

# Spilyay Tymoo



# SPORTS



Ray Shike, Jr., from the Smith-Greene Logging team, awaiting the pitch at the Chinook Winds Athletic Co-Ed tournament August 29-30 in Estacada, Oregon.

## Local teams play in tournament

The Chinook Wind Athletic Association and Eagle Creek Softball Complex held its 1st annual co-ed softball tournament, August 29-30, near Estacada, Oregon.

Two local teams, Macy's and Smith-Greene Logging of Warm Springs, participated in the tournament.

The first day each team competed against other teams and the scores of their games decided who they would play the second day.

Saturday morning Macy's played

Taco Time and won 9 to 8. The second game that day they lost to Eagle Creek, 2 to 10 and then came around the third game and defeated Satus 7 to 5.

The same day Smith-Greene Logging won their first game against Lapwai 10 to 4, then again beat Portland 5 to 4. The third game of the day they were defeated by Muckleshoot 4 to 5.

The second day was actually the beginning of the tournament. Macy's first game was against Taco Time,

Macy's lost due to a forfeit. The second game Macy's won the forfeit against Portland. They soon played the third game against Muckleshoot lost 7 to 5. They were then eliminated from the tourney.

Smith-Greene Logging won their first game Sunday against Muckleshoot 9 to 3.

They then played Eagle Creek and lost 8 to 9. They then came up against Lapwai and lost 3 to 6. They were also eliminated.

## 103 participate in resort tourney

The 8th Annual Kah-Nee-Ta Junior Golf tournament was held August 14-16 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort Golf Course with 103 contestants.

A practice round was held for the participants on August 14. It was also a day for the parents to play a round of golf. There were 22 parents involved.

There were four boys in the 18-year-old division. Placing first was Jim Hagg; second, Brad Schmutz; third, Jeff Bernhard and fourth, Emerson Miller. No scores were available at press time.

The 16 and 17-year-old boys results were as follows: 1. Terry Blake, 151; 2. Peter Buck, 152; 3. Kevin Cruikshank, 158; and 4. Paul Park, 161.

In the 14-15-year-old group Brodie Berg, placed first with 166; second was Scott Thompson with 167; third was Franz Miller with

169 and fourth was Lonnie Damon with 171.

The 12 and 13-year-old placed as follows: 1. Jared Takeuchi, 168; 2. Chris Cone, 172; 3. Troy Fanning, 173; 4. Mark Clays. (?) 13. Otis Johnson, 208; 15. Leif Suppah, 241; 18. Matthew Smith, 268.

In the 10 and 11-year-old boys division, Jeffery Hirata placed first with 214, John Keaton was second with 217, Bret Norris was third with 224, Dale Frischnecht was fourth with 226. Frank Reese, Jr., placed eighth with 254; Obedt Moody was tenth with 313 and Aaron Wilson placed eleventh with 336.

In the Pee Wee division Greg Clays took first with 123, Brian Miller placed second with 134, Jon Neece took third with 136, Kelly Kimura, placed fourth with 138. Lil' Bull Suppah, placed sixth with 186, and Jesse Reese took seventh

with 307.

The lone girl in the 18-year-old, Ania Laver had a score of 175.

In the 15-17 girls division Sandy Haag took first with 164, Shauna Craig took second with 169, Shannon Miller took third with 179, Elzunia Laver took fourth with 204, and Saphronia Coochise took sixth with 272.

12-14 year girls division Karley Mills, with 190 took first in the 12 to 14-year-old girls division followed by Leta Brown with 194, Dawn Baxter was third with 196, Jennifer Briggs fourth with 200, and Heather Miller, seventh with 216.

With four participants in the Pee Wee girls division, Darcy Cruikshank took first with 117, Amy Leer was second with 144, Sarah Charles, was third with 149; and Lil' Fawn Suppah took fourth with 222.

## Memorial play has seven teams

The 1987 "Buff" Katchia Memorial mens baseball tournament was held September 5-7 in Warm Springs. The tournament consisted of four teams, two from Warm Springs, a team from Oakville, and one from Nisqually.

The places went as follows: Third place was awarded to Nisqually, Washington, second place, awarded to Warm Springs J.V. and the Oakville, Washington team took the championship title of the Memorial tournament.

All-stars were as follows: from Nisqually, three McCloud brothers, from Warm Springs J.V. Tray Leonard, Donnie Bagley and Fox

Leonard, from the Wolfpoint (Warm Springs) team all-stars were Chet VanPelt, and Ray Shike, Jr., and from Oakville, all-stars were Tony Youckton, Ray Seneca, Joe Sanders and Bill Seneca.

The M.V.P. was awarded to Ray Seneca of Oakville, Washington and Sportsmanship was awarded to Nisqually, Washington.

The 1987 Lady's Wildcats Open Fastpitch softball tournament was held in conjunction with the men's tournament. There were only three teams participating in the womens tournament, two Warm Springs teams and a team from Nisqually.

The places were as follows: third

place went to Nisqually, second place went to Warm Springs (Uren Leonard's team) and the 1987 champions were the Lady Wildcats (the host team).

All-stars were as follows: for Nisqually, Lisa Smith, Lisa McCloud and Linda McCloud received all-stars. For Warm Springs, Christel Leonard, Angie Namenuk and June Smith received all-stars. For the Lady Wildcats, all-stars were Tonya Mitchell, Maria Minthorn, Julie Mitchell and Colleen Smith.

M.V.P. was awarded to Libby Chase of the Lady Wildcats and Nisqually received the sportsmanship award.

## Unfinished Seasons—Part II

### Indians face additional hurdles

The problems are unique, Indian athletes find life tough off reservation

by Dave Trimmer of The Gazette Staff

Pete Conway wasn't always the outstanding basketball player fans remember from the 1974-75 season when he became an All-America at Eastern Montana College.

"I did not go to college to play basketball," Conway recalled. "I played one year in high school and wasn't any good, so I wasn't recruited. I worked dam hard at developing my ability and skills to compete on the college level."

In that regard, Conway is different than many other Indians in Montana—they are outstanding basketball players when they graduate from high school. They just don't go to college. Or, if they do, they don't stick it out.

Conway, a Blackfeet Indian from Browning who works for the Indian Health Service in Billings said there was no work on the reservation so he thought he would try school. He attended Western Montana College before transferring and playing three years at EMC. In his opinion, Indians face three obstacles when they consider attending college:

\*Education is not a priority to the Indian population and is not stressed in most families, meaning they are not pushed or prepared to succeed at school.

\*Lack of funds, especially with unemployment on some reservations reaching 80 percent;

\*And problems of adjusting when leaving the reservation for an urban setting. Suddenly the Indian is a minority.

But those are problems Indians in general—and some whites—face. For the athlete, there is more. While trying to make the adjustment to college life, an athlete has almost fulltime responsibilities to the team.

"I do believe, in the case of most athletes, education is not a high priority," Conway said. "When they

encounter problems in their athletic career, there is nothing to keep them in school."

Don Wetzel, now the superintendent at Corvallis coached Browning to the Class A state championship in 1980. Wetzel was a member of Cut Bank's 1966 Class B state champion before going to play basketball at the University of Montana.

"I've had kids go on and play, but they very seldom go back to the reservation," Wetzel said.

Therein lies another barrier. What few role models there are aren't really visible. Lewiston coach Lynn McMillan, formerly the coach at Plenty Coups High School, said, "The reservation students do not have many good role models. Very few reservation Indians have made it off the reservation and have then returned to serve as a good role model. Schools like Plenty Coups need to have students return to the system to show the students, 'Hey, I made it and you can too!'"

Luke Spotted Bear wanted to be that role model. He graduated from Plenty Coups in 1981 and in 1986 became the first PCHS student to graduate from a four-year college. He has used his two years at Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas and Mary College in Bismarck, North Dakota, to become a teacher/coach at St. Labre High School in Ashland.

"I went to college to earn a degree in teaching and coaching, learn to better myself in the area of education, to earn a respectable place in society as a role model for the younger generation, and to be able to compete in basketball on the college level," Spotted Bear said.

Spotted Bear had a very successful college career but he said it was still hard to leave his family, friends and home area.

McMillan, who coached Plenty Coups to state titles in 1983 and 1981, when Spotted Bear was the

most valuable player, said, "He beat the odds but he had several advantages. He was raised by a very stable family unit; both parents worked on the reservation and neither had a problem with alcohol. He does not have the bilingual problem. He understands Crow but does not speak it as a first language. In addition, he is a very good basketball player."

Current PCHS coach Dell Fritzier said that while Spotted Bear had the support and strength to leave, few others receive that boost for selfish but probably subconscious reasons.

"One of the main problems, I feel, is the importance that the community puts on basketball," Fritzier said. "Basketball is one of the few areas that Indians have been able to compete with their white counterparts and do very well."

That puts the star players on a pedestal and under tremendous amounts of pressure, Fritzier said. They are worshipped by young and old alike and treated special even by parents, who in turn receive special treatment from the fans.

"When the star graduates, it is all over," Fritzier said. "He loses the star status and next year's team has the new stars...Then, when they go away to college, they aren't special anymore."

He points out that college teams have players as good or better at every position so the reservation star has to spend time on the bench. And in practice, a demanding college coach won't treat the bench-warming freshman as a star. If the former star balks, the coach simply says, "I have other players that can fill your shoes now and if I don't, I'll recruit one for next year."

Fritzier said that sends the Indian home for support and he won't be criticized for not making it in college because, after all, hardly anyone else has made it either.



The Good Bye Girls participated in the August 15, 168-mile Hood to Coast Run. The 11-member team completed the run in 28½ hours. Team members, from left to right, were Rosalind Charley Sampson, Norene Greene, Val Squiemphen, Becky Solis, Karen Sahmaunt, Kristina Sampson, Sandra Greene, Sally Craig, Becky Quinn, Gladys Squiemphen, Lisa Kaber, Iris Quam, Sue Bastian, Vickie Moore and Shirley Ireland.

## Wasco County Fair enjoyed by many

With the grand entry at a rodeo that kicks off the rodeo performance for the day is where all contestants serpentine into the rodeo arena horse back. In the background, drum beats can be heard as a float of Native American Indians make their way past the grand stand all decked out in Indian regalia, a colorful site. Following on horseback, the Indian princess and her court.

At the Tygh Valley rodeo during the Wasco County Fair the Stars and Stripes were honored as Diane Bain circled the arena carrying the "Greatest Flat" in the World, the stars and stripes. As the words to the song echo in your mind of, "It's Great to be an American," makes us realize how lucky we are to be able to choose the activity we want, and enjoy ourselves and the way we please here in the United States.

Everyone and the stock was ready to give their best shot in front of a

packed house at the Wasco County Fair grounds with the Sombrero Stock out of Sisters, Oregon, providing the wild and woolly action. The top cowboys were on hand from local talent throughout the Northwest also showing the home town fans they had guts to enter the rough sport. There were some contestants making their first appearance in a rodeo of this caliber, while others are in the standings of the Northwest Rodeo Circuit.

What a way to make the scene. "Buckwheat Scott" climbed aboard Sombrero's might bull called "Satin". A big bull that's hardly ever been ridden the required eight seconds and when a cowboy is bucked off, Satin usually goes after them. Well, Buckwheat made a good attempt and stayed aboard four or five jumps and that's all she wrote. Raymond Hurtado who follows the circuit had his hands full of one of those tough bulls. Ray-

mond Smith making his debut in bull riding had his hand hung up in the rope and dangled along side the bull for a while. He came loose and luckily there was no serious injury.

What would the Wasco County Fair be without the horse races provided by several local horse owners. That little track is pretty dangerous for some of those high spirited horses. Those turns come pretty fast and are sharp especially if a horse is used to running on a larger track.

People running horses at the fair were Vernon Spino, Ricky Graybael, Lester Poitra, LeRoy Scott, Toba Scott, Cliff Pamperine and Bill Nichols. A total of four races per performance provided plenty of action on the track for the spectators. Gordon Scott made the best of things on Sat. night by winning the wild cow milking, Calgary style. Several local entries were in the wild horse race in the likes of Hobo Patt, Chuckie Smith, Jason Smith, Buck Smith and the Spino teams were all entered in the wild event.

Local girls made their run in the barrel race as Alfredine Smith, Yvonne Washington, Jodel and Shanna Johnson were on the Saturday night program. Laura Miller came in third in the girls 16 and under barrel racing during the Saturday afternoon show even though she knocked over a barrel during the run.

The arena was action packed during the rodeo performance even though many participants went to the State Fair in Salem, but to those who stayed for the Wasco Co. fair had a great time.

### Madras Senior High School 1987-88 Varsity Football Schedule

DAY & DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Fri. 9/11	Hood River	Home	7:30
Fri. 9/18	Crook County	Away	7:30
Fri. 9/25	*Mac Hi	Home	7:30
Fri. 10/2	Bye		
Fri. 10/9	*Ontario	Away	7:30
Fri. 10/16	#Nyssa	Home	7:30
Fri. 10/23	*Burns	Away	7:30
Fri. 10/30	*Vale	Away	7:30
Fri. 11/6	*Baker	Home	7:30

\*—Denotes league game  
#—Denotes homecoming