satus Cowboys who were at that time undefeated. In the rematch against the Cowboys the Roadrunners won with a score of 135-102, giving the Cowboys their first loss of the tournament and evening up the losses between the Roadrunners and Cowboys. In the final

game for the championship title the Roadrunners went to a man-to-man defense and beat the Cowboys, 113-79, thus earning the championship title and giving second to the Satus Cowboys.

Named to the All-Stars were Gary Greene and Hood McCormack of the Simnasho Roadrunners; Ron Washines, Leroy Senator and Bill Fiander of the Satus Cowboys; Leo Stewart, Paul Jones and Tom Rodriquez of Pendleton Mission Bulls; Soy Redthunder of Nespelem and Clark of the Ace of Clubs. The Most Valuable Player was earned by Kub Ellenwood, Roadrunners who also earned the high scorer trophy of the tournament. Frank "Chin" Suppah, 56, was named the "oldest active player."

Buffaloes GOL champions

What more can one say about the Buff varsity basketball team who came through a remarkable season and record of 10 wins and 0 defeats and the GOL league championship.

In the final game of league play the Buffs toppled the Grant Union Prospectors quite handily by the score of 109 to 64, thus wrapping up a fine season and a ticket to State as the top seed from the GOL.

The Buffs did just about everything there was during regular league play. Practically dominating most of the games both home and on the road. When the chips were down they held their poise to come from behind for key wins. The only two close games were on the

road where they managed to come from behind, first, to nip Nyssa 46-43 and just recently at Burns winning 64-60 under heavy pressure.

By doing just about everything during regular league play when the game was going good for them the whole team got in on a piece of the action. This is what produced a fine bench during the year. If a key player got into foul trouble there was a replacement on the bench to keep the tempo going.

There was total Buff power under both boards giving the opponents only one shot while being able to take two or three under their own basket. The ball handling under pressure didn't have much effect on the team and the turnovers were

minimal as compared to the opponents.

Roman Suppah and Jerome Davis of Warm Springs were the big guns for the Buffs all season long scoring high in double figures in each game along with superb rebounding. Suppah will be no stranger during the State play-offs as he was selected to the All-State basketball team last year. Brad Blackman also has state tournament experience and played under pressure there before. Davis should put added punch in scoring and rebounding as he did all season long and adding Dendaaw and Mike Boggs the Buffs should make things happen on Mac Arthur court in Eugene.