

Madras White Buffaloes compete in State Tournament

In the first game for the Madras White Buffaloes, the No. 2 seed from the Tri-Valley League, were up against the No. 1 seed from the Greater Oregon League, which was the La Grande Tigers of Eastern Oregon.

La Grande, fresh from the 4-A, ranks as they dropped to the 3-A level, had quite a record going during action from the Greater Oregon League. The White Buffaloes with no one taller than 6 foot were in for a game as the sports writers put it.

The La Grande line up as the starters for the game with the White Buffaloes; Tanner Abel 6-3; Preston Roe 5-10; Ross Weaver 6-10; Devin Orton 5-10; and Garron Lamoreau 6-2.

The La Grande Tigers got off to a fast start in the first quarter on several turnovers by the Buffs, which were some easy baskets to give them a 19-6 first quarter lead. Their game plan was to put a guy on Chasan Walker and in doing so gave Kye Wells the chance to cut loose with drives to the basket as he was the leading scorer for the first game with 20 points, hitting 8 of 16 field goals and was 4 of 5 at the foul line. Kye played an all around game as he was good on defense also. There were four Buff players in double figures as Colter Barnes turned in 12 points, Floyd Frank 11, David White 10, and Chasan Walker 7.

At the tip off it was David White at 6 foot getting the tip over the 6-10 La Grande center. After the second quarter the Buffs slowly picked away at the Tiger lead and trailed 31-

21 at half time. In the third quarter the Buffs out scored the Tigers 21-14 to really cut into their lead and trailed 45-42, at the end of the third quarter. In the final quarter the Buffaloes were able to overtake the La Grande Tigers, outscoring them 18-11, for the win in the first game by the score of 60-55.

The Buffs advanced in the winners bracket to face Marist in the second round.

Scoring for the LaGrande Tigers were; Ross Weaver 21; Tanner Abel 15, Devin Orton 8, Preston Roe 6, Tyler Lester 3, Evan Squire 2, and Garron Lamoreau 1.

Marist 76 Madras 69

In the second game for the Madras White Buffaloes the Marist Spartans handed the Buffs their first defeat at the state tournament by the score of 76-69.

It was another slow start for the Buffs as the Spartans outscored them in the first quarter 21-14, to get the early lead. In the second quarter the Buffs out-hustled the Spartans and outscored them 23-17 to close the gap to one point at the half time intermission. The scoreboard read Spartans 38, Buffs 37.

This game belonged to Floyd Frank as he scored 28 points during the game to top everyone in the game. The third quarter was an even one as each team scored 13 points during that period.

In the final quarter the game was pretty close until the closing minutes where the Spartans started to get their lead at the foul line as the

Buff would have to foul to get the ball.

Scoring for the Buffs were Colter Barnes 14, Chasan Walker 13, David White 9, Dominique Easterling 4, Jeff Barnes 1.

Top scorers for Marist were: Kevin Harrison 24, Josh Harbert 18, Luke Baom 11, Andy Ewoniuk 8, Jeff Rossow and Koree Anderson 6 each, Dylan Lemieux 2.

Floyd Frank had 3 of 8, 3 point baskets, Chasan Walker had 1, the Spartans had 6 of 17, 3-point baskets during the game.

The Spartans advanced and the Buffs played for fourth place. A loss in the next game would put them out of the tournament and a victory would advance them into the final night of play and the chance for a tournament trophy.

Pilomath 69, Madras 63.

The game started out fast and on an even basis despite the Buffs were shorter in height man for man on the floor. No Madras player was above 6 feet, as the taller Pilomath players had one player at 5-10, and the rest over 6 feet. Logan Garvin 6-2; Ty Gilson 5-10; Kevin Boss at 6-6; Anthony Cook 6-4 and Adrain Bowman 6-0.

The first quarter was close but the Pilomath team came out ahead 28-23 in that quarter but in the second quarter the Buffs outscored the Warriors 14-10, and trailed 38-37 at half time.

The third quarter was where the Warriors got their jump on the Buffs and they went on an 18-point scor-

ing spree to the Buffs 15, to give them the lead. They out scored the Buffs in the final period 13-11 in the final quarter to give them the winning margin and to play for fourth or seventh place and the Buffs were out.

Scoring for the Buffs: Floyd Frank 20; Chasan Walker 11, David White 9, Kye Wells 8; Colter Barnes 6, Jeff Barnes 5, Dominique Easterling 4.

Scoring for the Warriors: Logan Garvin 28, Anthony Cook 12; Tommy Martin 11 Tommy Bain 8; Kevin Boss 6, Adrain Bowman 4.

The Buffs were out of the Tournament for this year.



At the free throw line Floyd Frank (far left) and Chasan Walker (second from right) prepare for possible rebound.



David White, No. 42, listed as 6-feet gets the tip on Marist's 6-7 Kevin Harrison at start of the game.

Lady Buffs compete at state, place second



Nicole Main defends against LaGrande player during 60-38 victory.

The Madras girls basketball team went right down to the finals and were turned away from the championship as they lost to arch rival Wilsonville Wildcats 61-49.

In getting to the championship game they first defeated the Henley Hornets by the score of 53-43. The game was held in Gill Coliseum on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis, Oregon on March 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Leading in scoring for the Buff girls were Nicole Main and Tiffanie Sperry as they both scored 12 points apiece.

The Buff girls jumped right out in front in the first quarter leading 14-9. In the first half the girls were 9 out of 24 in field goal shooting, and they had no 3 pointers. They were 6 out of 7 at the free throw line. Nicole Main had 4 of 8 field goals and she 4 out of 4 at the foul line for the total of 12 points. Tiffanie Sperry was 2 of 7 at the field goal shooting and at the free throw line she was 8 out of 10, to give her 12 points to share scoring honors with Nicole Main.

Elise Hawes was 2 of 3 at field goals and hit 5 out of 5 at the free throw line. Tosha Wilson was 3 out of 5 in field goal shooting and she hit 2 out of 4 at the foul line to give her 8 points for the night. Ce Ce Polk was 2 of 11 at field goal shooting and was 0 of 1 at the foul line and no 3 pointers to give her 4 points.

Erin Dunn had 1 of 3 field goals

for 2 points, Amy Carroll had 1 out of 2 field goals and Michelle Manion was 1 for 1 in field goals. Tarah Sweeney hit 2 out of 2 at the foul line for 2 points during the game.

Emily Mills was high for the Henley Hornets with 13 points from 4 out of 14 at field goals and 2 out of 5 three pointers and 3 out of 3 at the foul line. The Buffs out scored Henley in the three quarters and the Henley Hornets outscored the Buffs 18 to 17 in the final quarter but that wasn't enough to come close to catching the Buffs who went on to win the opening game of the tournament 53-43.

Madras girls beat Stayton 47-34

In their second game the White Buffalo girls powered their way past the Stayton Eagles 47-34.

Madras led throughout the game as they jumped out to a 13-5 lead at the end of the first quarter, and led by the score of 22-9 at the half time intermission.

Nicole Main led the Buffalo girls attack in scoring as she poured in a total of 19 points during the game. She hit 9 out of 15 field goals and was 1 out of 2 at the foul line. Ce Ce Polk added 9 points as she was 4 out of 10 in field goal shooting and 1 out of 2 at the free throw line for her 9 points during the game. Elise Hawes had 6 points, Amy Carroll 5 points, Tosha Wilson had 4 points as she was 2 of 6 at field goal shooting, Tiffanie Sperry had 2 points and

Erin Dunn scored 2 points to round out the scoring for the Lady Buffaloes.

Casey Bunn had 15 points for the winners. Stayton and Kristen Nelson added 14 for the losers.

During the game Nicole Main, Elise Hawes and Ce Ce Polk each pulled down 5 rebounds apiece to lead in that department.

Buffalo girls route LaGrande

In the first quarter the LaGrande Tigers hung around trailing by 2 points at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter the Buffalo girls stiffened their defense and allowed the LaGrande Tigers to score only 4 points as they trailed 30-17 at halftime.

Just the stats showed the Buff girls were dominating the game as they hit 14 out of 24 at the field goal department and the LaGrande Tigers

only could get 6 out of 17 from the floor.

Ce Ce Polk and Tiffanie Sperry were high scorers for the game, as Ce Ce got 18 points and Sperry got 13 points, Tasha Wilson added 10 points as the trio were in double figures in scoring. Ce Ce Polk was 2 out of 2 at the three point mark, Nicole Main and Amy Carroll each added 4 points. Erin Dunn 3, Elsie Hawes, Natalie Mitchell, Ksyleen Clements all had 2 points apiece, and Emily McFarland had one point. Madras scored 15 point in each quarter to give them their 670 points, and this win put them in the championship round, which meant the state championship game with Wilsonville.

Wildcats top Buffs in title game

In the championship game the Wildcats of Wilsonville jumped

right out to a big lead. The player with No. 22, was the girl that got Wilsonville going. That was Jill Noe, who started right out in scoring against the Buff girls to give them their big lead at the end of the first quarter as the score board read 16-9, Wilsonville.

They kept up their drive in the second quarter to extend their lead to 35-19 at the end of the second quarter.

In the third quarter the Buff girls got a little drive of their own going where they out scored the Wildcats 17-9 to cut into their large lead, but the Wildcats kept the pressure on the Madras girls to where they just couldn't over take the Wilsonville team.

The Buffs ran into foul trouble to where they lost CeCe Polk to five fouls. That hurt the Buffs on both offense and defense. Sperry and Amy

Carroll both had 4 fouls on them also.

Scoring for the Buffs: Tiffanie Sperry 13, CeCe Polk 10, Tasha Wilson and Nicole Main 6, Erin Dunn and Amy Carrol 4 each, Elise Hawes, Kayleen Clements and Michelle Manion each had 2 points apiece.

Scoring for Wilsonville: Jill Noe 24, Kelli Wolfram 10, Karissa Limb 9, Lisa Draney 8, Colby Fackrell and Julie Clark 4, Alix Kustrum 2.

When it came down to the Championship game both finalist teams were from the same league the Tri-Valley league.

Where Wilsonville Wildcats were No. 1 seed to the tournament and Madras white Buffaloes were No 2 seed, and that's just the way it ended with Wilsonville the Champions and the Madras White Buffalo girls the runner-up.

Perseverance pays off for Nikki Charley



Buzzy Scott, Robert Charley, Nikki Charley, her children Sonny and Devere, and Craig Smith.

Whenever Nikki Charley listened to recollections of Huckleberry feasts gone by, stories of the Hehe rodeo figured prominently in the telling. Wishing that today's children could experience the same fun, she questioned whether the rodeo grounds, which had fallen into disrepair, could be renovated and the event revived. Everyone agreed it was a good idea, but, like many good ideas, it could have remained wishful thinking.

Fortunately Charley was not just a dreamer but an activist. She began summoning support. She talked to the elders at their weekly luncheon. She asked Spilyay to get out the word. She asked Warm Springs Forest Products Industries for their help.

Last Thursday morning at Hehe, a beaming Charley stood in a cold drizzle and watched her perseverance pay off. WSFPI was delivering enough lumber to rebuild the corral. Charley's husband, Robert, discussed building plans with former rodeo organizer, Buzzy Scott and WEDD's Craig Smith.

Nearby, the laughter of Charley's sons echoed the promise of happy days to come when, thanks to their Mom and those who answered her call, Warm Springs children see rodeos return to Hehe.

When that day happens, Nikki Charley who wanted the children to attend will be responsible for it.