

W.S. team plays at OSU halftime

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For the Spilyay Tymoo

CORVALLIS — Young Native girls from the Warm Springs and Chiloquin communities had the opportunity to witness the skill of women's college basketball at the Oregon State versus Stanford game January 29.

The Warm Springs Sacred Thunder girl's basketball team faced off against the Sprague River Ducks at halftime of the college game when they played over seven straight minutes of hoops.

The teams battled back and forth but in the end Sprague River prevailed with a 2-0 score. Sacred Thunder coach was Shawn Harry while Duke Kimball coached the Sprague River team.

Sacred Thunder coach Shawn Harry said it was the girls second experience playing at halftime of an Oregon State game with the first being the Oregon State N7 game, in which they played the Sacred Thunder boys.

"The Oregon State/Stanford women's game provided a great experience because the girls got to see women play at a higher level of competition," he said. "Some of the girls been prac-



Sacred Thunder of Warm Springs faced Sprague during the OSU-Stanford halftime game.

ticing together for three years. In years past they played in the Kiwanis league in Madras that is recreational but this year they're playing in a competitive league Central Oregon Basketball Organization (COBO)."

The coach said the various Warm Springs Enterprises are the team's sponsor for the league but they traveled on their own to Corvallis.

After the game, each of the teams was able to get auto-

graphs from Oregon State players and cheerleaders. They waited a little longer for Stanford players to come out of the locker room and did get an autograph from Jocelyn Tinkle who is from Montana.

The opportunity evolved after the Honoring Native American Heritage Oregon State men's game last November when Dominic Clichee from Nike N7 contacted Delson Suppah Sr. to organize a half

time game where the Warm Springs Sacred Thunder boys and girls team played. Suppah inquired about the possibility of a team playing during a women's game and it happened.

Players, coaches and managers from each of the teams were granted free admission to the college game. Others attending were also offered discounted general admission tickets of \$2.

Schimmel having outstanding season with Louisville



Schimmel (right) with teammates.

Louisville Cardinal freshman Shoni Schimmel is having a great season. At the end of last week, she was leading the Big East Conference in assists with 126, an average of 5.5 per game.

In the Big East, Schimmel is in the top ten players in steals, with an average of 2.2 per game. She's made 65 three-point shots, most in the conference. She's the second-leading scorer on the Cardi-

nals, with an average of 13.4 points per game.

Louisville is 5-4 in the tough Big East Conference. They play at home on Sunday, Feb. 13, against West Virginia.

Schimmel grew up in the Pendleton area. She has many relatives on the Warm Springs Reservation. Her grandparent in Warm Springs is Bobby Eagleheart.

White Buffalo girls go 4-1 conference play

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The Madras Lady White Buffaloes were 4-1 in the Tri Valley Conference league after defeating Molalla, Tuesday, February 1, 53-39, on the road.

Their only league loss was to the undefeated LaSalle Falcons on Friday, January 28 with a score of 72 to 53.

Coach Rory Oster said he's pretty pleased with their effort and outcome. "We are leading the league in defense so that is what I am most pleased in."

He also said he's proud of the ball movement and team play that the team has incorporated.

"We want to improve in all areas of the game in order to



Madras girls Norene Sampson and Joella Smith defend against Mollala.

accomplish what we want to accomplish," Oster continued. However lowering turnovers and taking care of the basketball is number one on the list

followed by becoming a better rebounding team.

The Lady White Buffaloes are sitting fifth in the state in the coach's poll and have moved

to third in the state in the power rankings.

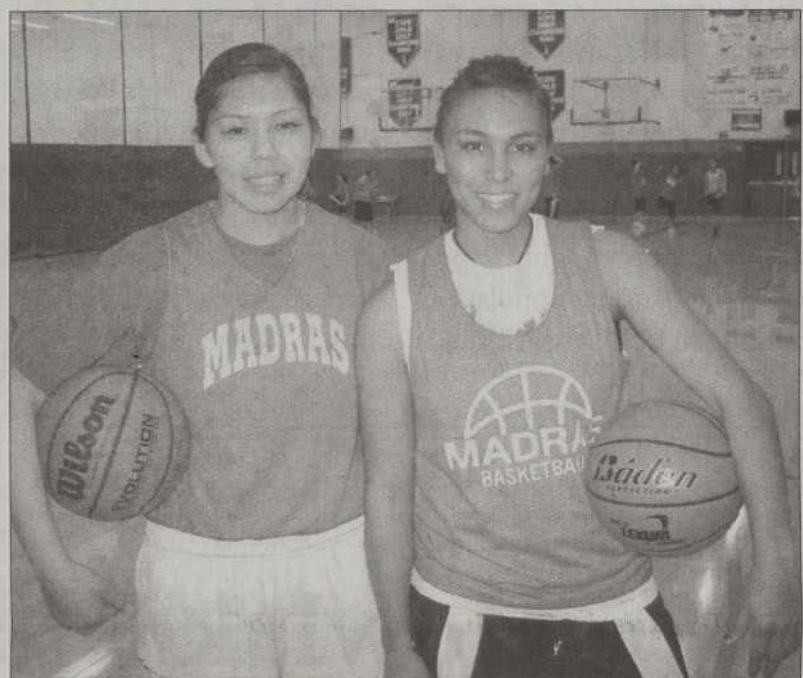
"We're excited to start the final half of league play and really hope to finish as strong as we have started," the coach said.

Lucy Racehorse Suppah broke the school record for three pointers scored in a season with 38 so far during the game against Molalla. The school record was 36.

Next Madras plays two games on the road when they're at Gladstone on February 8 and they play at Estacada on February 11.

The Lady White Buffaloes play La Salle again on February 18 at home followed by Molalla on February 22. Madras' overall record is 13-6.

Players of the Week



Team captains Cheyenne Wahnetah (left) and Joella Smith.

As in the years past, there are several players from Warm Springs on the Madras High School varsity girls basketball team. Two of the teammates are seniors Joella Smith and Cheyenne Wahnetah. They are the co-captains of the White Buffalos girls squad, helping the team to a winning season. The White Buffalos are 4-1 in the Tri Valley Conference league. They had an away game at Gladstone on Tuesday of this week, and then travel to Estacada and North Marion on Feb. 11 and 15. The next home game will be against LaSalle on Friday, Feb. 18.

Register for T-Ball, Little League

Registration for T-Ball and Little League is under way.

Pre-season registration for T-Ball is \$10 per player. You can pre-register until Feb. 25. After that date, the registration fee is

\$15 per player.

Little League pre-registration is \$20 for one player, and \$5 per additional player, and \$30 for the household. Pre-register until Feb. 25. After that, the fee is

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