

Great first game for Buffs, followed by tough loses

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After getting off to a fantastic start the Madras White Buffalo football team has suffered two losses by non-league opponents.

Those losses, coupled with key injuries, have forced head coach Rick Wells to make some adjustments with hopes of getting his team back on track by the time league play begins Sept. 28.

At Stayton

In the season opener on the road at Stayton, the White Buffs looked like a well seasoned, finely tuned team.

Senior wide receiver Devin Ceciliani scored three times in the first half with passes of 85, 52 and 34 yards from senior quarterback Steele Haugen.

In the second half it was senior running back Joe Hisatake taking over the game running for 130 yards and catching passes for 55 more yards.

In all Madras totaled 490 yards of offense, and even scored points on field goals from new kicker Derrick Pacheco.

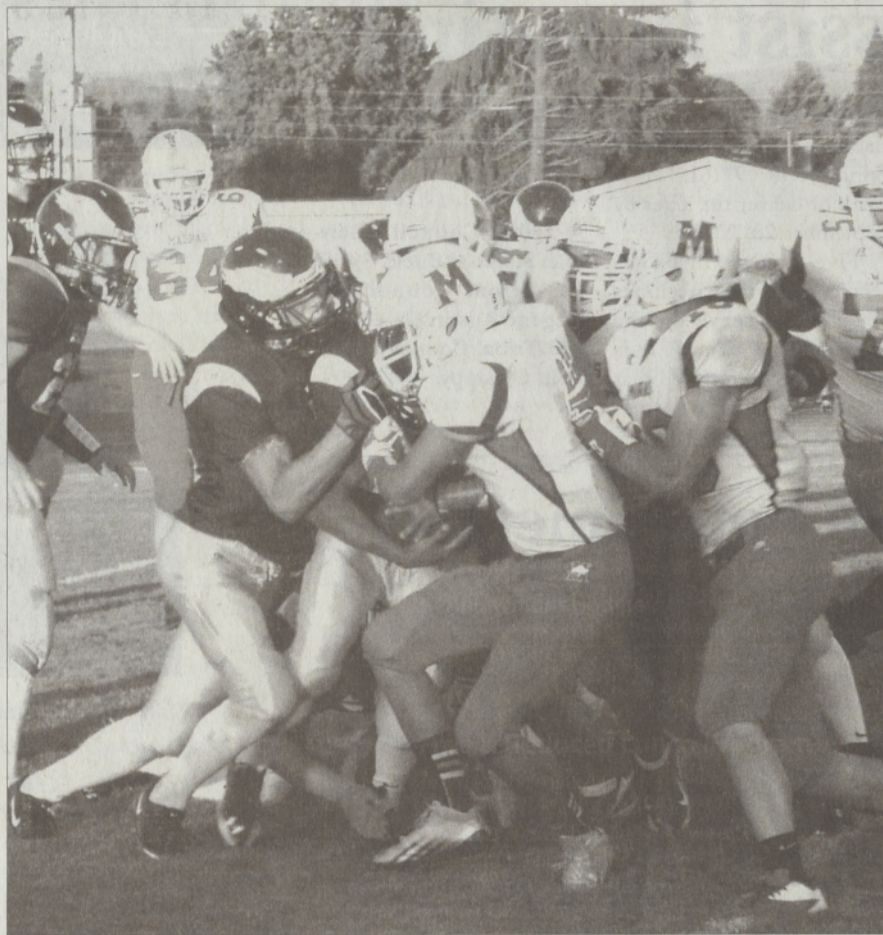
After the 36-14 win it seemed that the White Buffs would head in to week two with tremendous momentum. They did, but so did their next opponent, the Redmond Panthers.

Home opener

If there was ever a game that snapped a team back to reality it was game two against Redmond.

The game played out very much like David vs. Goliath. Madras (David) had speed but not size. Redmond (Goliath) had size and speed.

Redmond would use three giant running backs and run over the White Buffs in a dizzying display of "old school football."



Madras in a victory against Stayton early in the September.

Will Robbins/KWSO

Add to that an immediate disadvantage when Hisatake was sidelined after his second run with a knee injury, and you have a recipe for immediate strategy change.

Without a solid running game Madras would have to lean on the passing game, which in many ways is still in development with one exception, Devin Ceciliani.

But even he had problems with the bigger and faster Redmond team.

The White Buffs would walk away from a 41-14 loss to Redmond in week two licking their wounds and looking forward to a week three matchup against annual pre-season rival the Sisters Outlaws.

Against Sisters

Week three's game seemed

to get off to a good start.

Stampede Stadium would fill quickly with the White Buff faithful, the pep band would take their places in the bleachers on the right, and there seemed to be an air of enthusiasm about the place.

The weather was warm, perfect for football really, and in pre-game warm-ups Madras players were grabbing one pass after another, seemingly perfect... Seemingly perfect, except for the haze in the air from distant wildfires and an un-forecasted lightning storm that would pass through near the end of the game.

And then the kick off, which Madras would receive but do little with.

The White Buffs came out and tried to run, but they

didn't have much success.

They gave up possession after four runs and two passes.

The Sisters Outlaws would get right to business and stun Madras seven plays later with a 64-yard touchdown pass.

After going three and out in their next possession, Madras received another dose of "stun" when Sisters return man Ethan Louloff ran back a punt for 70 yards and another touchdown.

The White Buff offense would disappear until near the end of the second quarter.

The Buffs put together a masterful 80 yard drive and came within inches of scoring a touchdown but a pass into the end zone was intercepted, ending the first half.

In the second half Sisters would keep the ball on the ground, tallying up 39 points before the white buffs could even score.

Madras did get into the end zone, but it was too little too late and the White Buffs dropped a second game 39-0.

Crook County

This week doesn't get any easier for the White Buffs

Rival Crook County will come to Stampede Stadium with their blue and gold uniforms and cowboy attitudes.

And the White Buffs will no doubt try to rebound from two disappointing losses. Crook County will probably see lots of game film, and like the other two local teams try running through the Madras defense.

But one thing is certain, Madras will come out again and give it their best... It's all they know...

Their goals may be lofty, their opponents may be giants, but no foe is too large in the eyes of their leader, Coach Wells, who will no doubt have his team ready when the whistle blows Friday night.

Little League board, community meeting

Fellow Warm Springs Nation Little League board members, and Little League parents and supporters,

You and the entire Warm Springs community are invited to attend the Warm Springs Nation Little League Board of Directors community meeting.

The meeting will be held this Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the community center social hall.

Agenda items, as suggested, are:

The board will give their reports of the 2012 Season.

Report on the 11-12 year-old 2012 State Softball Tournament.

Nominations and voting for 2013 season, Warm Springs Nation Little League Board of Directors, 15 positions.

Immediately following the election of the 2013 season board of directors, a short meeting will be held to set a meeting schedule.

There is a District 5 Little League presidents' meeting in The Dalles on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. at the Norco Building. For further information, call Louise Katchia, WSNLL, secretary/information officer: cell 541-460-0224.

Outlaw Rodeo to buck in at W.S.

The Outlaw Rodeo is on Saturday, September 29 at the Warm Springs Rodeo Grounds.

Events, starting at 1:30 p.m., include: senior and

junior wild colt races, a wild cow race, cow riding, cow milking, saddle, bare and ranch bronc riding, and a sanctioned Wild Horse Race.

All wild horse racers need

to call the PWHRA office at 541-475-7828 to enter. All others should contact Darylynne Cortazar at 541-325-1834 to enter.

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Building for Tomorrow – Construction Planning Underway

JCSD, with help from members of the local community, has selected the Wenaha Group to lead the planning, design and construction of our new school district facilities. Wenaha Group's Rob Quaempts and Dave Fishel are well-respected construction professionals with more than 44 years of combined construction experience. Together they provide construction management and consulting services to organizations, corporations, and Tribes throughout the region.



"We are looking forward to our new partnership with the Wenaha team and as the project moves forward, we will be asking for input from staff and community members," said Rick Molitor, superintendent for JCSD. "Our community made this work possible by supporting the school bond and we really want them to be involved in the process."

The District and Warm Springs leadership will be providing regular updates on the following projects:

- Warm Springs K-8
- District-wide facility upgrades and construction

For more information, call (541) 475-6192 or visit www.jcsd.k12.or.us.

Safe & Welcoming Schools

We believe that a safe and welcoming learning environment is one of the most important things we provide to our students. This month, our teachers, staff and students are participating in workshops and activities that teach and remind us about empathy and compassion. This will be an important focus for our school district throughout this year and for years to come. Ask your child about Challenge Day or feel free to call the district office at (541) 475-6192 for more information.

JCSD Hotline

If you are aware of bullying or any unsafe situations in our schools, please visit our anonymous hotline page on the JCSD website. We have created a form that can be submitted with or without personal contact information. If you are not able to access the internet, you are welcome to call our District offices at any time.

Anonymous Hotline

<http://www.jcsd.k12.or.us/district/jcsd-hotline>
Phone: (541) 475-6192

Free & Reduced Lunch Program

Free and reduced lunch applications are now available for the 2012-2013 school year. Apply on-line at jcsd.k12.or.us. If you have questions about the program, contact Chele Paye or Patti Jobe at (541) 475-6192 x212.



Madras High School Thanks Community Partners

The Madras High School Team would like to thank some special community partners for their generous donation of time and energy to our Latino Youth Outreach Program:

- Rio Restaurant
- Columbia Bank
- Oregon Child Development Coalition

These organizations have been working with our Latino youth to teach them valuable skills that will enhance their futures.

Open House Dates

September 20
Buff Intermediate
6:00-7:30 p.m.

September 25
Metolius Elementary
6:00-7:30 p.m.

September 27
Madras Primary
6:00-7:30 p.m.



Calendar

- September**
- Wednesday, 9/19**
First Early Release: Students will be released 2 hours earlier.
 - Monday, 9/24**
School Board meets; 7 p.m. District Offices