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It looks like (center) Butch David is whispering, "We are going to do things my way and you will carry the rider over the finish line," at the wild horse race during the Root Feast rodeo, April 11 and 12.

Weather no threat to rodeo

Take a little bit of sunshine, rain, hail, snow and mix it with dust from the rodeo arena then add a blast or two of wind and the result is how the weather was for the weekend of the annual Root Feast rodeo. Mother Nature was in true form for the rodeo April 11 and 12 at the Warm Springs rodeo arena.

For cowboys and cowgirls participating in the two-day show the weather was not a surprise. The weather didn't slow down any of the contestants. The spectators braved the weather, sitting patiently in the stands to watch cowboys and cowgirls compete.

Listed are the results of the rodeo.

Saddle brone—1. Kevin West, 74; 2. and 3. split—**Delbert Garcia** and Kevin Linton, 72.

Bareback—1. Frank Paz, 70; 2. Mitch Cain, 69.

Team Roping—1. Will McAuliffe/Jim Jones, 8.09; 2. **Carol Shadley/Jack Shadley**, 14.28; 3. John Alps/John McFarland, 14.65; 4. Mike Wampler/Jim Jones, 14.71.

Calf roping—1. Montee Legg, 12.18; 2. Clay Finley, 12.80; 3. Larry Finley, 13.67.

Barrel Racing—1. Dee Dee Schumaker, 17.21; 2. Toni Hagen, 17.72; 3. Monique Camarillo, 17.80; 4. Diane Alexander, 17.99.

Junior barrels—1. Bobbi Hershey, 20.28; 2. Angie Simmons, 20.41.

Cow Milking—1. Gordon Scott, 56.59.

Bull riding—1. Murray Kalama, 69; 2. Jeff Paxton, 66; 3. Tim Fraz-



Delbert Garcia made riding a saddle brone look almost like riding a rocking chair. The ride earned him 72 points enough to give Garcia a tie for second and third place with Kevin Linton.

Wild Horse Race—1. Buck Smith team; 2. Charles Smith team, 3. Francis Suppah team.

Steer riding—1. Justin Tom, 62; and 2 and 3 split, Flint Scott and Rocko Thompson, 56.

Horse to be raffled

A registered quarter horse will be raffled at the Warm Springs Lil' Buckaroo Rodeo Club's first junior rodeo May 23 and 24. The newly formed club will sponsor its first rodeo for 6-18 years of age youngsters. The rodeo will be held at the Warm Springs rodeo arena located on the Kah-Nee-Ta road north on highway 3.

Tickets for the raffle are being sold for \$1 each by members of the club: Ray Florendo, Joel Florendo, Evans Spino, Jr., Justin Tom, Corbett Tom, Shirley Allen and Suyenn Smith. Monies made from the raffle will be used to defray cost for the May rodeo.

Recently two of the club's members, Justin Tom and Flint Scott won first place awards in their age divisions of bucking ponies at Prinnville's Central Oregon Pee-wee rodeo. Winning first place has put each of the boys leading in bucking ponies in the Central Oregon Pee-wee Rodeo Association.

Interested girls and boys between the ages of 6-18 years of age and their parents are invited to attend the next business meeting of the Lil' Buckaroo Rodeo club Wednesday, April 8 at the 4-H Center located in the basement of the Daycare Center at 6:30 p.m.

For more information contact Lee or Cheryl Tom at 553-1009.

Baseball season in full swing

The bats are a cracking and the mits are popping on the diamonds across the country, with baseball season in full swing once again. High school baseball has taken over the sports scene after the winter sports programs have ended.

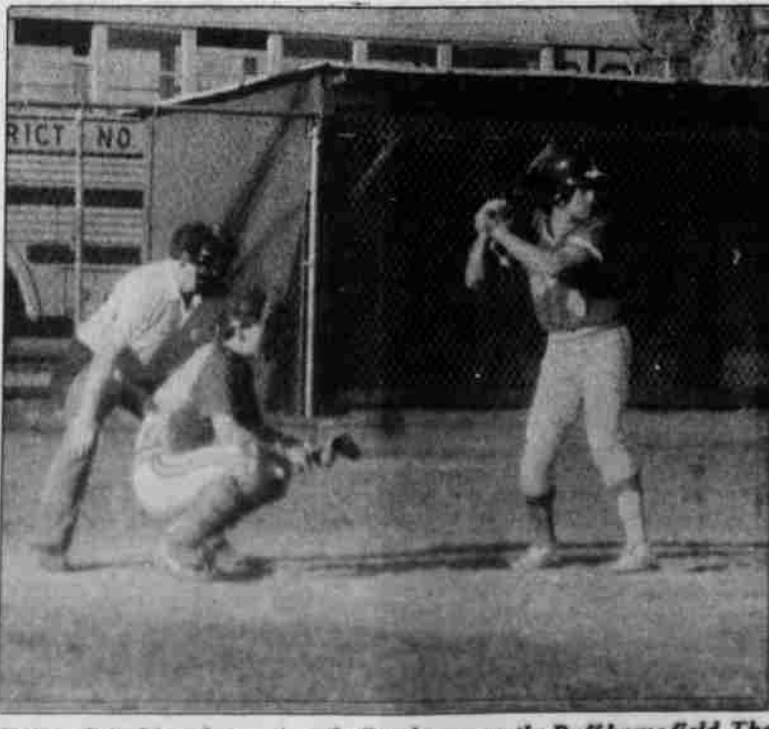
The Madras White Buffaloes baseball has had its ups and downs so far this season. This weekend they host the McLoughlin High Pioneers of Milton-Freewater, in a double header this Saturday, with the first game getting underway at 10 a.m. The Pioneers always spell trouble on the sports field and can just do that this Saturday. They have a pretty well coached ball club.

The Buffs have won over LaPine and lost to the Bend Lava Bears JV team just recently. In the game against LaPine the Buffs had to come from behind late in the game to capture the win with the score of 7-6, in a squeaker.

The Bend Lava Bears JV team came out all fired up and winning the game 11-10 in a close game. The starting pitcher for the Buffs was Dorian Soliz and was relieved by John Katchia. The loss was charged to Katchia, however Chris Lytle had a pretty fair day batting. He was four of five at the plate as he got a triple and two doubles for

the day.

In the opening game for the Buffs, they traveled to LaPine where they went wild and a field day coming up with 23 points to three for LaPine. Up on the mound was Dorian Soliz for the Buffs and



Delton Trimble at bat against the Bend team on the Buff home field. The Bend team went on to edge the Buffs 11-10, to win the game.

Oregon Travelers take NIAA championship title in tourney

The Oregon Travelers were victorious in their bid for the championship title of the National Indian Athletic Association (NIAA) basketball tournament held April 13 through 18 in Oklahoma City.

"The Nationals enabled us to play teams we had never seen or competed against before. The competition in our bracket was very tough, regardless of the final scores. All games were tough from start to finish. . . we just managed to capitalize on their mistakes, coming out on top," said coach Tony "Big Rat" Suppah.

The toughest game, said Suppah, was against the Cluney Alberta, Canada All-Stars, which went into overtime. "We had a 12 point lead and lost it due to over confidence and slack defense. We won and woke up for the rest of the games, letting no slack and keeping pressure on our opponents from start to finish of each game."

Suppah added that "when the games got tough, we got stronger with good support for each other on and off the floor. We were always pushing with no hesitation on substituting." Suppah took nine players to the tournament and "all played with self-confidence, giving us no weak link anywhere. . . we were a team with no super stars. We produced fantastically as a team."

In the first game of the tourney, the Travelers defeated the Seneca Nation from New York by a score of 119 to 84. Game two went into overtime against the Canadian team with the final score being Travelers 87, Cluney 79. In the third game, the Travelers beat the host Oklahoma City team by a score of 120 to 103. Game four against the Cherokee Nation from Oklahoma was called in the fourth quarter due to the 30 point lead ruling. The final score was 101 to 69.

The championship game, said Suppah, "was a see-saw battle from the start. We jumped out to a 20-4 lead, then went into a long, cold spell, enabling the North Dakota Warriors to tie us at 24. They took the lead at the half with a score of 42 to 40." Suppah added that the Travelers have been competing against the Warriors for the past six years. "We knew we had our work cut out for us."

At half-time, the team discussed the first half. "We figured as a team we just had to keep pushing them harder, with pressure on the ball full court, rebound together, substitute freely, thus keeping our boys fresh for the fourth quarter. We needed to hit our free throws and move the ball quicker on offense and not give them a chance to set up on defense."

The Warriors wouldn't give in, said Suppah. "But neither would we. With the pressure put on by both teams, one of us had to break down with mistakes. Toward the end of the fourth quarter, we pushed into a lot of turnovers, capitalizing on their errors." The final score was 105-90 in the Travelers' favor.

"We'll meet each other again next season and they'll come at us harder. This means we must be up for the rematch when the time arrives. The team with a full roster is usually the team that comes out victorious. As I've said all along, its tough to have everyone make all the tournaments because of work or whatever, but we're looking forward to next season to be even tougher with the competition hoping and trying to put us away in the tournaments."

The team's success, said Suppah, was due in part to their sponsors. "Without them, we wouldn't have been able to represent our region, reservation, Simnasho and the state of Oregon. We say thanks a million for the support we received. You had faith in our team's abilities."

Suppah said they were always seeking new sponsors every year. "Times are getting tough all over and we felt fortunate to get the support we did from those who sponsored us. We are the NIAA 1986 Oregon State playoff champions, NIAA 1986 Men's 5th place champions, we brought home a third place bronze medal from the 1986 Oregon State Olympics games in the open 'A' division.

The sponsorship encouraged the team to produce "110 percent," said Suppah. The team placed in the top four places in all the tourneys they have entered. "This gives the sponsor some advertising and awards won by the team. . . Our appreciation goes out to all who helped us get to the tournament. Our blessings and appreciation goes to those fantastic people for having faith in us. God bless them all."

Suppah concluded, saying that the team has been to four NIAA Nationals, and "this was one of the poorest tournaments put together. The director didn't come close to having gyms confirmed or brackets made. He informed teams incorrectly of playing times and gyms. The NIAA directors had to take over the tourney and try to straighten out the director's mess. In return,"

said Suppah, "the director tried to blame the NIAA organization for his mess." The Travelers were fortunate as play all their games with few complications. The teams were required to pay a \$315 entry fee to participate. Suppah said that the awards were of "very poor quality, some awards were not available for the teams." As champions, the Travelers will receive a trophy, championship jackets, rings and sweats.

The teams roster included: Ron "RJ" Jones, 6'4" Klamath Tribe, played for Oregon State; Brooker "Pacman" Jones, 6'3", Umatilla Tribe, played for Blue Mountain; Buck "Buffalo" Jones, 6'4", Umatilla Tribe, played for Southern Idaho; Jerome "JD" Davis, 6'5", Warm Springs Tribe, played for Boise State; Jamie "Bull Dozer" White, 6'3", Nez Perce Tribe, played for Washington State; John "Junior Lay 6", Creek Tribe, played for Yakima Valley College; Rich "Ged-dus" Wells, 6'2", Gros Ventres Tribe, played for Central Washington; Harold "Toot" Pennington, 6'2", Warm Springs Tribe, played for Chemawa High School; Tony "Chas" Mitchell, 5'6", Warm Springs Tribe, played for Madras High School; Kip "Truck" Archambault, 6'6", Sioux Tribe, played for Western Oregon and Tony "Big Rat" Suppah, 5'11", Warm Springs Tribe, played for Cal State vs Long Beach.

Results of the tourney are as follows: first, Oregon Travelers; second, North Dakota Warriors; third, Caddo Spring; fourth, Santa Clara; fifth, Cherokee Nation; sixth, Spirits from Oklahoma City; seventh, Lawrence, Kansas and eighth, Crowhaws.

Three members of the Travelers were among the 12 named to the All-Star team. They were Ron Jones, Brooker Jones, Buck Jones. Also on the all-star were Monty Larsen, Hank Takenalve, Ken Hall, Lindy Waters, Joy Byrd, Steve Daney, Joe Hult, Norm Tippicooni and Luke Spottedbead. Most Valuable Player was Brooker Jones and Mr. Hustle was Ron Jones, both of the Travelers.

Travelers win Players Memorial tournament

The Oregon Travelers, coached by Tony "Big Rat" Suppah, were victorious at the third annual Players Memorial Tournament held April 3, 4 and 5 at the Warm Springs Community Center.

According to Suppah, it took the team three games to "finally start playing good team ball." In the first game, said Suppah, the team pulled out a score, being six points down, with 47 seconds left against the Granger, Washington team. "With good, hard defense and hustle, we were victorious with a score of 87 to 84."

Suppah added that they made a mistake of "underestimating Granger. No one was really up for the game." During the second game against The Dalles, the bench came out and pulled the team through. "It took time but with a good team effort we were the winner again."

During the third and fourth games against Hoopa, California, all the team members were pumped with support for each other. "We came

out smoking on defense and offense with large victories in both games for the championship. They all took up the slack for each other when someone would be off in their offensive game, making up for it with hustle on defense."

The Travelers' team roster included Dion Smith, James Scott, Bob Main, Rich Wells, Jerome Davis, Tony Mitchell, Harold Pennington, Roman Suppah, Clifford Earl, Ivan Brownnotter and Suppah.

The tourney results were: Champions, Oregon Travelers; second, Hoopa, California; third, LaConner, Washington and fourth, The Dalles, Oregon.

The sportsmanship award went to the Warm Springs Spirits. The Mr. Hustle award went to Mike Wilbur of Laconner and the MVP award went to Jerome Davis.

The All-stars were: James Scott, Roman Suppah, Dion Smith, Mike Jones, Dean Jones, Jason Raye, SS Edwards, Mike Wilbur, Jerry Lovie and Lonnie Sammeride.

Simnasho Mini-Marathon
Saturday, April 25
All races start at 10 a.m.

Smith's horses to be in Nationals

Rodeo contractor, wild horse racer and representative for the Timber Division for the Wild Horse Racers of America, Buck Smith of Warm Springs, will travel to Las Vegas, Nevada with 12 horses from his wild horse racing string. The horses will be used at the Wild Horse Racers of America national finals May 2-5, 1987.

The top six teams of wild horse racers will be competing for the championship title. According to Smith, the deal to use his horses for the competition were made earlier

this year.

An interesting twist is that Buck will be competing on the Edison Yazzie team along with Yazzie and Roy Begody for the championship title. Also competing will be Smith's son Jason and his team of Anson Begay and Mark Tobiasen. Wild horse racing could be called a family affair for the Smith family.

Traveling to the finals will be much like a vacation for the Smith family as Buck's wife Suzie will have the opportunity to visit her aunt in Las Vegas.