

Warm Springs athletes bolster White Buffalo squad

The 2001 football season has gotten off to a rocky start for the Madras White Buffalo team. But the season is still young, leaving plenty of time for the team to improve.

This year several athletes from Warm Springs continue the tradition of bolstering the team, and filling key positions.

The White Buffalos play Scappoose at home on Friday night. This game will be another tough one for Madras, as Scappoose is ranked No. 2 in the state.

The first two teams that the White Buffalos played this year were also very good: Burns and then Sisters.

The game against Burns was 56-0, and the more recent game against Sisters, 42-6.

"We need to work on being more consistent on offense, and we need to work at eliminating mental mistakes," said Coach Dan Hiatt.

As an example of a mental mistake: During a recent game, two MHS players who were supposed to be on the punt team didn't realize they were supposed to be on the field.

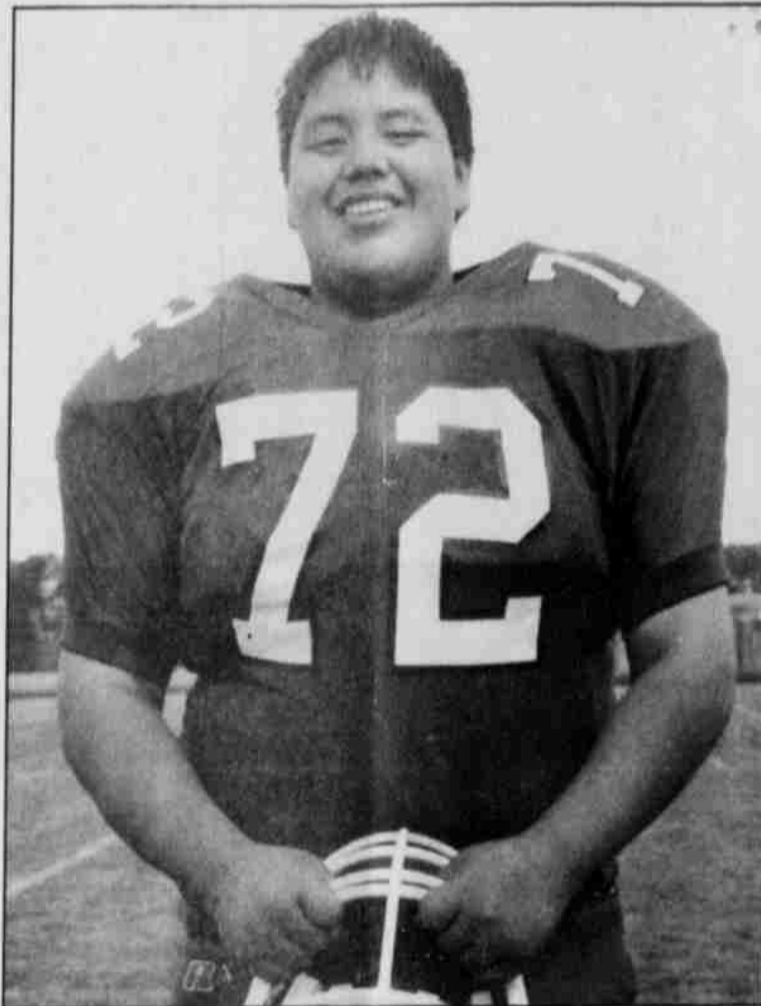
Playing 11 against nine players, the opposing team ran the punt back for a touchdown.

That's the kind of mistake, Hiatt said, that with some focus could be eliminated.

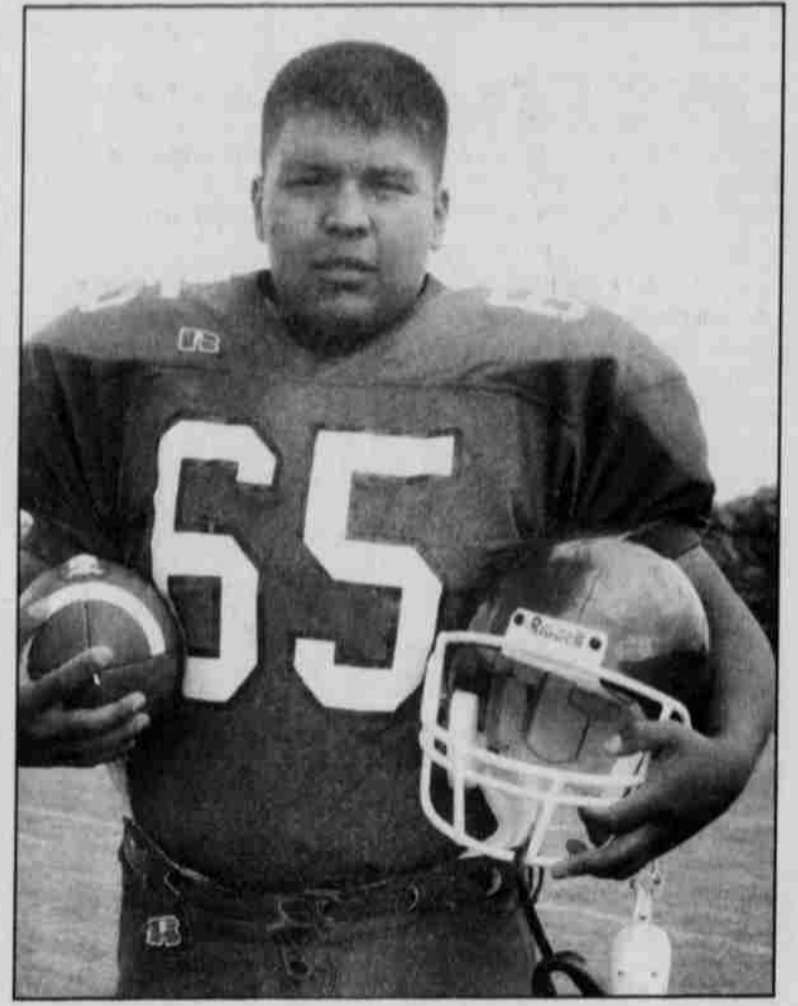
And the most important things to remember, of course, are to have some fun and work hard in school.

This is Hiatt's first year coaching the Madras White Buffalo squad. His previous jobs have been as athletic director at Centennial and at Sherwood. He was also head football coach at Park Rose High School.

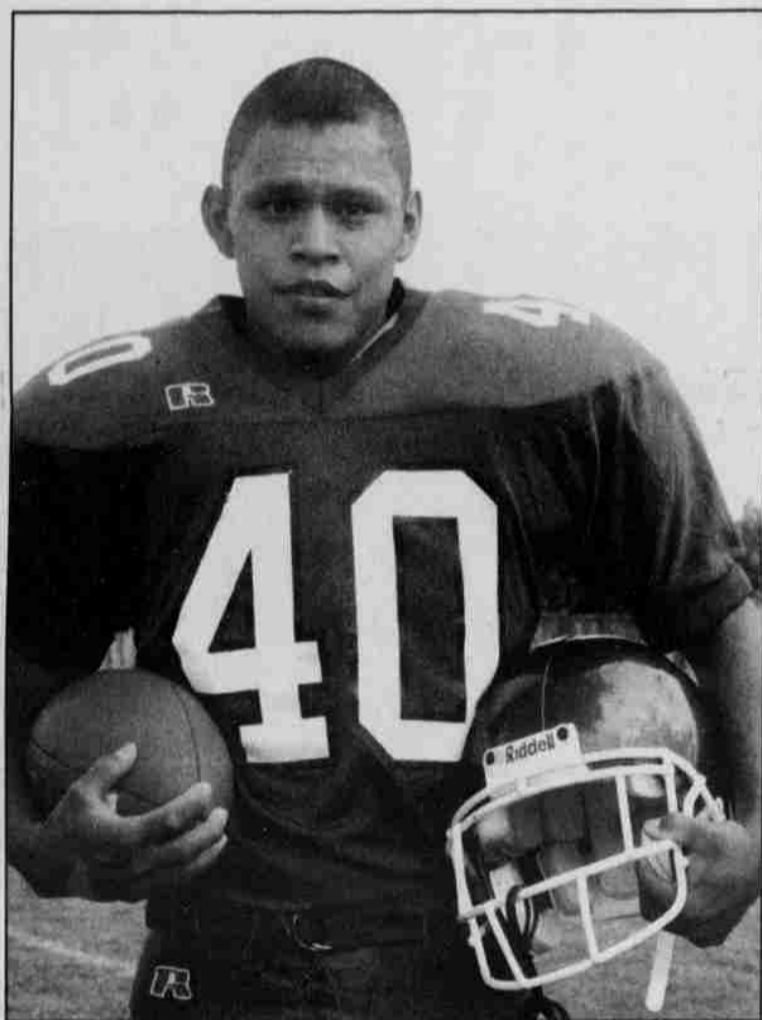
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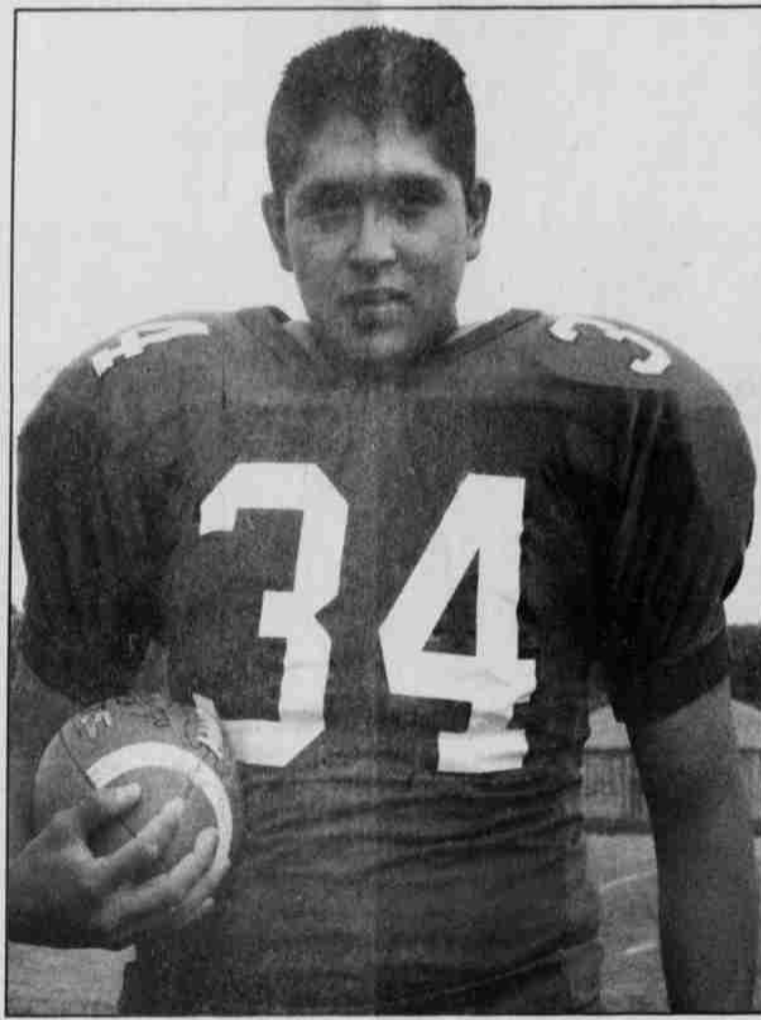
Wilford Sando is a senior. He plays offensive guard and defensive end.



Gordon Scott is a senior. He plays offensive tackle and defensive end.



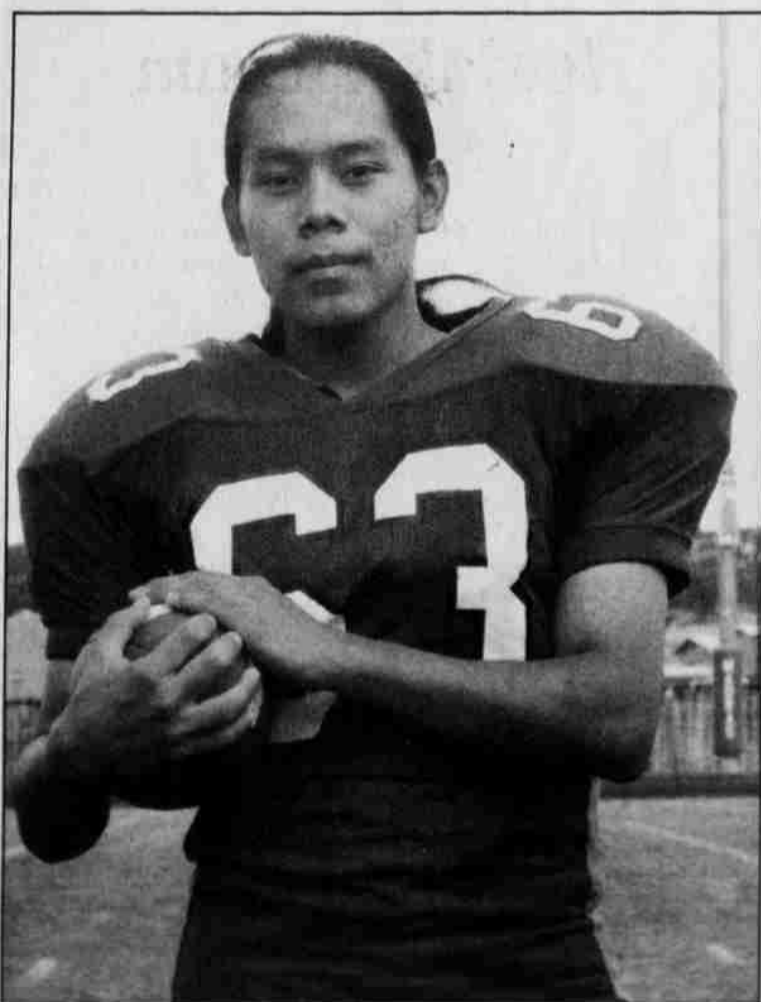
Louis Smith is a senior. He plays running back and linebacker.



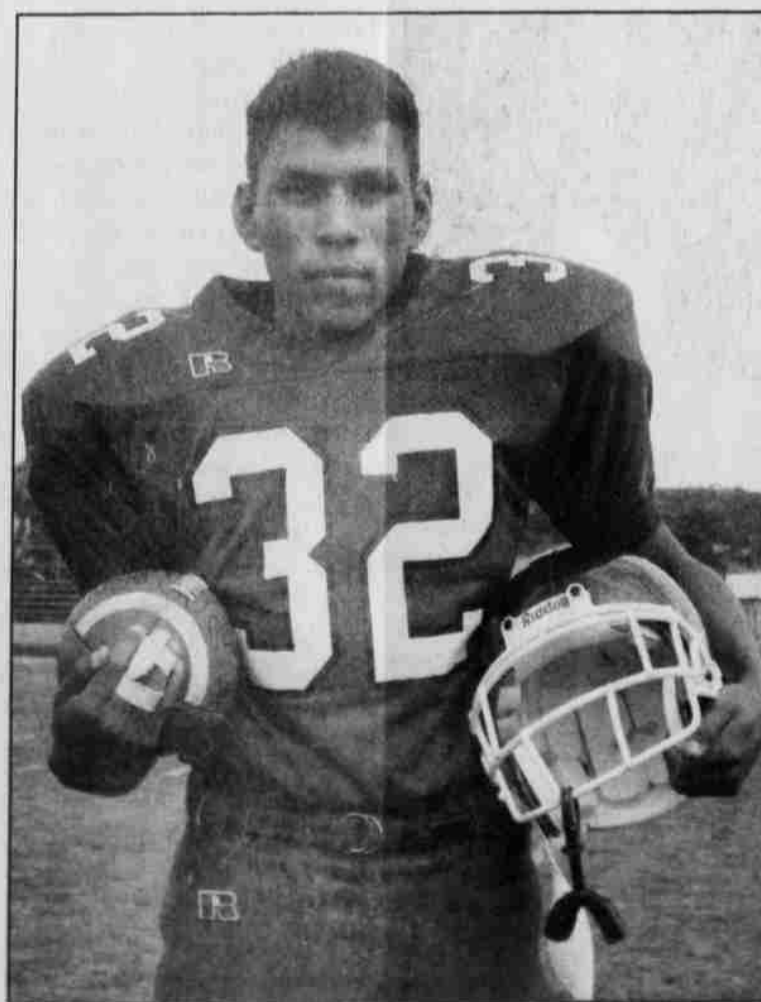
Leroy Hicks is a senior. He plays full back and linebacker.



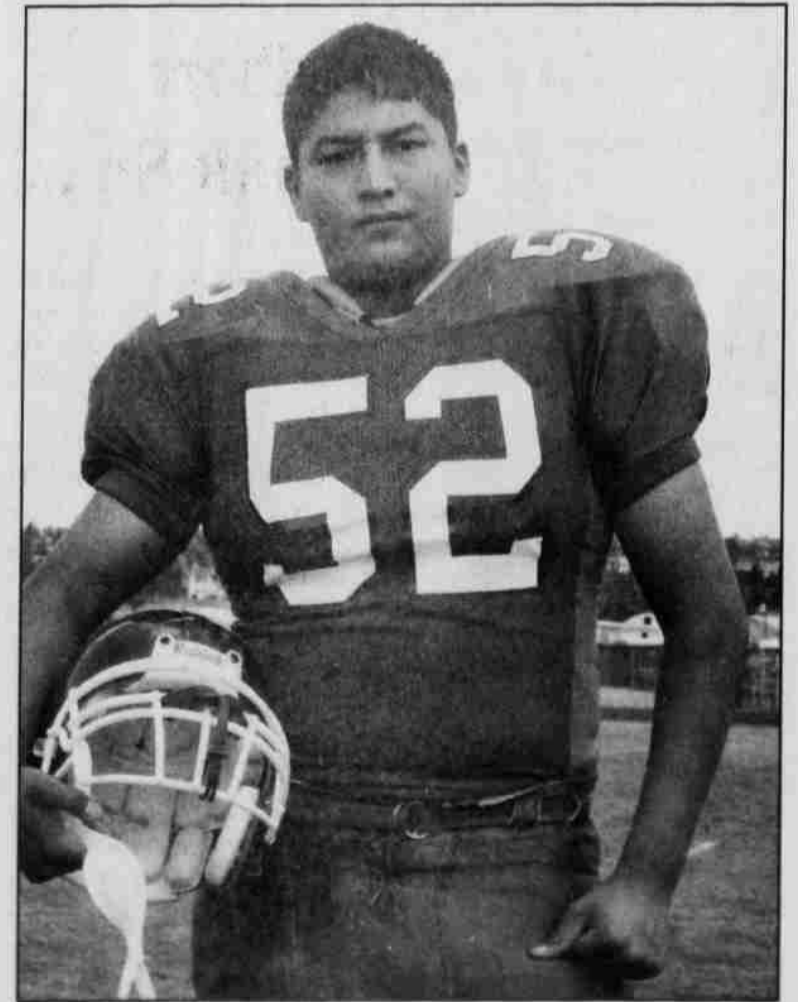
Arthur Mitchell is a junior. He plays offensive and defensive tackle.



Scott Kalama is a junior. He plays offensive guard and defensive end.



Austin Smith is a sophomore. He plays running back and linebacker.



August Scott is a sophomore. He plays center and defensive end.