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SPORTS

Bufs topple Burns Hilanders

For the past two years the White Buffaloes have gone through an undefeated basketball season in the Greater Oregon League. This year they were unsuccessful on the road losing their opening league games to Vale and Nyssa.

After that disappointing trip to eastern Oregon the Buffs settled back down for their home opener beating the Burns Hilanders 62-50. The Hilanders just fresh from a big win over Nyssa and leading the league came to town to face the Buffs. Burns went right to work with their two big all-state candidates in Steve Courtney and Shawn Cooper. The two big men were showing why they are listed among the best in the state. Courtney scored nine points in the first quarter and Cooper added five more as they led the Buffs 20-12, to end that period. For the Buffs it was Todd McGuire who kept the Buffs' hopes alive as he sank six out of six at the free-throw line and added one basket for eight points in the first quarter.

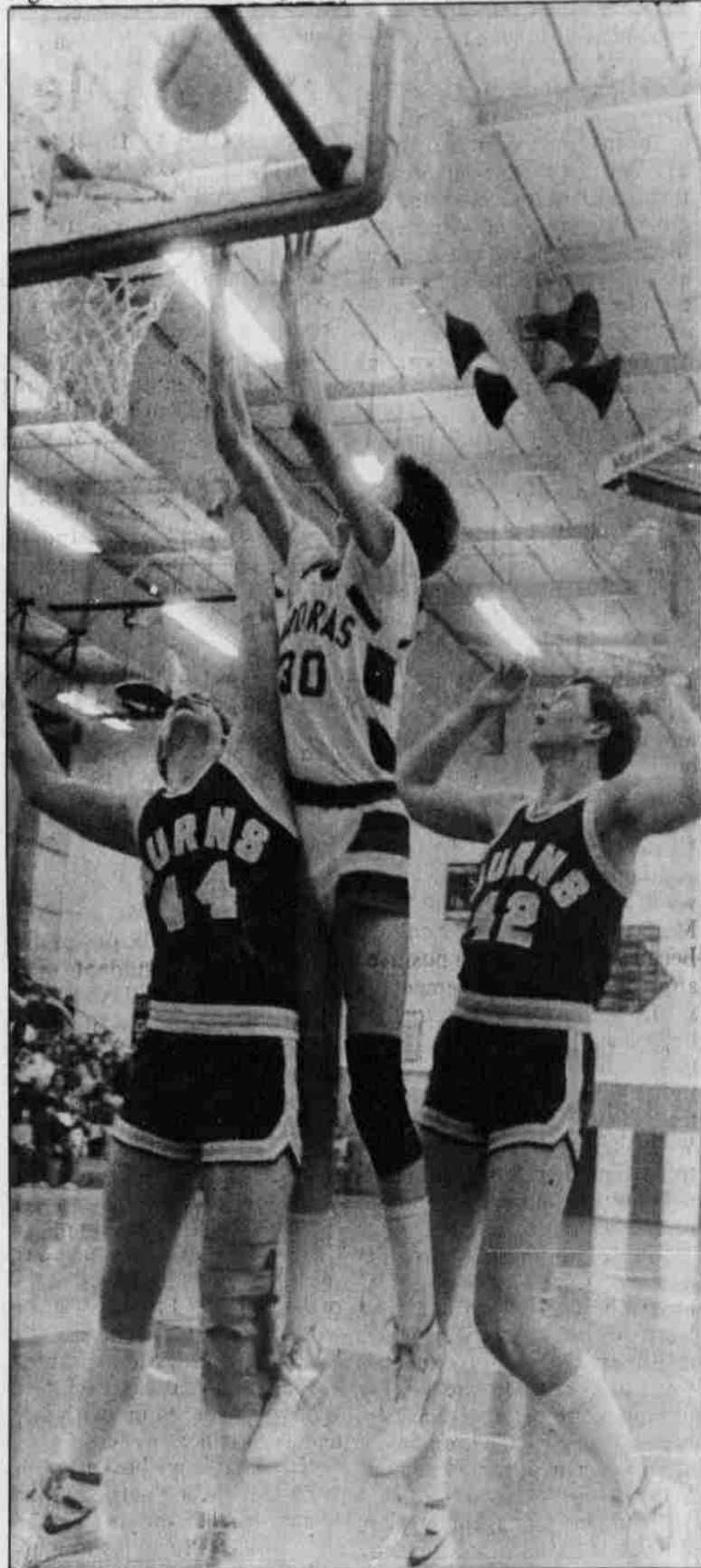
In the second quarter the Buffs started to put things together closing the gap to 29-31 at the end of the first half. There were times in the first half where things didn't look very bright for the Buffaloes. It was in the second quarter when Dick Madden got started as he scored seven points, all from under the basket. Donny Bagley added four and two apiece from McGuire, Whipple and Dupont brought the Buffs within striking distance. The third quarter, which seemed to be the best for the Buffaloes, saw the two big men battle it out, Madden at 6'4" and Burns' Courtney 6'6". Madden was found open under the basket time after time. With pin point passing by Bagley set up to Madden he scored ten points in that quarter.

In the final quarter both teams had their share at the free throw line where Burns was only 2 of 9 and the Buffs 6 for 10. At the free throw line Madden was one for one to complete a three point play, McGuire was 3 for 4 and Bagley 2 for 5. Burns lost their big man, Courtney, late in the fourth quarter on five fouls

but at that point the Buffs pretty well had the win wrapped up. It was a good solid zone defense that put a clamp on the Burns attack as they contained both big men of Burns throughout

the game.

The Buffs will be home on February 1, hosting the Mac High Pioneers, with the JV game to start at 5:45 and the Varsity at 7:30 p.m.



Madras White Buffaloes center Dick Madden takes ball to the basket despite attempt by Burns players to block action.

Eighth graders win first game

On January 19, the 6th and 7th grade girls team and the 8th grade girls team traveled to Portland to play in the Portland Trailblazer Youth basketball tournament.

At 3:00 p.m. the 8th grade girls opened tourney play in the St. Johns Community Center in north Portland. Facing the Witaker Warriors, in the opener the local girls jumped out to a 9-2 first quarter lead, but were outscored in the second quarter

9-3 to give them a one point advantage during the half time intermission. The score was 12-11, when they came back strong to hold Witaker scoreless in the 3rd quarter but only scoring six points themselves. The locals scored six more in the final quarter to give them a 24-15 win.

Rahnee Huntington did an outstanding job on both offense and defense and outscored everyone with 15 points. Her all-

around ability kept the girls in the game. She displayed good offensive power and was superb

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Buff girls whip Burns

Midway through league action the girls are sitting in pretty good shape after polishing off the Burns Hilanders girls team for their fourth straight victory in league play.

The girls boost wins over Mac Hi in double overtime on their home floor, an exciting come from behind to nip the Vale Vikings, and trounce the Nyssa Bulldogs, their last win was over the Burns team. Road trips are usually hard to win and some of the officiating does excite the coaches and causes them to be called for a technical foul at times. The final score for the Burns game was 53-35. Laurie Williams went on a scoring spree for a total of 23 points for the night. Laurie is always around when there is a rebound to be picked off and she gets her share

of them. The Burns game was one of Laurie's better games for the year. Ada Billey who is always a threat for ball stealing and romping for fast breaks added ten points for the Buffs while teammate Lisa Harrison the other half of the fast break combo scored 11 points for the night. Teresa Sullivan another point contributor in any game scored 6, Wilkenson 2 and Simmons one to round out the scoring for the Buff girls.

On January 30, the Buffs will face Mac Hi, here in Madras, and on February 6, Burns will come to town. Then to round out league action the Buff girls will make their swing through the eastern part of the state to tangle with Nyssa and Vale, which are usually very tough games.

The 6th and 7th grade girls dropped a close game to the Highland team 35-36, in a wild finish. The girls jumped out to a 14-8 first quarter lead but were held to only two points in the second quarter while Highland kept picking away at the lead and kept to within two points at the half trailing 14-16. In the third quarter the Highland team scored ten points, eight for the locals to tie the score at the end of the third quarter. Early in the fourth quarter Highland got a rally going and were ahead by ten points in no time at all. With time running out the local girls started to make a come back but fell short at the end of a close game.

Shirley Allen scored 14 points, Mona Smith 9, Laura Miller 8, and Becky Soliz 4 to round out the scoring for the home team. Lauri Tierney led the Highland team with 9 points, Jenny Estep 8, Lacy Adams 6, Alice Ross 5, Leah Bailey 4, and Angel Salts 1.

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Buff boys bombarded on the road

The Madras White Buffaloes made their swing into eastern Oregon on January 17th and 18th only to suffer two defeats to the hands of the Vale Vikings and the Nyssa Bulldogs.

It's always easy to say that a long trip took the juice out of the ball team. Well, perhaps it did as the boys dropped their first Greater Oregon League games of the season. It has been quite some time since the boys lost to their conference opponents. But like they say, it's the home court that took its toll on the Buffs who lost to Vale 58-48, on Friday and lost to Nyssa

62-56 on Saturday. As coach Blincoe said, Vale won on their home floor, but the Buffs are also capable of winning on their home floor also. Like anyone else they have to come to Madras to play and it's always tough for them to win here. Well, how long has it been since the Buffaloes have lost to their league opponents? Quite some time as they have gone through two undefeated seasons.

A slow start on Friday night caught the Buffs down by 18 points at the intermission period, they made an gallant run at the Vikings in the second half but

could not overcome the big lead the Vikings built in the first half. Todd McGuire popped in 19 points for the Buffaloes, Madden 18, Bagley 3, Buslach 2, Whipple 2, Williams 2, Nordmark, Stacona.

On Saturday night Donny Bagley topped all scorers with 24, Madden 15, McGuire 9, Buslach 4, Dupont 2, Williams 2, Nordmark. Nyssa is a very balanced team and a lot of unnecessary turnovers were costly to the Buffs.

On Saturday night January 23, the Buffs hosted the Burns Hilanders.

Buff girls win two

It's always nice to have the home court advantage in any ball game. This was the case for the Buff girls who made a sweep this weekend over Eastern Oregon opponents.

On Friday night the Buff girls made a big comeback after being down by 16 points late in the game to pull out a 42-37 win over the Vale Viking girls team.

For many of the fans who witnessed the event there was for a Madras win as the Vale girls were doing nothing wrong. They shot and if they missed they got the rebound and scored. While on the other hand the Buff girls couldn't hit the broadside of a barn with a shot gun. At times it looked like all the Madras girls were nailed down to the floor.

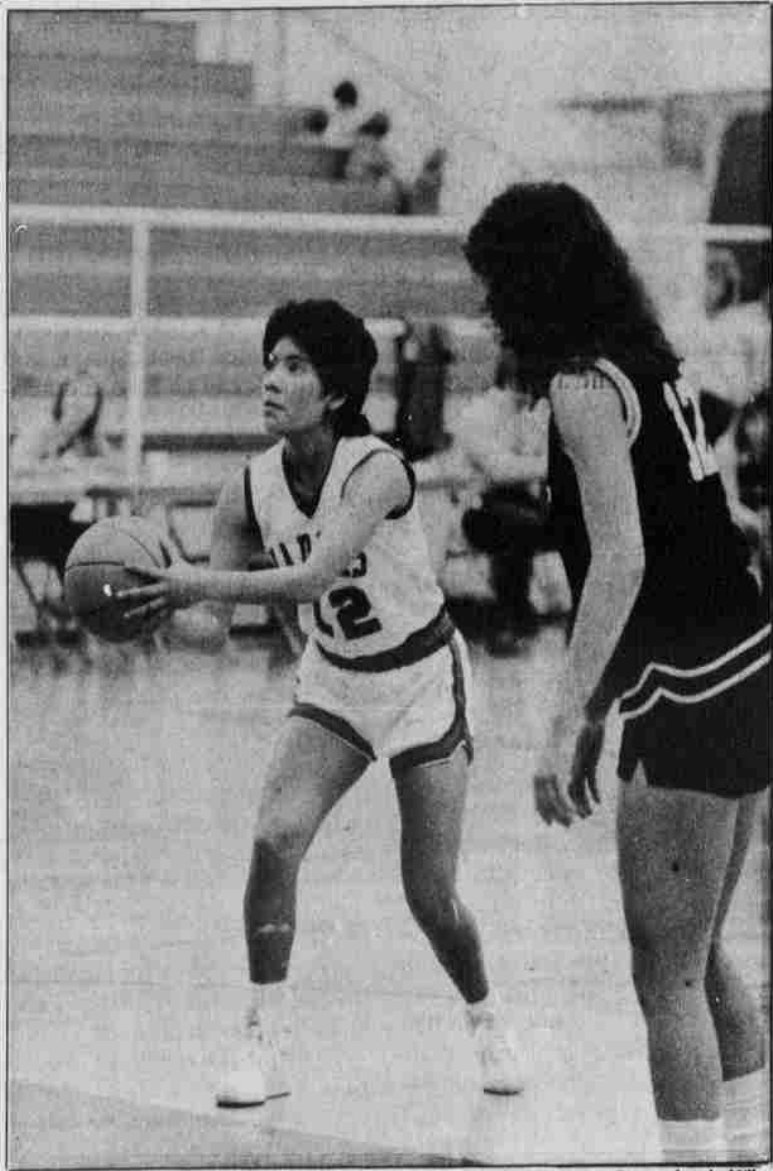
Down by 16 points, going into the final quarter, the Buff girls finally put a little offense together to outscore Vale 14-4 to win the game. It was at the charity stripe that made the big difference for the Buff girls as Lisa Harrison was deadly at the free throw line. Ada Billey was slightly handicapped with a sore ankle and wasn't up to par during the game. Laurie Williams, finally, found the range and scored 16 points for the winners. Lisa Harrison added 13, Teresa Sullivan 8, Ada Billey 4, Thorpe 1, Wilkenson, Comingore, Tracie Sullivan and Simmons saw action during the game.

On Saturday night it was a different story when they met the Nyssa Bulldogs. It wasn't until 2:01 left in the first quarter before Nyssa could score a point when they made one free shot and a field goal to end the first quarter.

Ada Billey led the scoring for the Buffs against Nyssa with 12 points, Teresa Sullivan, Laurie Williams 8, Wilkenson 8, Harrison

6, Tracie Sullivan 4, Simmons 3, Thorpe 1 and Comingore. The Buffs applied the zone trap to put pressure on the opponents which resulted in a lot of turnovers for the Buffs. Their tough defense was a key factor for their sweep over the weekend

which gives them a 3-0 league standing at present. The Buffs had a little trouble with the Mac Hi Pioneer girls over there winning in double overtime for their first conference win. On the 24th the girls traveled to Burns for their 4th league game.



In the game between Madras and Vale, Ada Billey is at the free throw line for one of her points for the night. Madras pulled a come from behind victory at the end.

Highland edges Warm Springs girls

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and the tempo slowed down allowing the Highland team time to regroup and set their defense

for the local gals. It was the second and third quarter that hurt the team. The team did a

good job despite dropping the close game to be eliminated from further play.



In the Portland Trailblazer youth tournament in Portland, the 6th grade girls game show's Shirley Allen No. 1, in the dark uniforms and Laura Miller moving in to make a steal on her opponent. A thriller of a game where the local girls fell short by one point 35-36.