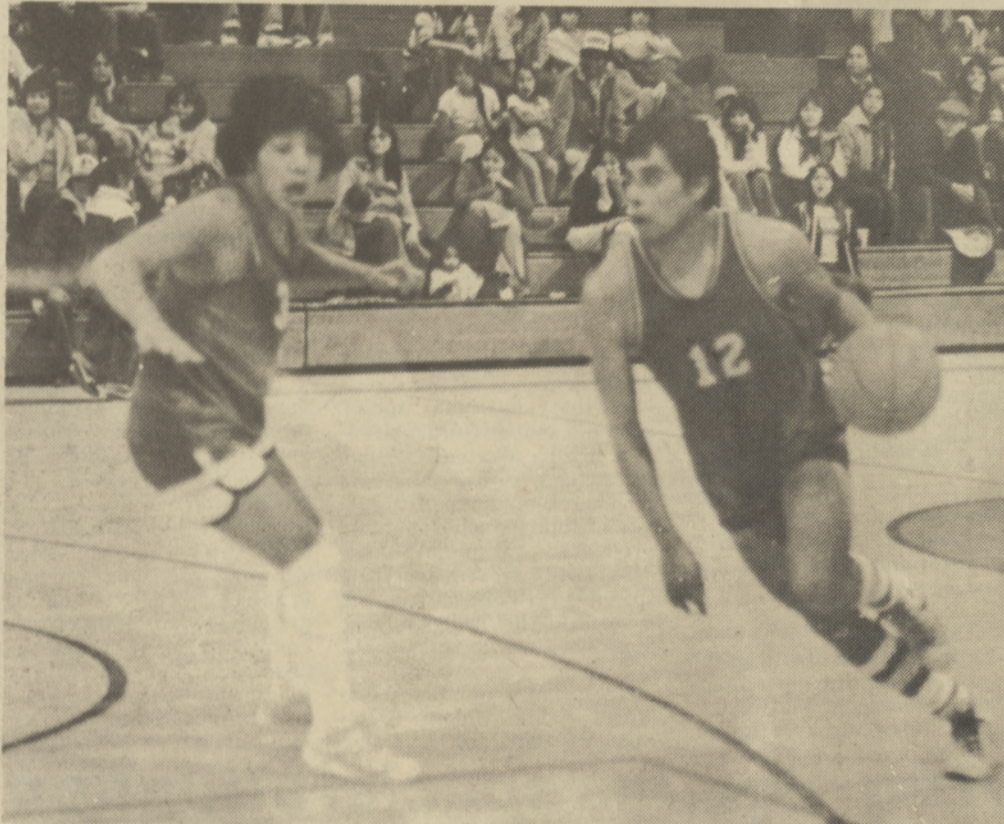


Spilyay Tymoo



SPORTS



Don Williams of Dora's Smoke Shop basketball team from the Yakima reservation is shown here making a drive against a Pendleton player for a score. Dora's Smoke Shop won the elimination tournament and gained a spot in the Warm Springs Holiday tournament December 30, January 1 and 2. The final score in the championship game was 101-87. Williams was voted the Most Valuable Player of the tourney.

Dora's dominates tourney

Dora's Smokeshop of Toppenish, Washington won the Holiday Basketball Elimination Tournament sponsored by the Warm Springs Athletic Association held December 4, 5, and 6 at the community center.

Winning second place was Pendleton, Oregon. Portland (117) and the Warm Springs Old Duffers (99) went for the third and fifth place trophies in their final game of play. Medicine Valley of White Swan, Washington wrapped up fourth place by winning their

game against Satus.

Named to the All-Star teams were Dora's Smokeshop players Jay Kegs, Don Williams and Gary Pierce; Pendleton players Vic Sohapp and Rod Cowapoo; Portland players Craig Tyler and James Cabautoy; Old Duffers player Delson Suppah; White Swan player Dutchie Blodgett and Satus player Redfern Mardel.

The Most Valuable Player award went to Don Williams of the Toppenish Dora's Smokeshop team.

Judges clinic scheduled

A referee and judge's clinic will be held in Warm Springs on December 19. Any interested persons are invited to attend. Buzz Buzalsky, chairman of the Oregon Association of the Amateur

Association of the USA Amateur Boxing Federation, Inc. will be officiating the clinic. The clinic is held the same day as a scheduled smoker to be held at the Community Center.

Boxing requires practice and determination

The Warm Springs Boxing Club is a group of boys who wish to compete individually in a sport requiring skill and dexterity. As in any sport there is joy in winning, disappointment in losing and much practice required in-between.

There is no place in boxing club for those who don't feel like working. Before a boy can get into the ring competitively he must have the skill to match that of his opponents. Without this he might get hurt.

Coaches Gerald Smith, Alvis Smith, Jr. and Randy Smith help the boys to develop their boxing skills at practice sessions four nights a week. They won't put a boy in the ring without first knowing he is well-trained. Gerald Smith stresses, "If there is any chance that one of my guys will get hurt I'll throw in the towel," he won't enter the ring.

Practicing is essential, according to Gerald Smith. Gym training is not the same as being in competition, he claims. Before the bout the boy will feel butterflies and weakness. "Everything just drains," he says. After the bout begins, however, all is forgotten and concentration remains the task on hand. But even in training, "we try to simulate the actual bout."

Boxing in competition has many positive aspects. Self-discipline, self-development and responsibility are the primary features pointed out by Smith. They sometimes need to be pushed, Smith added but "if they can't accept that maybe boxing isn't for them."

"We can help them to get where they want to go but it's up to them. If they want to go

national I can see it happening," Smith says.

The Warm Springs Boxing Club includes boys from five years of age to 16 years. Having such a varied age group provides an opportunity for more experienced boxers to help the less experienced. This year Smith noted that younger boys are involved. Any boy is welcome to come to the practice sessions Monday through Thursday at the Community Center to see what's going on.

Current boxing club members include: 10-year-old Corey Scott, 10-11 year, 65 lbs. division; 10-year-old Cecil Govenor, 10-11 year, 90-lb. division; Dixon Davis, special senior, 112 lb. division; Joey Ortez, special senior, 139 lb. division; and, 16-year-old Mark Stacona, special senior, 112 lb. division. These boys have been practicing regularly and are scheduled to travel to various tournaments in the future.

Other boxers in the Warm Springs Boxing Club include: 13-year-old Carl Tewee, 12-13 year, 90-95 lb. division; Murry Kalama, special senior, 132 lb. division; 14-year-old Philip Solomon, 14-15 year, 119 lb. division; 11-year-old Reynolds Allen, open junior, 10-11 year, 70 lb. division; David Lucei, incapacitated because of a broken hand; 9-year-old Ryan Alexander, 70-75 lb. division; 8-year-old Preston Alexander, 45 lb. division; 5-year-old Corey Suppah, 50 lb. division; 6-year-old Lonnie Smith, 55-60 lb. division; and, 9-year-old Andy Stacona, 60 lb. division.

These boys are trained in boxing techniques by coaches who volunteer their time.

Recently Alvis Smith, Jr. and Gerald Smith attended the National Coaches Clinic in Colorado at the Olympic Training Center. Smith remarked that "they were probably the two youngest guys there."

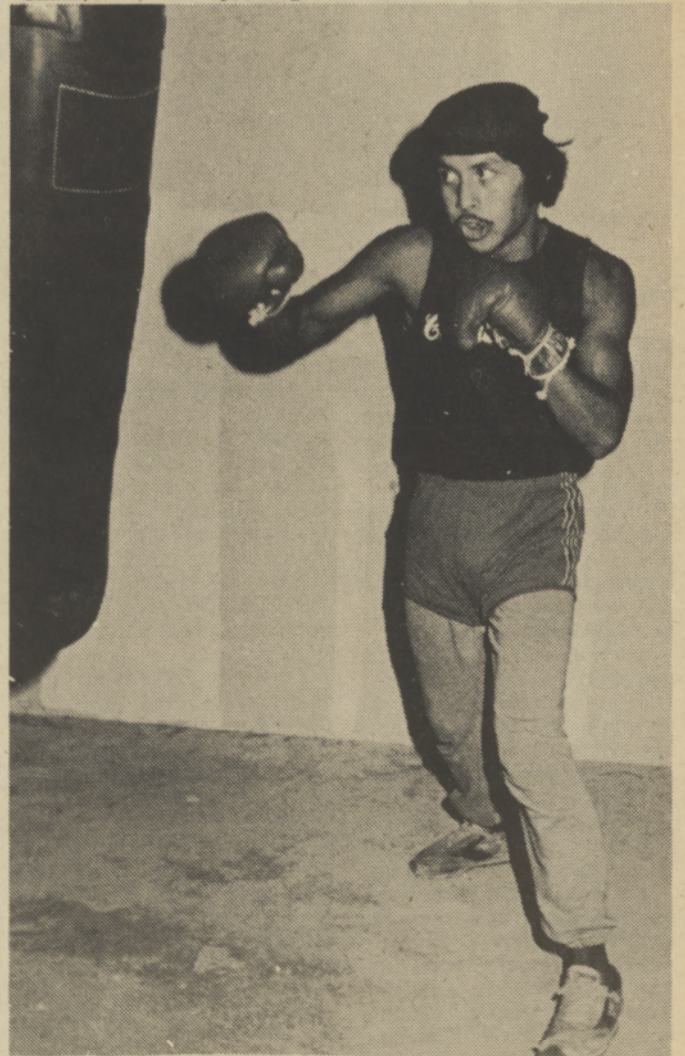
He also said that they picked up a lot of information concerning training procedures, documenting training information and physiological aspects of boxing. He believes there is a necessity of setting up a much more rigid training program for the Warm Springs boxers in order to enable them to progress faster.

Gerald Smith hopes to take some of the boxing club's members to various tournaments during the boxing season. Funding for travel may jeopardize their chances, but they hope to have sufficient funds for travel.

The tentative tournament schedule is as follows: Silver Gloves Tournament, Vancouver, Washington, December 12-13; Warm Springs Boxing Club Smoker, Warm Springs, Oregon, December 19; Warm Springs Boxing Club Smoker, Warm Springs, Oregon, January 10, 1982; Inland Empire Championship, Spokane, Washington, January 30-31; Warm Springs Boxing Club Smoker, Warm Springs, Oregon, February 13-14; Oregon Junior Golden Gloves Tournament; Hood River, Oregon, February 20-21; Idaho State championship, Lewiston, Idaho, February 27-28; Tacoma Junior Golden Gloves tournament, Tacoma, Washington; March 6-7; Buckskin Tournament, Warm

Springs, Oregon, March 13-14; Evergreen Championships, Longview, Washington, March 20-21; Northwest Meet of Champions, Albany, Oregon,

March 27-28; Diamond Belt Championship, Hood River, April 10-11; Oregon Junior Olympics, Portland, Oregon.



WINNING PUNCH—Winning is the result of much practice. Joey Ortez will be attending many of the upcoming state-wide tournaments because he has put much effort into boxing. Other Warm Springs Boxing Club members will be accompanying him. Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk