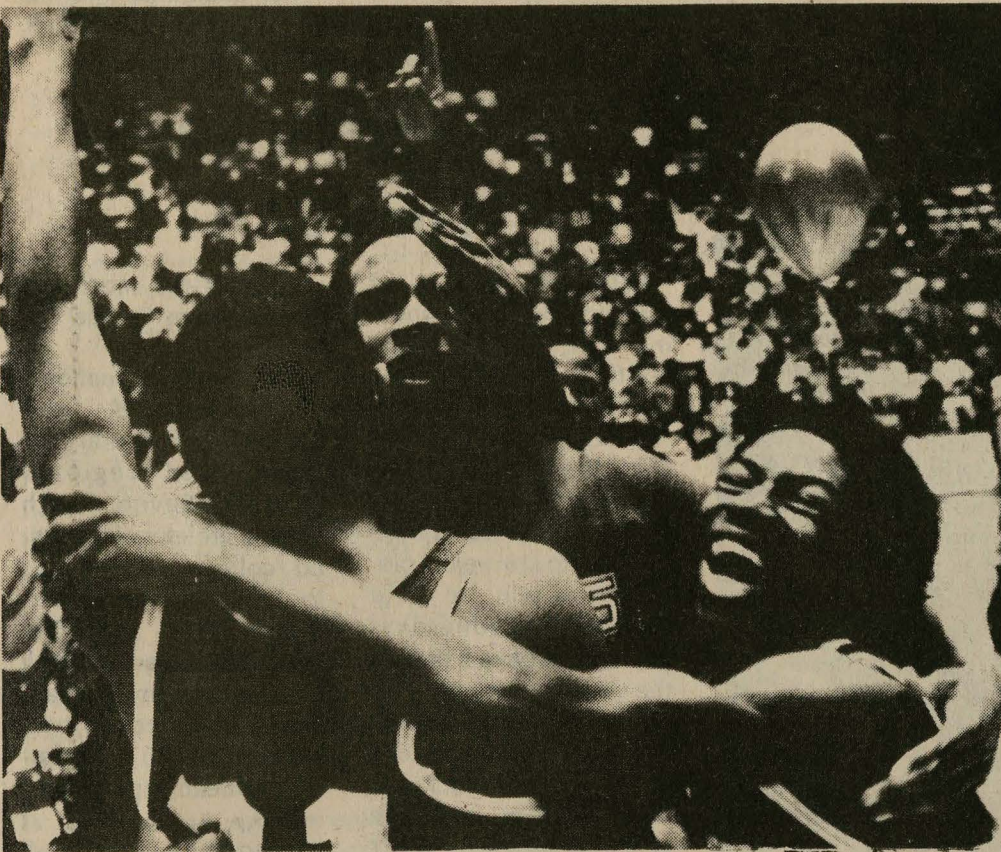


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Garfield Bulldogs Capture State Title



Garfield Bulldogs embracing each other over an exciting victory. Photo by JEF JAISON.

By Wiley Davis

For the fourth time in 10 years and the 10th time in 28 years, the Garfield Bulldogs have been crowned State Class AAA Basketball Champions, winning over Walla Walla 44-42 in double overtime Saturday night in the Coliseum.

On the strength of their fine team play and outstanding individual efforts, the Bulldogs beat back the challenges of Shadle Park, Curtis and Walla Walla enroute to Coach Al Hairston's second state title.

For Glen Tinned, Van Beard, Frank Wilson, Eric Briggs, Roger Brunswick, Jeff Woods, Henry Munroe, Steve Johnson, DaVon Ball, Kevin Johnson and Andre Linear, it has to be a tremendous accomplishment to come away with the ultimate of high school basketball prizes.

Garfield finished the season with a 20-6 record, but it was the last 6 victories that truly tested the Bulldogs' character. To wear the crown of state champions, one must endure and survive extreme pressures and emotions. For Garfield, the state tournament was exactly that.

In the first game of the finals, Garfield defeated Shadle Park 58-57 in overtime. Eric Briggs paced the Bulldogs with 16 points followed by Glen Tinned with 12. Garfield trailed at the half 31-26 but scored the first seven in the third quarter to take over the game's tempo.

With Tinned and Briggs scoring on layups and bank-shots, and Van Beard asserting himself on the defensive end, Garfield was able to hold off the stiff challenge of Shadle Park. This set up the dream match-up between the state's No. 1 and No. 2 rated teams. Curtis of Tacoma, rated No. 1, had beaten Oak Harbor 45-43 in its quarter final game Thursday night.

Riding a 25-game win streak, Curtis was to face its most formidable challenge to date in the semi-finals against the Bulldogs. The opening tap went to Garfield and Eric Briggs scored the first basket of the game. It was then that Curtis knew they would be in for a game.

However, Curtis soon found the range and took an impressive 18-10 first quarter lead. But as the

case has been all season, Garfield's defense went to work, holding Curtis to 5 second-quarter points.

Garfield trailed by only 1 at the half. The Bulldogs picked up the tempo in the second half. Spurred by Van Beard's shot-blocking, Glen Tinned's shooting and Frank Wilson's passing, the Bulldogs were on the march. The rest of Garfield's points came from the charity stripe with Roger Brunswick, Jeff

Woods and Wilson doing the honors.

Tom Redburg led Curtis with 17 points followed by Dave Morrison with 13 and Bob Ostlund with 12.

Coach Don Huston of Curtis felt his team played as well as it is capable of playing but Garfield played a little better.

Walla Walla which had beaten Franklin in the other semi-finals game 68-52, was next in line for

the Bulldogs.

Considered by many to be one of the state's better balanced teams, Garfield went on to defeat Walla Walla in a thrilling double overtime game 44-42. Frank Wilson's free throw with less than a minute remaining in the second overtime proved to be the winning points.

Glen Tinned, who was named AAA tourney MVP, led the Bulldogs in scoring with 15 points followed by Frank Wilson with 10.

Dave Martin led Walla Walla with a game-high of 17 points. Toby Long and Earl Streufert each had 10.

Garfield got off to a sluggish start, perhaps emotionally drained from their big win over Curtis, and trailed Walla Walla 22-19 at half time. Once again it was the defense to the rescue as Garfield limited Walla Walla to 5 third-quarter points.

But Walla Walla stayed tough, finally forcing the Bulldogs to go into double overtime to nail down the title.

Congratulations to Al Hairston and his staff for providing an exciting and enjoyable season of basketball. Now the task of placing his senior into colleges and universities is uppermost on his agenda.

Franklin Finishes 5th

The Franklin Quakers finished the tournament in 5th place, after an opening game victory over Bethel 49-46 in overtime. The Quakers dropped the next two games 68-52 to Walla Walla and 58-54 to Curtis.

The loss to Curtis was a much better performance by Franklin for they were soundly beaten in an earlier match-up in the regionals. Michael Bryant, who was chosen to the All-Tournament Team, and Mark Kaska who was earlier selected to the All-Metro Team, led Franklin throughout the finals averaging 19 and 9 points, respectively.

Franklin finished the season with a 19-9 record. Coach Dave Belmonte, chosen as Metro Coach of the Year, has the task of placing his seniors into colleges and universities of their liking.

Congratulations for a fine season of basketball.

Boys Class AA

The O'Dea Irish lost to Centralia in the semi-finals Friday night 71-60 despite Troy Miles' 32 points. This ended O'Dea's quest for the AA title. O'Dea had opened the tourney with a 64-62 victory over Sehome when Troy Miles culminated a 30-point effort with a game-winning 20 foot jump shot at the buzzer.

This was to be O'Dea's only victory as they lost to Cheney on Saturday night 62-57. Eric Nelson led O'Dea with 21 points followed by Troy Miles with 15.

Miles was selected to the All-Tournament Team in addition to being named first team "All-Metro and Star Times" by the P-I and Seattle Times.

Congratulations for an

outstanding season.

Girls Class AAA

The Garfield girls beat Rogers of Puyallup 84-73 Saturday night to earn third place in the tournament. The Bulldogs set four records and tied another enroute to their third place finish.

Garfield set the single game scoring record with 84 and the three-game tourney scoring record with 233. Tracy Helton passed for a tourney record 16 assists and a three-game total of 31.

Garfield's 35 field goals tied the tournament record set by Clover Park in 1979.

In Garfield's victory over Rogers, Shirley Walker scored 31 points while Dawn Pruitt added 28 and Tracy Helton 17. Walker and Helton were

selected to the Seattle Times' "Star Times Team."

Congratulations to the team and the coaching staff for a fine job.

Girls Class AA

Chief Sealth finished in third place beating North Kitsap 74-57 Saturday night at the Arena. The 74 points set a tourney record for most points in a single game. The 29 field goals tied a two-day old tourney record held by Sehome.

Carolyn Laufasa, Sealth center, and senior guard Antoinette Daniel paced Sealth throughout the tournament. Sealth finished the season with a 23-3 record.

Congratulations to the coaching staff and the players for a fine season.

1983 Tournament Placings

Boys Class AAA

1. Garfield (Seattle)
2. Walla Walla
3. Curtis (Tacoma)
4. Oak Harbor
4. Franklin (Seattle)
6. Bethel (Spanaway)

Boys Class AA

1. Olympic (Silverdale)
2. Centralia
3. Cheney
4. Bellingham
5. O'Dea (Seattle)
6. Sehome (Bellingham)

Girls Class AAA

1. Auburn
2. Everett
3. Garfield (Seattle)
4. Richland
5. Rogers (Puyallup)
6. Gonzaga (Spokane)

Girls Class AA

1. Sehome (Bellingham)
2. Woodway (Edmonds)
3. Sealth (Seattle)
4. Olympic (Silverdale)
5. North Kitsap (Poulsbo)
6. Hanford

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Time Out... With Wiley

New NCAA Academic Rules To Be Modified

Black college presidents will meet this spring with the Committee of College Presidents who drafted the newly adopted rule on academic requirements for athletes. Their assignment will be to develop strategies that will modify the new regulations, which require that students earn a minimum standardized-test score and a minimum grade point average in a specific curriculum to participate in sports in their freshman year.

It became apparent to the committee that mandatory test scores do not adequately predict college success nor address the problems associated with college

bound students, but could be perceived to have a discriminatory impact on Black student athletes. Sources close to the committee feel that a proposal to eliminate freshman eligibility in football and basketball will be adopted.

The 37-member president's committee is sponsored by the American Council on Education. Samuel L. Meyers, president of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, said that ending freshman eligibility was gaining support among Black college presidents and others who are critical of the new rules concerning freshman eligibility.

Meyers went on to say that "Whatever compromise is reached in the dispute over the rule, it must be one that puts emphasis on educating the people to bring to universities, not on restricting access to the universities."

The presidents have established other sub-committees to study issues involving recruiting, enforcing rules on recruiting, T.V. Revenues, divisional structure of the NCAA and the Governance of the NCAA.

Rainier Vista Boys, Girls Club Basketball Highlights

The Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club is running basketball leagues that range from ages 6-18. Out of 17 teams, two still remain undefeated: the New York Knicks, age range 11 and 12, and the

Milwaukee Bucks, age range 13 and 14.

On Saturday, March 5, the New York Knicks led a smashing victory over the Los Angeles Lakers by center, Ian French and

guard, Mike Jackson.

French tallied the night off with 22 points, 6 assists, 26 rebounds, and 6 block shots while Jackson added 14 points, 10 assists, 4 rebounds and excellent ball handling.

Coach Nate Miles of the New York Knicks was asked what makes his team burn: "I asked my team at the beginning of the season what did they expect their record to be at the end of the season and they said 11 and 0. So, all I do is keep them in shape and let them win!"

Miles added that guards, David Phillips and DeDe Phillips, and forward, Kenny Buss, have a lot to do with their winning success. "The team works together."

The Milwaukee Bucks are led by center, Troy Frazier and forward, E. Motley. On March 5, the two combined to score 42 points in a victory over the Washington Bullets, with an ending score of 56 to 24.

Frazier's season high is 40 points against the Bullets on February 12. One thing that makes this team click is their vibrant and sophisticated coaching staff, Robert Fisher and Charles Matthews.

Fisher and Matthews were asked about their philosophy in dealing with their team: "We just find out where each person on the team is coming from and try to work their personalities into the kind of game we would like to be played. We feel that because of this we are coming out on top!"

The Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club would like for you the public to watch the exciting games on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Call Rainier Vista at 725-4197 for game times. Refreshments will be sold.

James Buchanan is program director of the Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club.

In 1974, playing for the St. Louis Cardinals, Lou Brock stole a record 118 bases.

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