

Glendive outlasts Whitefish

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BOZEMAN — The Whitefish Bulldogs were not defeated by the Glendive Red Devils Thursday.

The Bulldogs beat themselves. That was the way coach Bob

McLeod explained the 62-55 loss which his Bulldogs suffered at the hands of Eastern A champ Glendive in their opening-round game at the State Class A basketball contest at MSU Fieldhouse.

Whitefish's last self-inflicted wound came in the final quarter when the Western A school closed to within four points with seven minutes left in the game. Three consecutive turnovers were converted by Glendive into buckets as the Red Devils escaped the Bulldogs' last-quarter rally.

"Our greenness and inexperience showed then, and at the beginning of the second half when we blew three chances to take the lead," McLeod said. The Bulldogs were shackled by a 5-for-15 showing at the free throw line, and lost the basketball 20 times on turnovers during the game.

Whitefish actually kept pace with the Red Devils through all but the opening quarter, when Glendive star guard Mike Jones was responsible for 12 of the team's 18 points. Jones hit six of seven shots from 15-20 feet out during the first eight minutes.

The Bulldogs appeared more ner-

vous than confident in that period, allowing the Red Devils to rush to a 6-0 lead.

With five minutes gone, and trailing 14-4, Whitefish went to 6-4 Dave Zinke three straight times to narrow their deficit to seven points at the start of the second quarter.

Tom Donahue, a 6-3 senior, and Zinke carried Whitefish to within three points, 20-17, on the strength of a trio of inside field goals. But then the faster Red Devils began penetrating the Bulldogs' zone defense and rattled off eight unanswered points. A last-minute surge moved Whitefish within seven at intermission, 30-23.

The Red Devils put a zone of their own to work in the third quarter in an attempt to control Zinke, who tired in 12 points in the first 16 minutes. Glendive managed to hold Zinke scoreless in the third quarter, but their attention freed 5-9 senior guard Greg Dvorak who netted eight points to keep the Bulldogs close.

During the first minute of the fourth quarter, Dvorak connected on a 20-footer and Donahue scored from under the basket, and suddenly

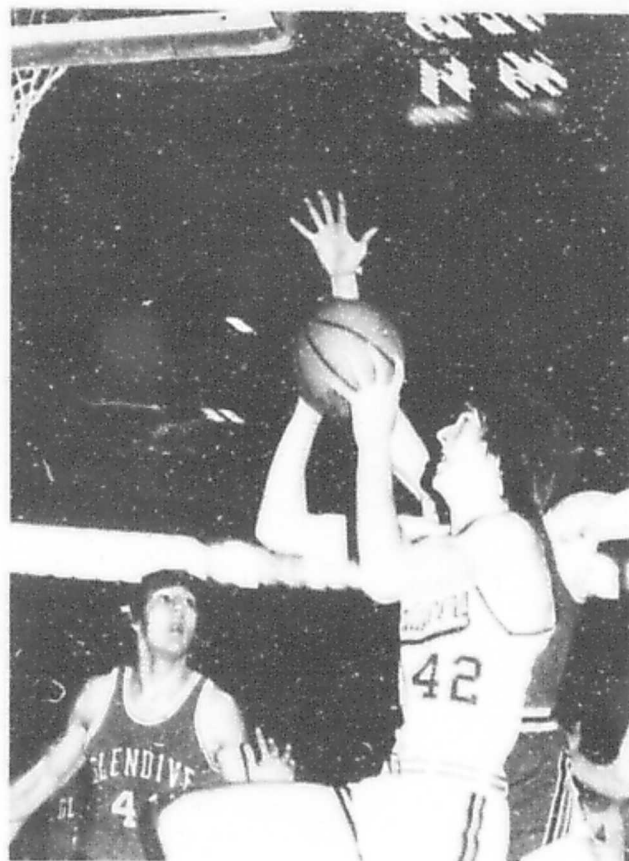
Whitefish was knocking on the door, 41-39. Within the next four minutes a Red Devil press forced the Bulldogs to cough up the ball five times, to pave the way for the win.

In the last two minutes Dvorak pressured Glendive's back court players into turnovers and converted three into quick baskets, on his way to 11 fourth-period points. He finished with 20 to take game-scoring honors.

"We've got the best chance of coming in the back door," McLeod told his charges in the locker room following the game. "We've got a real good shot at third or fourth."

The Butte Central Maroons, who fell 67-54 to Shelby in the opening tournament game, had something to say about that as the two teams met today in a 1-30 loser-out contest. If the Bulldogs survive today, they will advance to the 11 a.m. game Saturday morning against the loser of tonight's Stevensville-Wolf Point game.

"Butte's big and they press a lot," McLeod said. "We'll have to maintain our balance in order to shut off their fast break."



BASELINE MOVE

Whitefish forward Tom Donahue (42) moved past one Glendive defender, only to find Red Devil Doug Keever (41) in his way Thursday afternoon in the opening round of State Class A tournament play at Bozeman. Donahue contributed 11 points but it wasn't quite enough as the Bulldogs fell, 62-55 to the Eastern A champions.

Photo by Bob Anez

Thursday boxes from A meet

SIDNEY (6-7)

Thomas 6-7 16, Haugset 4-2 10, Stanfield 5-8 16, Lench 7-2 16, Haskaker 4-1 9, Stevens 0-0 0, Quirk 1-0 6, Hildren 0-0 1 0, Totals 29-9 21 67.

BUTTE CENTRAL (7-1)

Davis 9-4 22, Thatcher 0-0 0, Quinn 1-0 2, Rosen 2-0 4, Lappin 1-1 1 1, Jones 1-0 2, O'Leary 0-0 0, Thomas 2-0 4, Johnson 0-0 0, Harris 0-0 4 3, Schulte 0-0 0, O'Dell 0-0 0, Totals 23-15 34.

Score by quarters: Shelby 13 17 15, Butte Central 6 9 17 22. Total fouls: Shelby 11, Butte Central 23. Fouled out: Lappin and O'Dell. A 1-000.

GLENDAVE (6-2)

Jones 6-7 16, Kettner 1-0 2, Moss 4-0 16, Papp 1-2 4, Keever 0-2 2, Knapp 1-3 4 13, Chelgren 5-8 15, Lehman 0-0 0, O'Leary 0-0 0, Totals 24-34 22 62.

WHITEFISH (7-5)

Dvorak 9-2 29, Zinke 7-1 15, Seward 1-0 2, Watford 0-0 0, Donahue 1-4 5, Schulte 0-0 0, Rosen 1-1 4, Faye 0-0 0, Luke 0-0 0, Barnes 0-0 0, Totals 25-45 50.

Score by quarters: Glendive 18 12 13 19, Whitefish 11 12 12 20. Total fouls: Glendive 20, Whitefish 17. A 1-000.

STEVENSVILLE (6-6)

Mes 17-8 15, Adams 11-4 7, Terry Thompson 9-2 18, Hinkert 11-4 5, McNulty 1-2 4, Morton 0-0 0, Dwyer 0-0 0, Jolley 1-0 2, Hinkerson 0-4 3, Rhodes 0-0 0, Taylor 1-0 2, Tully Thompson 0-0 0, Totals 29-16 25 66.

CROFTON (1-7)

Eckgren 1-1 2, VanSetten 4-0 8, Hink 1-4 6, Nelson 0-2 2 18.

Broncs take Class C thriller

HELENA (AP) — Frenchtown, victor in an opening-round triple-overtime thriller, moves into semifinal action against Columbus tonight in the Class C Basketball Tournament while Wibaux meets Charlo in the first evening contest.

Afternoon games feature Brady against Antelope and Stanford versus Richey with the losers hitting the road for home.

Frenchtown and Stanford turned the Carroll College Physical Education building inside out Thursday

At halftime, Stanford led 29-26.

Roy Rankin led the Frenchtown Broncs with 29 points and Lucier had 20. Stanford's Wolves got 19 points from Brantley Forgy and Ken Kirby added 14.

Columbus trailed early in the nighttime contest but came on strong for a 34-28 halftime lead. Greg Stone led the Cougars with 25 points followed by Tom marker with 20 and Dan Paterson with 12.

Richey was paced by Rolly Starkey's 21 points, followed by 10

figures. Kevin Kauk had 18 points to lead five double-figure scorers for Brady.

Eastern Division victor Antelope played Charlo without the services of Craig Guenther, the team's leading scorer and rebounder who was out because of illness.



Northern Division squad includes 5 local skiers

The Big Mountain Ski Team has ... Completing the boys team are Ron