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SPORTS



Buffaloes down Phoenix 59-48

Not all favorites win at tournaments as was the case where the Madras White Buffaloes squared off with highly rated No. 3 ranked Phoenix Pirates in the opening round of state tourney action where the Buffs came out the winners.

The Buffs jumped off to a 6-0 lead before the Phoenix Pirates could score their first point. With the Buffs taking command right from the start, setting the tempo more or less, the highly rated Pirates were unable to get any kind of game going. A tough zone defense put up by the Buffs forced the Pirates to shoot from the outside. Meanwhile the Buffs were able to penetrate under the basket shots by Todd McGuire and Dick Madden, while Donnie Bagley went down the lane for shots and Brian Buslach found the mark from the outside. The Buffaloes led at the end of the first quarter 16-11, and were in no serious trouble through out the game.

In the second quarter, Phoenix began to find the range as Greg Walker scored ten points from the outside to keep them in the game. The Pirates did out score the Buff's 19-18 in the second quarter but the Buffs held the lead at the half time 34-30. Although the Buffs were out scored again in the third quarter 12-10, the Buffs kept their cool and played the game their way.

It was the third and final quarter that put the clamps on the game for the Buffs as Donnie Bagley was four of four at the free throw line and got a field goal. McGuire added a basket and a free throw, Madden tipped in a couple of baskets and Whipple made a lay in while the Pirates could only manage to get three field goals.

Todd McGuire topped all scorers with 18 points, Madden 13, Bagley 14, Brian Buslach 12 and Whipple two. Walker 15 to lead

the Pirate attack while Andrew Force added 12, Tom Larson seven, Mike Pond 6, and Ross Straub and Jon Murphy scored four each.

In the closing minutes the entire Buff line up was given a break as coach Blinco emptied his bench. Their next game was with LaSalle.



Donnie Bagley

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Falcons fly past Buffaloes

The thrills of glory short lived for the Madras White Buffaloes after a stunning win over the highly rated Phoenix Pirates in their opener at the state play-offs.

In a game that looked like it could go either way during the first two quarters turned out to be a night mare for the Buffaloes in the final two periods. Madras was right in the thick of things trailing 27-24 at the end of the first half. The LaSalle Falcons led at the end of the quarter 14-9. Madras came back to out score the Falcons 14-13 in the second period with a six point effort of Todd McGuire, Dick Madden found the ranger for four points, Donnie Bagley added a basket and a couple free throws.

What ever happened in the locker room during the intermission either woke the Falcons up

or turned the Buffaloes off completely. At the start of the third quarter things started to look good for LaSalle where everything went right. They did what they wanted to and that was to score points. They stiffened up on their defense causing turn overs head over heels for the Buffs. Robert Imper was the big gun for LaSalle, scoring 15 points, nine of them in the second half. There were ten players who scored points for LaSalle during the game.

Meanwhile, Madras was having all sorts of problems. Problems coming out of their ears. The biggest problem was against a tough full court press put on by the Falcons. On several occasions the ball never crossed the mid court area for the Buffs because of the pressure put on by the Falcons full court press. There

sure were no bright spots for Madras in the second half. They were held down to ten points through the entire second half, with six in the third and four in the fourth quarters. LaSalle piled up a total of 20 points in the fourth and final quarter.

Defense is always a good way to win games, while scoring points at the same time. The only thing it was LaSalle who put up the tough defense and scored the points.

This was a tough bracket to be in at the tournament with the top three ranked teams in the state looking down your throat. All three were ready to beat the pants off of anyone, however the Buffs managed to surprise one of them kicking them off in the first round but than ran into a stonewall against LaSalle.

Tillamook bombs Madras

Troy Molendyke was one of the reasons Tillamook was so successful in getting to state. He scored 32 points against Madras to eliminate them from further tourney play.

Donnie Bagley left the Buff's with 22 points where he was 8 out 9 at the free throw line, also had several assists during the game. The White Buffalo ball handler closed out his high school play as one of the top scorers

for the year. Todd McGuire another point producer all season long finished the game with 12 points all from field goals. McGuire had a good day rebounding. The big guys are always double teamed and watched. This was what Dick Madden was facing in every game being closely watched, When they tried to get the ball to him it was picked off. Madden managed to get three points during the game. Brett Whipple and Steve Cordill

each managed to get four points apiece and Brian Buslach two.

At the start of the game things looked pretty good. Madras led 14-11, but in the second quarter the Cheesemakers exploded for 24 points to jump out to a 35-23 half time lead. Sean Hoffert scored 14 points in that period that just about buried the Buff's. From there on it was Tillamook who held the lead and won the game and a right to play for fourth place.



41—Todd McGuire, 33—Donnie Bagley, 31—Dick Madden

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