

White Buffaloes compete in State Tournament

The Madras girls basketball team earned a berth in the Oregon Class 3A semi-finals by winning back to back games in Corvallis earlier this week. The boys also won their opening round game, but results from Wednesday night were not available at press time. A full report and tournament photos will be prepared for the next issue of the Spilyay Tymoo.

Madras girls opened the tournament with a 53-43 victory over long-time rival Henley. The Lady Buffs shook off tournament jitters and cruised to the opening round victory, which launched them into the quarterfinals.

In round two the Lady Buffs jumped out to a 13-5 lead and held on down the stretch to earn a 47-34 victory over Stayton. The Eagles closed to within eight late in the game, but Madras reassert its dominance and picked up their semi-final invitation. Nicole Main led the way with 19 points.

The boys had to overcome a scare in their first round game with La Grande, a team fresh down from the Intermountain Class 4A ranks. Madras trailed by 10 points at intermission, but came back as they have grown accustomed to doing and sealed the 60-56 win. Kye Wells pumped in 20 points to pace the effort.

Saturday night.

Girls hit free throws

The No. 3-ranked Lady Buffaloes earned their ticket to Corvallis with a come-from-behind win over the Prospectors, capping a perfect season at home in front of a large and supportive Madras crowd.

Grant Union's pressure defense and up tempo style served them well in the early going. Madras trailed 34-26 at the half, before their aggressive play in the third quarter turned things around.

The 23-2 Buffaloes outscored Grant Union 17-10 in the third quarter and finally went ahead for good in the final stanza during an 18-10 run.

Free throw shooting was a key in the closing minutes of play. Madras scored 12 of their 18 fourth quarter points from the free throw line. Madras was just 18 of 60 from the field during the game, so the free throws were a bonus down the stretch.

Nicole Main led all scorers with 25 points, Tiffanie Sperry added 14, Tosha Wilson had 10 and Cece Polk eight.

The victory placed Madras in the state tournament as the No. 2 Tri-Valley representative with a first round game against Skyline Cham-



Warm Springs Elementary waves at the Madras White Buffaloes

plained in the second quarter when their team managed just 5 points and went over six minutes without scoring. The drought put Madras in a hole, but they returned to action in the third quarter with determination and the rallying cry of coach Evan Brown ringing in their ears.

The Central lead was quickly whittled to four when play resumed in the third quarter and the two teams battled neck and neck until the closing minutes.

A full-court press forced Central's hand with time running short and Madras went on a rampage. The Buffaloes created a number of turnovers late in the game and they made the best of their opportunities, scoring 14 points in the final three minutes of play. Madras also hit eight of 11 free throws in the closing surge.

Chasan Walker led the Buffs with 16 points, Colter Barnes had 15 and Floyd Frank 13.

Madras went to Corvallis as the No. 2 Tri-Valley representative, facing Greater Oregon League's top seed LaGrande, a team that dropped from the Class 4A ranks at the beginning of the school year.

All-stars selected

Chasan Walker, who paced Madras' victory over Central last week, was named Tri-Valley Conference player of the year, an honor derived through a vote of league coaches. Walker and teammate Jacoby Ellsbury both made the all-conference first team.

Three other members of the Madras boys basketball team were also honored by conference

coaches. Floyd Frank was selected for the second team, while Kye Wells and Colter Barnes received honorable mention.

Madras' Evan Brown and La Salle's Jack Cleghorn shared coach of the year honors.

Rounding out the boys first

team were Joe VanDomelin of Valley Catholic, Adam Zimel of La Salle and David Miller of Wilsonville.

On the girls roster, Cece Polk and Nicole Main both made the Tri-Valley first team, along with player of the year Jill Noe of Wilsonville, Lindsay Johnson of The Dalles, Tiffany Mapston of Valley

Catholic and Samantha Krier of The Dalles.

Madras' Tiffany Sperry was named to the second team, and Tosha Wilson and Erin Dunn both earned honorable mention.

Cindy Anderson of Wilsonville was named coach of the year.



Buffalo girls stand with pride.

Madras advanced both teams to the Class 3A basketball tournament in Corvallis last weekend as the White Buffalo girls posted a 61-54 subtournament victory over Grant Union and the boys outlasted Central 54-49. Both games were played in the Madras High School gym on

pion Henley.

Boys use pressure defense

The sixth-rated Madras boys, 20-4 on the season, overcame a 28-19 halftime deficit and advanced to the state championship tournament by downing Central in the MHS gym.

The Madras crowd was all but si-



Warm Springs students wish the Buffaloes well on the journey to state tournament.

Blackhawks to host tournament

Blackhawks Basketball will host a tournament on March 30, 31 and April 1 at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center. This tournament will be for eight teams only, and the entry fee is set at \$200.

This will be round-robin format on Friday and Saturday to determine seeding and placement in a single elimination bracket on Sunday. Each team will be guaranteed four games.

Blackhawks Basketball will also host an open men's tournament on April 20, 21 and 22 at the community center. This tournament will be for eight teams only, and the entry fee is set at \$ 250.00.

This will be a round-robin format on Friday and Saturday to determine seeding into a championship Sunday single elimination bracket. Four games are guaranteed for all teams.

These tournaments are fundraisers for graduating high school seniors from Warm Springs. Contact: Sam Kentura, Post Office Box # 8, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761.

JCMS raises over \$1,100 in Hoops for Heart

Jefferson County Middle School students raise over \$1,100 for the American Heart Association.

On Wednesday January 17th students at Jefferson County Middle school helped fight heart disease and stroke by participating in Hoops for Heart. This year's event raised over \$1,100 for the American Heart Association.

Hoops For Heart is a program designed to promote physical fitness and heart health through the fun activity of playing basketball. The

event is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

"This year's event was a huge success," said Dave Jordan Hoops for Heart coordinator. Lorien Stacona and Albert Adams led the way with donations of over \$300 each. "We are very proud of all the students who participated, and we all had a lot of fun." Ahern's Market, Safeway Market, Erickson's Sentry Market,

Sports World, Burger King Restaurant, and McDonald's Restaurant all donated prizes and refreshments to help make the event a success. The JROTC program at Madras High School sent a team of students that helped run the event. Finally, the Hoops for Heart program would like to thank all the people in Jefferson County and the Warm Springs communities who made contributions to the American Heart Association.

Salmon Camp to offer two programs

This year OMSI is excited to add two four-week Salmon Camp Research Teams for high school students to the two weeklong Salmon Camp programs for middle school students OMSI Science Camps has been running for eight years. These programs are offered free of charge to Native American students with funding from the Lucent Technologies Foundation, the Howard Vollum Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Fish & Wildlife.

The goal is to provide students with natural resource management career exposure while working with Native American and other professionals in these fields, and to provide them with the experience, knowledge, and skills to pursue re-

lated careers. Students will be exposed to multiple career fields including fisheries and wildlife management, range management and forestry, field ecology, botany, zoology, hydrology, geology and archaeology. They will stay at Hancock Field Station in the John Day River Valley of Central Oregon and work on Habitat recovery and scientific monitoring projects on the newly protected 28,000-acre Pine Creek watershed on the John Day River, which is now owned by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The summer sessions will be followed by school year career exposure visits for both the middle school and the high school participants. The Salmon Camp students will

visit OMSI's Cascade Science School facility in Bend in the fall, and spend a week at the Oregon Coast during Springs Break 2002. The high school students will also visit Oregon State University and the OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center.

Twenty-five middle school students will be accepted for each Salmon Camp program and ten high school students will be selected for each Salmon Camp Research Team. Selection will be based on a demonstrated interest in natural resource management and ability to work together as a team.

The deadline is March 15, 2001. For more information, contact Joe Franke, Salmon Camp Coordinator; OMSI Science Camps; (541) 318-0707 salmon@omsi.edu

Jefferson County Little League Registration to begin

Little League registration sign up is going to be strictly enforced by a \$5 late fee. The deadline to register your children for the 2001 Little League will be Monday, March 19th.

The deadline must be upheld due to the fact that there was confusion and team overcrowding last year.

To enforce this deadline, any players registered after March 19th will have to pay \$5 per player late registration fee. Please do not wait until the last minute to register your children. Flyers have been posted throughout the community to make the public aware of this deadline and fee.

The fees are as follows:

\$10 per player for T-ball (6-8 year boys & girls)

\$15 per player for Major & Minor Softball/Baseball (8-10 year olds for Minor and 10-12 year olds for Majors)

\$20 per player for Junior & Senior Softball/Baseball (12-14 year olds for Junior and 14-16 year olds for Seniors)

Household Family Fee: \$30. (with minimum of 3 children registered)

These prices are good only through March 19, 2001. Prices go up \$5 per player after that.

Come register your children during office hours (8-5) at the Community Center main office. Any questions, call the Community Center staff at 553-3243/3244.