

Teams compete in slow-pitch tourney

A big crowd turned out for the Animals 2nd Annual Co-Ed Slowpitch Softball Tournament held at the Warm Springs Community Center on August 5, 6 and 7. The tournament hosted a field of 13 teams.

There were teams from Washington and Oregon that competed in the three-day tourney. The All-Stars of Muckleshoot, Washington took the first place trophy along with champion sweatshirts. Bull Schlitzers of Warm Springs took the second place trophy and beer mugs. Warm Springs Athletic Association placed third; Rat's Pack was fourth; and Four-Winds of Nisqually, Washington was fifth. Other teams that competed were Duane's and

Matt's from White Swan; Valley Runners and Satus both of the Yakima Valley; the Die Hards of Tacoma; Porterhouse and Bureau of Indian Affairs of Portland.

The "At Least We Tried" plaque went to the Thunder Birds of Nooksack, Washington. The Sportsmanship plaque and T-shirts went to the Die Hards. The All-Stars awards went to: Susie Anderson, Kai Silva, Ernie Starr and Jack Starr of Muckleshoot; Maria Minthorn and Delton Trimble of the Bull Schlitzers; Victoria S. and Ray Shike, Jr. of the WSAA; Margie and Bernie Earl of the Rat's Pack; Monte Atlaha and Bridgett Kalama of Four-Winds; Cherri and Jr. Roberts

of T-Birds; Fran Ike and Joe Smarlowit of Duane's; Denise and Joy of Valley Runners; Gerbear and Chrissy of Die Hards; Donna and Dale of Satus; David Lemery and Carrie Smith of BIA; Ed Henry and Lauraine Hintsala of Matt's; Julie Governor and Aaron Arthur of Porterhouse; Tony Henry and Vonda Wewa of the Animals. The "Most Valuable Players" were Susie Anderson and Kai Silva of Muckleshoot. They received beaded hats and watch bands. The two oldest players were Dutch Starr of Muckleshoot and Ed Henry of Matt's. They both received ribbon shirts.

The Animals are hoping to host a 20-team tournament in 1984.

All Indian Little League tourney held in Yakima

Bringing home a second place trophy and four all-star awards from the All-Indian Little League National Finals held in Yakima, Washington August 19 and 20 were the Warm Springs All-Indian team. The Warm Springs team lost the championship game to Little Boston, a team from the Washington Peninsula.

Players for the team were chosen from the Little Bucks and Papoose teams. Those chosen were Mackie Begay, Joseph Boise, Ryan Eagleheart, John Katchia, Jr., Jacques Martinez, Joel Martinez, Wayne Miller, Cory Smith, Gary Smith, Dorian Soliz, Andy Stacona, Delton Trimble, Everett Windy Boy and Norman Wolfe.

Members of the Warm Springs team named to the all-star team who received satin jackets were Andy Stacona, Dorian Soliz, Delton Trimble and Norman Wolfe. Delton was named the "best hitter" and Dorian received the "Mr. Hustle award."

Eight home runs were credited to three Warm Springs players: Delton Trimble hit

four home-runs one of those was a grand slammer (a homer with the bases loaded); Dorian hit two homers with one of those being a grand slammer; and Norman Wolfe hit two home runs.

The Warm Springs team had a 4-2 record during the double elimination tournament to gain the second place trophy. Third was won by the Umatilla, Oregon team, fourth place went to the Toppenish, Washington team and fifth place went to the Lapwai, Idaho team. Other teams participating in the tournament were Taholah, Skikomish and Nespelem, all Washington teams.

The Warm Springs team averaged 10 points per game, the most points for one game for the team was 18. Each of the games they played were less than five innings with the exception of the championship game and that game went six innings.

According to coach Wilford Jim, "The parents of the boys were in full force at the tournament. It is this kind of support that teams need."

Gabions train Shitike Creek

In 1951 aerial photographs Shitike Creek is shown meandering peacefully through Warm Springs, its banks blanketed with vegetation.

Such is not the situation now. Heavy rains and floods have removed much of the shrubbery from the riparian zone allowing the stream to whip along, washing away streamside banks.

To correct the action of Shitike Creek in its course stone dam-like structures are being constructed to channel the water away from the banks.

Used extensively in Europe, gabions train the current to keep to the middle of the stream bed rather than flowing on the edges. The directed current then scours out the middle of the stream making it deeper there and leaves deposits on the edges building up the banks and eventually stabilizing them.

With the gravel in Shitike Creek constantly moving it doesn't take long to damage the banks. Islands are formed by collected gravel and debris forcing the current around this island into the banks.

This eating away of the streamside creates a whipping action which further erodes the banks and further increases the velocity of the water, according to Warm Springs soil conservationist Dean Elliott.

Currently Shitike Creek is encroaching upon the recreational area near the Community Center and the Culture Camp area. Gabions are being employed to halt the action.

Set in brick wall fashion gabions are constructed of heavy wire mesh rectangular baskets filled with stone. In channeling streams a gabion allows water to pass through the stones while remaining stationary because of the concentrated weight.

Besides stream channeling gabions are used in housing protection, culvert protection, erosion control, marinas, retaining walls, road walls and landscape.

They can be constructed with heavy machinery or by hand. Hand selection of stones will allow better fit of stone upon stone and the use of

selected large stones will not have the tendency to wash away through the mesh screen.

Gabions also have aesthetic appeal and can be "custom fit to the needs," says Elliott. Vegetation will eventually cover the stone gabions to blend in to the surroundings even better. Nature takes a long time to do its work, Elliott notes, "we're trying to help it in a way acceptable to the community."

Fisheries on Shitike Creek will be increased with the addition of these structures. According to Warm Springs wildlife biologist Terry Luther, gabions create rearing ponds

for juvenile chinook and steelhead, holding pools for adults and maintain gravel for spawning. They also channelled water during low flows.

Several gabions have been successfully used in the past on Shitike Creek to divert water from buildings near the bank. To prevent encroachment upon recreational areas, they are predicted to be effective.

The jobs bill provides funding for workers to construct gabions. Already one has been constructed at Mill Creek. Four are planned for Shitike Creek. These are being constructed by Austin Smith, Casey Jackson and Tilden McDonald under the supervision of Terry Luther.



Tilden McDonald (left), Casey Jackson (center) and Austin Smith (right) deposit stones in wire mesh baskets while building gabions to channel water in Shitike Creek.

Sports forecast looks good

With the opening of school, sports will once again be in the limelight. Sports enthusiasts will be looking to their high school team for excitement and particularly for victories.

With Madras High the alma mater of many Warm Springs community members and a great number of Warm Springs youth on the various teams, the cheers from the bleachers will be loud and strong.

Speaking with an optimistic sparkle in his eyes, Madras High athletic director Bill Cordill foresees a successful season. In football, he sees the Buffaloes in the running for the Greater Oregon AA League championship.

Volleyball provides the same outlook. Cordill explains they'll have to work but there's a good chance at a league championship.

The boys should repeat with a cross-country championship.

Unfortunately, "we've lost a few kids," Cordill adds, but the team will still show success.

Warm Springs youths trying out for football are seniors: Danny Lawrence, Cy Jim, Jimmy George, Gunner Johnson and Ed Lucei. Juniors trying out for the team include Hobo Patt, Jason Smith, Ian Tohet, Lyman Jim, Vincent Culpus, Anson Begay, Anthony Davis, Eric Miller and Steve Stewart.

Sophomores trying out for football from Warm Springs are: Jason Palmer, Kevin Bludback, Joe Smith, Alvis Smith, Tony Nathan, David Ludei and Leander Lucero.

The Freshman team has five Warm Springs youth trying out for placement including: Butch David, Virgil Windy Boy, Tray Leonard, Tony Stacona and Mike Zamora.

White Buffaloes football coach is Rod Chester.

1983 Volleyball schedule

SEPT. 8 Thu.	Bend F-JV-V	Madras	6:00
10 Sat.	LaPine F-JV-V	Madras	12:00
13 Tue.	Mt. View F-JV-V	Mt. View	6:00
15 Thu.	Culver F-JV-V	Culver	5:00
17 Sat.	Grant Union JV-V	John Day	12:00
17 Sat.	Culver Tourney F	Culver	11:00
20 Tue.	Redmond F-JV-V	Madras	6:00
24 Sat.	Redmong Tourney	Redmond	10:00
24 Sat.	Madras Tourney JV	Madras	10:00
27 Tue.	Culver F-JV-V	Madras	4:00
29 Thu.	Crook Co. F-JV-V	Madras	5:00
OCT. 1 Sat.	Nyssa	Madras	1:00
1 Sat.	Vale	Madras	3:30
8 Sat.	Burns F-JV-V	Madras	12:00
11 Tue.	Grant Union JV-V	Madras	6:00
15 Sat.	Mac Hi F-JV-V	Mac Hi	12:00
22 Sat.	Vale	Vale	1:00
22 Sat.	Nyssa	Nyssa	4:00
29 Sat.	Mac Hi F-JV-V	Madras	12:00
NOV. 3 Thu.	Burns F-JV-V	Burns	4:00

(JV Tourney—Sept. 24—Mt. View, Bend, Redmond, Crook County, Madras, Culver)