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SPORTS



Lyman Bullchild of the Magpies and Dallas Gambler of Wind River sail high into the air at the tip-off during their game in the holiday tournament. Wind River went on and coasted to a 102-85 victory.

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Encourage the female athlete

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Part II

Every coach must recognize the society has only recently approved of female participation in highly competitive sports. Let's not kid ourselves, social stigmas have not completely disappeared. Some hover in the air like an ugly cloud. Being a shot putter, discus thrower, rugby player or aggressive basketball competitor, isn't always what mom and dad had hoped for or what society smiles upon.

As coaches we have to do our part to make athletic participation comfortable for our young women. This requires constant encouragement and even more constant support when doubt is raised. Many times we have spent our collective efforts telling society how wonderful sports is for girls, while forgetting to let the girls know.

Most all of us have faced the frustration of losing a talented athlete who couldn't accept herself as a girl and remain in competition. It didn't matter whether the source of the problem was a boyfriend whose ego couldn't cope with a female jock for a girlfriend, or parents who were voicing their disapproval. What did matter was that the role created conflict for the female athlete, a conflict so strong that she quit. Her personal happiness and ability to accept herself was at stake.

It's a no-win situation. The coach has lost a real talent, society has lost a potential

record setter, and most tragically the girl has lost a chance to enjoy participation in sports, the team comradery, the joys inherent in athletic competition.

Solutions aren't easy to find, but they certainly begin with education. Coaches need to read; need to continually update themselves on current research regarding women in sports, and they need to share those results with your players and their parents. You need to understand the conflicts involved and do as much as you can to help the girl accept who she is, and that what she is (a female) is something to be proud of AND has a place in competition.

At your awards banquet for your sports, bring in a woman speaker. On the walls of the locker room, put some posters of women athletes on display. Send your players to basketball camps run by a woman.

WHY? Because young girls need to realize that there are women who are leaders, women who are competent, women who can be looked up to and learned from. By ignoring such basics, you are, in effect, communicating the opposite. If you want your athletes to believe in themselves as players, to have the self-confidence necessary for success, you must first help them believe in who and what they are as human beings...a female, who also happens to be an athlete.

Chieftans champs of tourney

It certainly was a performance for the Ft. Peck Chieftans to emerge with an unblemished record and the championship here in Warm Springs at the 21st annual double elimination basketball tournament which was held in the community center December 26-29, 1979.

The Ft. Peck team from Montana won all of their games with definitely convincing scores. The championship game was with Wind River of Wyoming which Ft. Peck won handily, the final score was 130-110.

Wind River had a clean record until the final game of the tourney but Ft. Peck made sure they would go down in defeat. High scorer for Ft. Peck was Jarvis Yellowrobe as he poured in 33 points, followed by Merle Smith 29, Mike Eaglefeathers 25, Puge Guardipee 17, Squee Guardipee 16 and Levi Olsen 10.

Willie Marshall lead the Wind River team with 25 points, followed by Darrell O'Neal with 16, Merton Trosper with 15, Jim Shakespeer and Derwin Gambler both with 14, Gary Gordon with 10, Bryan Trosper

with 8 and Darrell Brown with 2.

Rounding out the top six teams were Sprague River of Klamath Falls who took third, Taholah, Washington 4th, Satus Cowboys 5th and Lapwai, Idaho 6th.

Washington teams scheduled to appear in the tournament were Taholah, Colville and Satus and the California teams were Davis and San Jose other teams participating were Reno, Nevada; Lapwai, Idaho; Wolf Point, Montana; Wind River, Wyoming; the Sprague River Ducks and the Warm Springs Magpies.

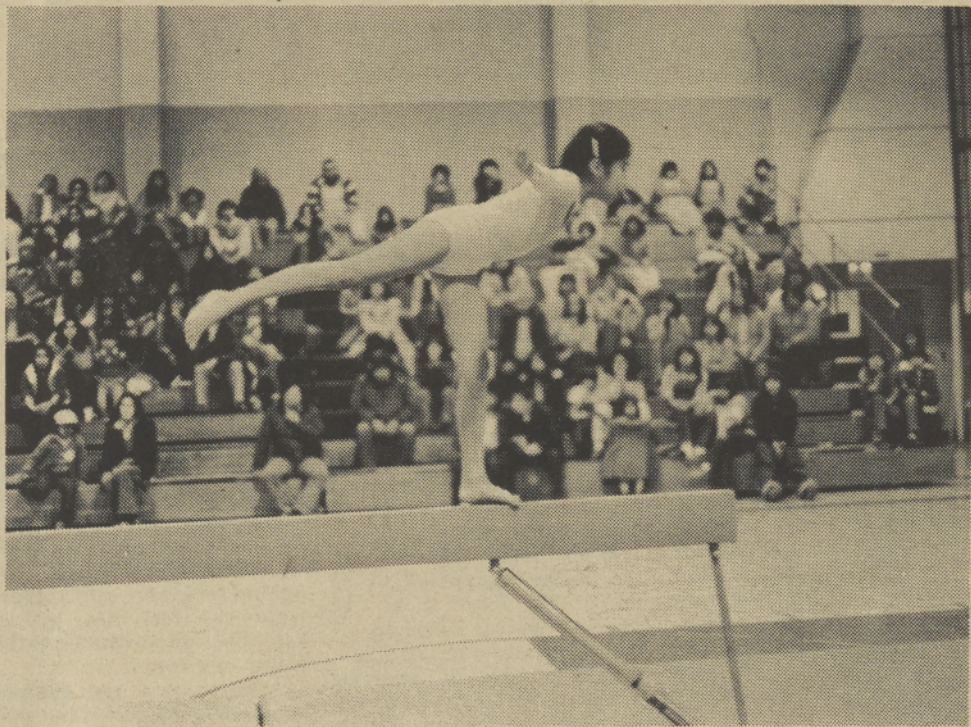
After the first-round matching, Reno, Davis and San Jose did not show up, so three other teams were recruited, from Warm Springs to round out the bracket which included Warm Springs I, Warm Springs II and the 'Ol Duffers. The lack of height plagued the Warm Springs teams as most of the other teams towered over them.

The Warm Springs Magpies were eliminated by Satus for the spot to play for 5th. The final score in that game was 82-74.

Twelve all-stars were chosen at the conclusion of the tournament. The three from Ft. Peck were Squee Guardipee, Jarvis Yellowrobe and Puge Guardipee; three Wind River were Willie Marshall, Darrell O'Neal and Darrell Brown; two from Sprague River were Skip Barney and Adrain Whitcraft; two from Taholah were Ken Stevens and Dave Stotomish. Kent Benz of the Satus team received the award as well as Tom Rickman of the Lapwai, Idaho team.

Squee Guardipee was voted the most valuable player this year and the Mr. Hustle award went to Jarvis Yellowrobe of Ft. Peck. High Scorer for the tournament was Ken Stevens. The sportsman trophy went to Wind River. The first six teams each received a team trophy and the 12 All-Stars received individual trophies. Each member of the championship team received a leather sleeved jacket.

Officials for the tournament were Tom Estimo of Yakima, Paul Smith of Scottsdale, Charlie Gonzalez of Everett, Doyle Whipple of Madras, Vernon Tanewasha and Delson Suppah both of Warm Springs.



Monica Wahnetah going through a exercise routine on balance beam during half time of the championship game of the annual holiday tournament held here in the community center recently. Monica 10 years old is in her second year of gymnastics.

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Danzuka loses in senior boxing bout

Todd Danzuka lost in the semi-finals at the Emerald Empire Senior Boxing

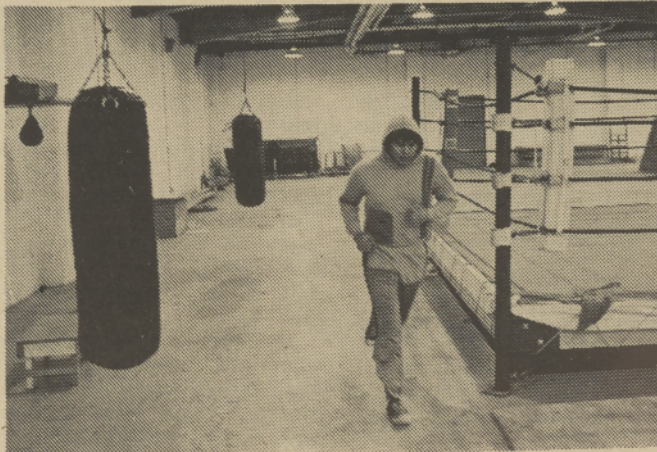
Championships in Eugene, January 4-5. He was the only boxer from the Warm Springs

team competing.

Danzuka, 165 lbs., lost by a decision to Harold Neveau of the All-Star Boxing Club of Eugene. According to Coach Ron Govenor, had Danzuka won, he would've advanced to the championship bout because there were only four boxers in his division.

The Amateur Athletic Union sanctioned the tournament and drew some nationally ranked boxers. This year no "special seniors" (boxers with five or less bouts) were allowed to compete.

The Warm Springs Boxing team will be hosting the Buckskin Gloves boxing tournament on February 28-29. On February 16, some senior boxers will be going to Mt. Scott for a Golden Gloves tourney.



Work-out—Todd Danzuka, one of the experienced, more serious boxers on the Warm Springs team, prepares for an upcoming match only a month away.

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