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SPORTS

Buffaloes rumble past Braves

The Madras White Buffalo boys basketball team posted a commanding non-league win over the Chemawa Braves 88-68, Tuesday night January 29.

The Buffs displayed their ability which has earned them state recognition on the coaches and sports writers polls. The latest UPI rating ranks the Buffs in the No. 2 spot in the State AA, ranking behind Creswell.

Like any other game of the past the score was close at the beginning with the lead changing hands basket by basket from each team, then all of a sudden the Buffs pick up the tempo and moved out steadily from their opponents to build a comfortable lead as was the case with this game where they added another win to their record over the Chemawa Braves. The Braves who play in the strong Capital League in the Salem area have had a fair season this year they made the long trek east over the Cascades for the Buffs last non-

league game of the year.

Ken Hausinger who sat out the first quarter came in to lead all scorers for the night with nine field goals. He was two of three from the free throw line for 20 points. Ray Waldorf also had a good night for scoring as he popped the nets with six field goals and he was foul for foul at the foul line for 16 points. Point guard Nathan Main added 14 points with three field goals and he was eight out of 12 from the foul line. The entire Buff roster made the stat sheet. Ron Bain scored nine, Jay Madden eight, Scott Williams six, Ryan Smith five, Don Bagley five, Lowell Hayden two, Bobby Sjolund three, and David Dendauw one foul.

The scrappy Braves are coached by a former Madras great, Ron Jones. Many remember when Jones led the White Buffs to the state Championship. Well, the Braves at times looked like they might make

their run at the Buffs, put full court pressure which caused several Buff turnovers but the Braves couldn't make the baskets. It seemed all of their layups went astray, and they just couldn't penetrate the big Buff defense well.

The Braves also had three men in double figures with Monty Flying leading the way with 15, Tyrone Edmo 14, Nelson Wallace 12. Wallace also had three blocked shots and two of them were on Madden.

Dean Sohappy, a local boy who is going to school in Chemawa seven points and he pulled down his share of rebounds throughout the game. To round out the Braves scoring Darrius Deputee eight, Dan Bird and Lyle Pongah each had five and Garvin Martin two. Edmo fouled out in the last quarter.

In earlier action the Buff JV team topped Chemawa JV's 65-57.



Nathan Main drives the lane for a lay-in during game against Chemawa Braves. Buffaloes scored 88 to Braves' 68.

Two conference wins tallied

With a cloud of dust and a streak of lightening the Buff girls came out snorting and fighting to make a sweep over their Eastern Oregon foes for their first two conference wins, in GOL play, "Ahaa-Cimo-Sabie."

All the chips are down from here on out for the girls basketball team. They made a good impression by winning their first

two conference games on the road over Nyssa and Vale. Nyssa their biggest obstacle put up quite a battle before falling to the power of the Buffaloes. With just seconds remaining in the game and the Buffs down by one point, Teresa Sullivan popped in a jump shot to put the iceberg on the game and their first league win in a

squeaker of 49-48.

Coach Bonnie Souers said that this always is a tough road trip and in the past they have managed to come out with a split in the series, but this year a sweep is a good feeling. A good bench was attributed to the success of the first win when Ashley Thorp and Teresa Sullivan got into foul trouble and Ellie Eagan and Jo Ragland got into the game to keep the momentum going by connecting on key shots which kept the Buff's in the game.

Lana Shike led the scoring for the Buff's with 14 points, Teresa Sullivan 11, Ashley Thorp 7, McClelland and Suppah. Nanette Talbot of Nyssa led all scorers with a total of 18, R. Ward and W. Ward each had 9, Smith 7, Delgado 4 and Folkman one to round out the scoring.

Buff gals roll on

The Burns Hilanders girls basketball team made the scene and went through the motions of a basketball game last Saturday night January 26, here in Madras, but it might have been a night when the bus should have broke down because the Madras Buffs ran up the score to a lopsided affair of 83-26.

Almost like a repeat of an earlier game between the two schools during the Madras Holiday basketball tournament where Lakeview, Mt. View and Burns came to town and the Hilanders came up against the mighty Buff gals in the championship round.

Well what can one say about the Greater Oregon League, just a week before the score was Nyssa 48 and Madras 49 at the

final buzzer of their first road trip league game. The Buffs came out on a last second shot for the win to keep their record on tap.

The only difference in this last game there was one more added to the roster for the Buffs sophomore Ada Billey, who showed some good ball handling in the process. This makes another quick guard out front for the Buff Girls team.

The Buffs travel to Mac Hill on Friday February 1 for their next game and the following week they will be home to meet Vale on the 9th and Nyssa on the 15 of February. The season is coming toward the end with just a few more league games before the tournaments start.

Bulldogs run into stone wall

A win is a win, as coaches say, but to get in gear is another thing some teams have trouble with. On Friday night the Nyssa Bulldogs came to town for a game of basketball with the

White Buffaloes. With almost a quarter gone the Buffs were down on the short end of the score when the reserves came into the game to get things going and bring the team on top 10-8 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter the reserves kept the Buffs in the game to out score Nyssa 15-7, but still it was a close ball game. In the second half things began to jell once again and the Buff's went storming out to run the score up to 51-31, and in the last quarter they managed to get a 26-11 edge on the Nyssa team for the final score of 77-42.

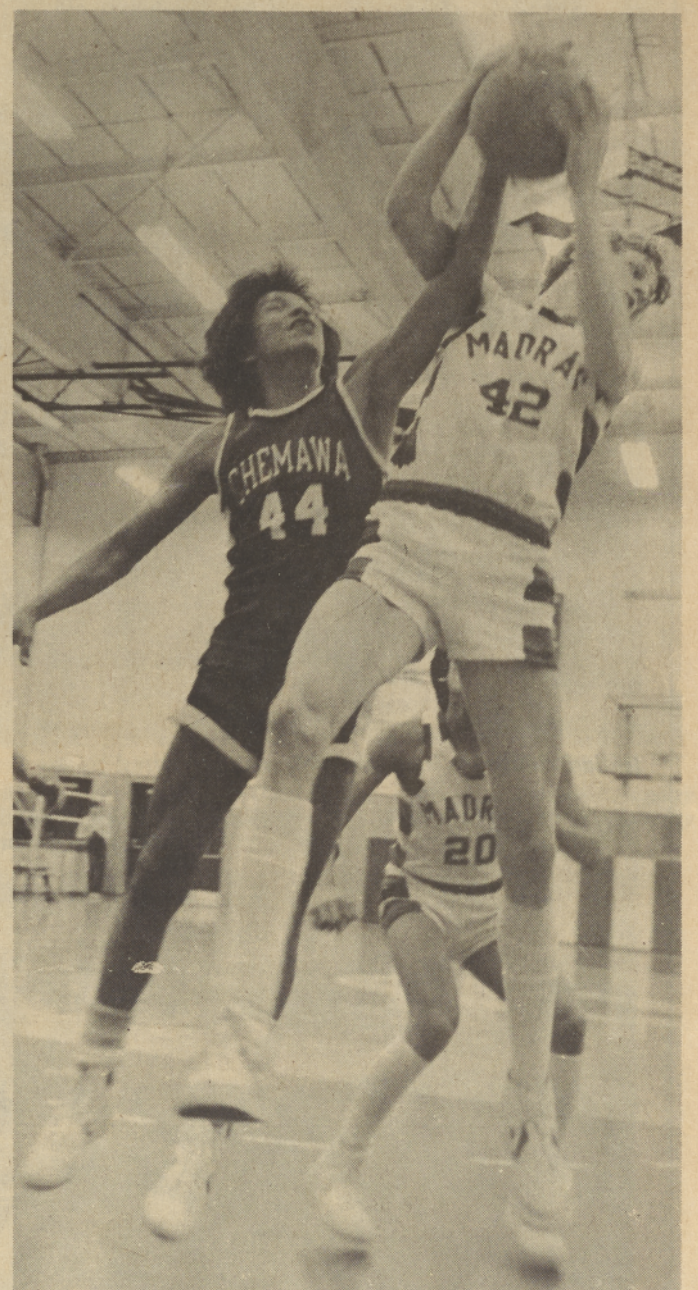
Ken Housinger led all scorers with 18, followed by Nathan Main with 10, Madden 9, Bain 8, Williams 8, Dendauw 7, Hayden 6, Bagley 5, Waldorf 4, Sjolund 2 and Smith.

Girls take lead

After the first night jitters were all put aside the Saturday night game with Vale came a little easier as they beat the Vikings 50-33.

The Buff girls jumped out to an early lead and were never in any serious trouble throughout the game. Laurie Williams found the range and bombed the nets for 14 points, while Margaret McClelland, Jo Ragland and Lana Shike each contributed eight points apiece, Ashley Thorpe and Ellie Eagan had four apiece, Lisa Harrison and Wilkenson two points apiece. Joyce Suppah and Teresa Sullivan did not score.

With the toughest road trip out of the way things could be fruitful for the Madras girls in the future.



Braves' Dean Sohappy fights Jay Madden for the ball. Sohappy scored seven points, Madden eight, during January 29 game at Madras High.

Travelers win Bloodrunners tourney

The Simnasho Oregon Travelers took top honors at the annual Champions Bloodrunners All-Indian basketball tournament held in Toppenish, Washington January 18, 19 and 20. The Travelers were sponsored by Ahern's Stop and Shop of Madras, Oregon.

In the first game of play, the Travelers met and defeated the team from Lapwai, Idaho, 81-55. They then were pitted against the host team, the Bloodrunners,

whom they beat in a close game, 78-73. With the first two wins, the Travelers made the championship bracket. Playing for the top honors were the Travelers and the Pendleton Bucks.

In the first half of the championship playoff, it was a seesaw game. Traveler player-coach, Tony "Big Rat" Suppah stated it was the team work of Buck and Booker Jones who kept the Pendleton team in the game. The Travelers applied more pres-

sure in the second half of the game and as the game proceeded the Buck's momentum and teamwork began to crumble.

Suppah said that the Travelers and the Bucks "seem to take turns defeating each other at the various tournaments in which they participate throughout the country." Teamwork and players' abilities won the championship title for the team and it gave players and team a number of awards. Reuben Seymour, Travelers, was awarded the "most assists" trophy; Joe Holmes, Travelers, was the high scorer for the tournament; Rick Holmes received the "most valuable player" beaded buckle; and Tracey Otis and Kevin Little-George, Travelers, were named to the all-star team.

Others named to the All-Star team were: Willie Stacona, W.S. Maggies; Booker and Buck Jones, Pendleton Bucks; Rich Wells and Mario Rodriguez, Taholah; Kevin Priest, Omak; Jason Ray, Chiloquin; and Jeff Miller, Bloodrunners.

The Taholah, Washington team took third place honors with the team from Omak, Washington winning fourth place.

The Oregon Travelers will be taking part in the February 17, 18 and 19 Chemawa All-Indian tournament. The team will again be sponsored by Ahern's Stop and Shop.



Sponsor Mike Ahern (left) of Ahern's Stop and Shop received the sponsor's trophy and a jacket from Tony Suppah (right) of the Oregon Travelers. The team won the Bloodrunners tournament.