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SPORTS

It's all in how you play the game



The Warm Springs girls 9-13 year old softball team lost their opening game to the Madras girls by the score of 16-11, on the local field behind the Community Center. Shown above getting a hit in the losing cause was Maggie Sahme the teams catcher. The girls play Tuesdays and Thursday.

by Pat Leno

Summer is just around the corner and with the summer season's arrival are the games kids play. The major organized games in Warm Springs for the summer months are baseball and softball. Warm Springs has been a leader in the promotion

of sports for the young people in the community. Each year, more and more young people and their families become a part of this summer pastime.

Winning is a part of the game and Warm Springs' teams have collected many trophies in the past years. The ability to win a first place berth has given

Warm Springs people a great deal of pride. Is winning the real glory and is there too much emphasis placed on being the winning team?

Little League baseball in Warm Springs has been a main attraction for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 12. The Tee-Ball program is

available for ages 6 to 10. These programs are well organized and recognized throughout the world. The programs are for the entire community. The teams offer a chance for youth to play ball and for the adults, the teams offer an opportunity to work with youth as volunteers in the roles of sponsors, umpires, managers and coaches as well as just being spectators at the games.

The purpose of the Little League program as outlined by the National Little League office is to "assist youth in developing citizenship, teamwork and physical well-being with proper guidance and exemplary leadership." The success of the program depends on the parents and adults in the local area—the parents and other adults who offer leadership.

It is important to recognize players and coaches alike who participate in programs regardless of whether they win or lose. It takes much time and efforts on the part of many people. Along with winning goes the losing. There can be only one team to take first place but without the other teams there to play, it would not mean much to be first. In Warm Springs, there are two teams in each league, and they should receive credit for their part in playing in the league.

The Little League Pledge is taken by each player at the beginning of the season. "I trust in God. I love my country and respect its laws. It will play fair and strive to win. **BUT WIN OR LOSE**, I will always do my best." Each and every person who attends the games should try to follow the pledge and reinforce it with the players.

Papoose coach Lyle Rhoan feels it is important to also teach the lesson of "doing your best" whether it be win or lose. It takes good citizenship and sportsmanship to accept being in second or third place. As spectators, adults should give credit to each player for being a valuable part of the team and of the game.

The coach is able to handle the players and the feelings they exhibit or express at losing. Parents are the real key in a player being able to accept a team loss. "It is important to play the game and to do your best," is what young players should get out of their years in playing baseball. Parents should remember all players are individuals with different skills and abilities so, "pat 'em on the back for all their efforts, not only if they win."

Win or lose, children should be encouraged to play the game and play it fair and to the best of their ability.

Intertribal Sports Service offers wide variety of goods

Intertribal Sports Service, one of the few private businesses on the Warm Springs reservation is proving to be a successful venture. Since December of 1981 the sports store has moved from the living room of Madeline Queahpama's house to the more spacious teen center next to Macy's store.

The walls of this unique Warm Springs shop are lined with baseball hard hats, caps, golf bags, jackets, T-shirts, jogging suits and duffle bags. Everything the sports enthusiast would need is on hand or can be ordered. "We can get anything," emphasized

Tom Estimo, the company's overall manager.

The sports shop is managed by Charlie Gonzalez. Experienced both in sports and sports equipment, Gonzalez is ready to help customers by answering questions about equipment. He also takes orders for those who want something special in the way of sports clothing or equipment.

Gonzalez began work at the Intertribal Sports Service store on March 15. Prior to that he served the Yakima Nation as recreational coordinator until budget cuts eliminated the position. Gonzalez referees basketball and works with the

little league. He has coached fast pitch and slow pitch girl's softball in the past, also.

Although the Intertribal Sports Store deals primarily in sporting goods at this point there are plans to expand merchandise in the future. According to Estimo expansion would include adding items beyond sportswear and equipment including more shoes and western wear.

Currently, clothing items are being manufactured in Portland and are shipped to Warm Springs. Hopefully in the future, manufacturing of clothing will be taking place on the reservation.

The ladies who sew garments are receiving \$5.50 per hour. If clothing are manufactured in Warm Springs, local residents would be employed.

And with clothing manufacturing taking place in Warm Springs, the Intertribal Sports Service could label its products with its own brand which would be ITS.

Mail order would continue to be an important part of the business. The ITS label would be shipped over the entire United States, Estimo calculates.

The enterprise is a partnership between Satch Miller and Madeline Queahpama. It is difficult to expand

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Basketball Camp

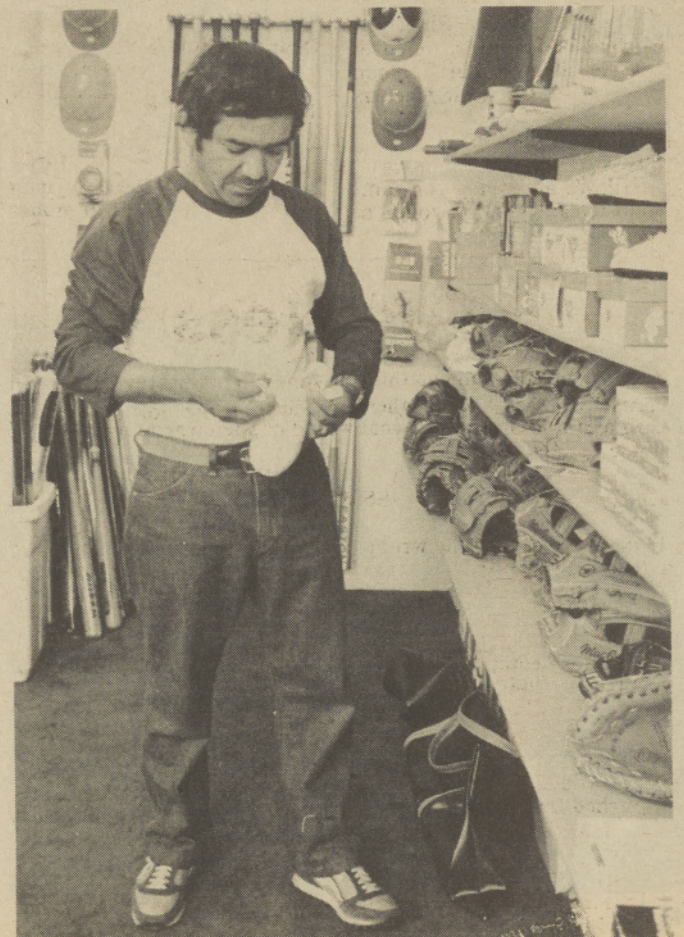
"Give your game a summer tune-up," and attend the Warm Springs basketball camp to be held June 14-18 at the Community Center gym. The camp will be held daily 9 a.m. to noon. It is open to boys and girls ages 8-18 years of age.

The registration fee is \$20 and the camp will be limited to the first 60 enrolled. Register and pay your fee early to ensure a berth in the camp. Registration is at the Community Center office.

The camp will be directed by Robby Fenk (with the

Oregon Prep Ten-Star Hoop Camps) with the assistance of three other top rated basketball coaches. The camp is designed to be the best in fundamental instruction. It offers individual assistance, group sessions and games each day so participants will be able to put the fundamentals to work.

Any questions and further information will be given by calling the Community Center office 553-1161, ext. 243, 244, 302 or 553-1161 on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Store manager Charlie Gonzalez keeps the shop in order along with helping customers with their equipment selections.

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