

Spilyay Tymoo Sports



Justin Tom using "lass" rope to snare rewarding professional future

Team roping and rodeo events are a way of life for young Justin Tom, a 16-year-old junior at Madras High School and Warm Springs tribal member. He carries on the family tradition of rodeo life that began with his great-grandfather and grandmother, his aunts and uncles. He is currently a member of the Oregon State High School Rodeo Association, the US Team Roping Association and the Western States Indian

Rodeo Association.

Justin has lived and breathed rodeo life since birth. He was given a rope and his first Stetson hat by his uncle Matthew Wewa on his second Christmas and has since striven to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a cowboy.

Justin did not, however, follow the footsteps of his dad, Lee Tom, who was once an all Indian Champion Saddle Bronc Rider (now a con-

verted team roper). Throughout Justin's lifetime he was competed in PeeWee and Junior rodeos, competing in all events and winning many buckles, trophies and all-around saddles. When Justin turned about 10, he discovered the things he could do with a lass rope and was immediately hooked. In the years since then, it is very rare that you do not see Justin with a rope in his hand.

In the last three years, Justin has

excelled in the sport of team roping. He has qualified for the High School State Finals all three years of high school and from there to the Silver State

Family commitment, hard work and personal dedication have resulted in success

Internationals. To date this year, Justin and his partner, Joe Painter, of Seaside, Oregon, are the number one contenders for the State Team Roping Championship. Winning first place in his home town rodeo recently in Redmond has given them a pretty good edge, however, there are still three rodeos left. With the lead they presently hold, the families are anticipating and starting to prepare for the trip to Gillette, Wyoming for the National High School Rodeo Finals. In making it this far, Justin and Joe have won the Condon, Eugene and Redmond High School rodeos and placed pretty consistently at the rest.

High school rodeo has given Justin a reason to strive toward keeping his grades up and making it through school on a positive note. A passing grade point average is required of all high school rodeo participants. Grades are reported every quarter to rodeo organization officials.

Outside of high school rodeo, Justin and his dad have been on a roping frenzy since January. Justin has cleaned up at just about every roping held in the state this winter. In January, he won the high money award at the New Year's Day, Lucky 7 Roping in Prineville and has been on a roll since. He's won the Madras Winter Series high money in both the 11 and 9 divisions and the calf rop-

ing; the Olsen Petty John Winter Series, overall high money winner and series Calf Roping Champion; the high money winner at the Meridee

Wampler Memorial Roping; the high money winner at the Patrick-Hull Winter Se-

ries Roping and placed second in the #11 roping with his partner Dusty Bravos at the prestigious Mike Beers, Oregon USTRC Qualifier in Rufus, Oregon, qualifying him to attend the USTRC Championships in Guthrie, Oklahoma in October. As prizes for his winnings, Justin has received three saddles, six jackets, two diamond rings, four horse blankets, three buckles, a rope bag and some horse feed, not to mention about \$8,000 since the first of the year.

Since Justin decided that saddle bronc riding didn't appeal to him, he has converted his dad to team roping. They have been competing together as a team since Lee quit riding broncs and are finally getting in sync with each other. They have won quite a few jackpot team ropings together recently, adding another \$4,000 to the bank.

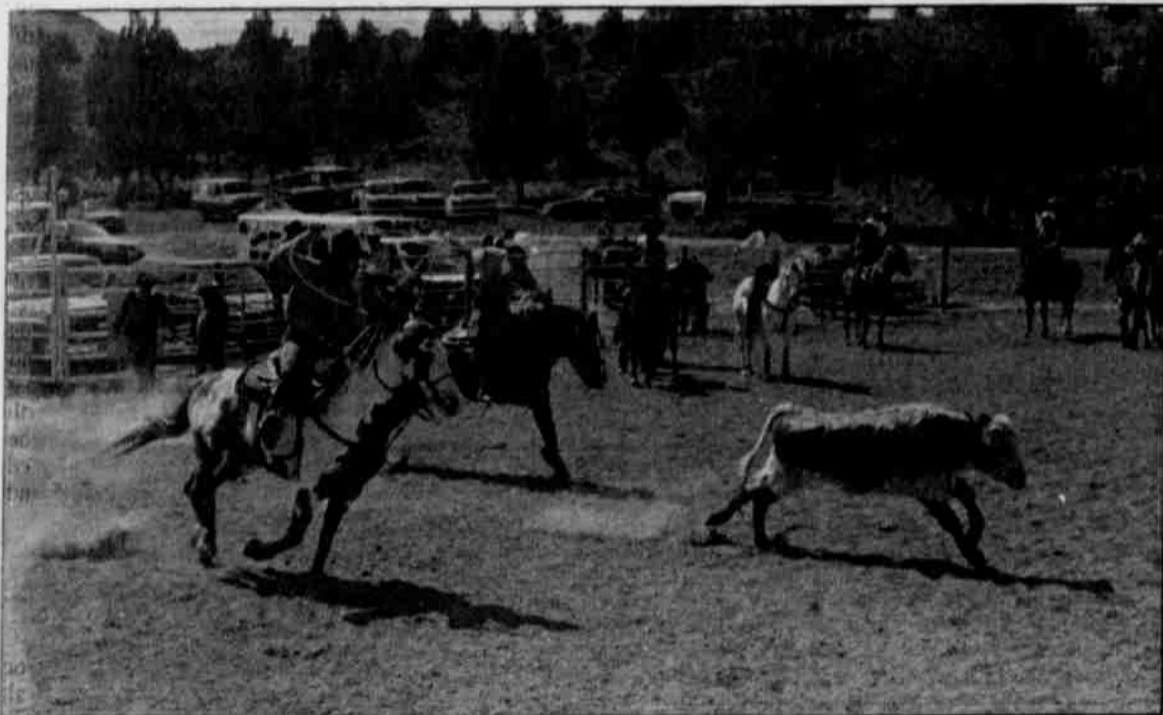
Justin has set some very high goals for himself in the sport of rodeo/team roping, among them to rope in the pro ranks and to one day be a world champion. In working toward his goals, as in any sport, practice is important. Justin spends about 50 percent of his waking hours either roping his "dummy" practicing, or in competition. One of his daily rituals, rain or shine, is to rope the dummy 100 straight times without missing.

If he misses he starts over; sometime he's at it for an hour, others, for several hours straight.

Because of Justin's commitment to his sport he is completely supported by his parents, Lee and Cheryl. Doing the high school rodeo circuit and trying to hit all the ropings can get pretty expensive, but the family always seems to find some way to make ends meet. The Toms wouldn't change their schedules and hectic lifestyle for anything. Rodeo is a good sport, with good people around all the time. Rodeo people have good values and are dedicated to their animals, families and the sport itself. Sometimes, Cheryl gets burned out on the traveling and stays home, but the family strives to make it a family-oriented thing. Justin is teaching his 10-year-old sister Liana to rope so he'll have a partner in the mixed ropings and someone with whom to practice.

Justin has much respect for the many people who have encouraged and helped him out. His Grandpa, Jazzy Wewa, has always encouraged him to shoot high, "don't mess around, hit the big shows and stay away from the women." Many family members and friends travel to the rodeos to watch and support him. Cheryl says, "I can't remember too many rodeos or ropings in which we don't see Sherman Holliday. It's a good feeling when you know that people are pulling for you and are proud of what you do."

The State finals will be held in Prineville June 15-18. Justin would like to invite everyone to come to the rodeo in support of all the students involved.

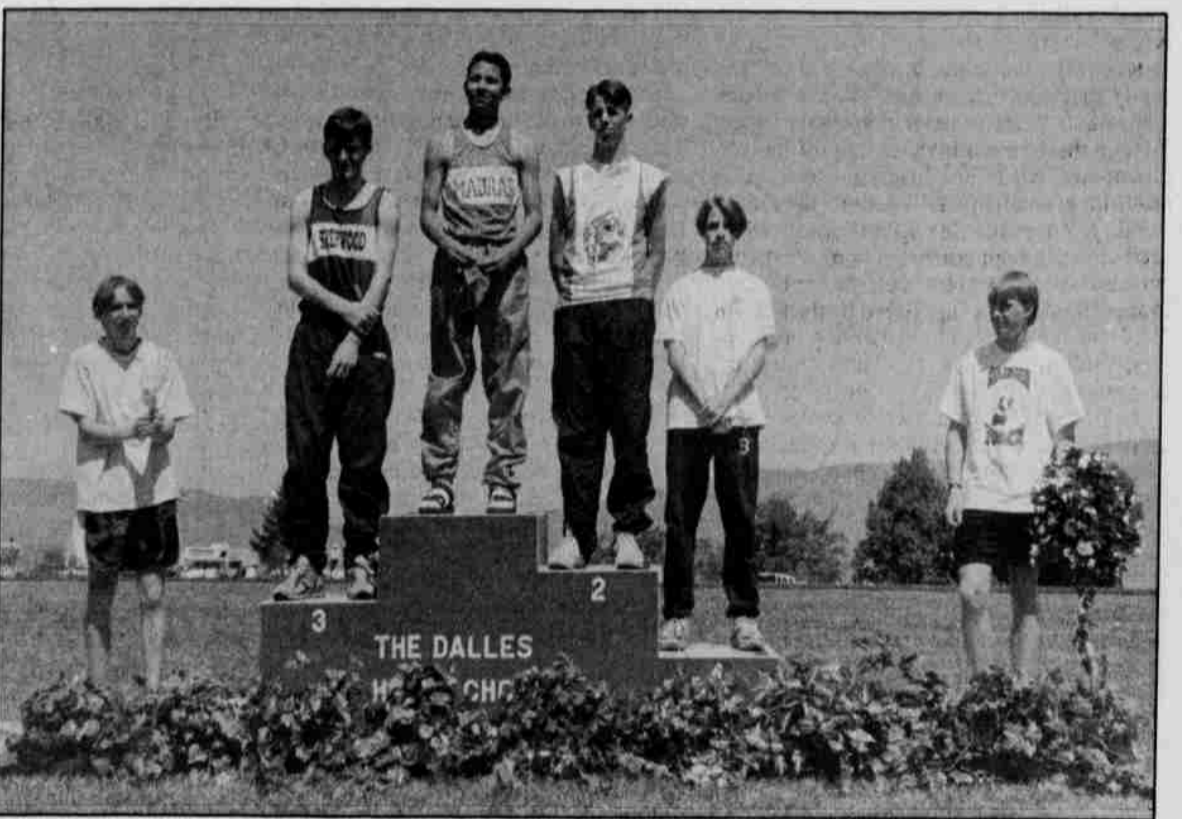


Justin Tom's winning form, dedication and hard work have earned him respect in the world of high school rodeo.

Kalama Family Reunion Raffle fundraiser
 1964 Ford pick up 1/2 ton, 4 spd., 292 motor 3 day, 2 night trip for two at Reno, NV Golf for two at Kahneeta (18 holes each), Hawaiian & Indian items among other prizes!!
 The reunion will be held at the 1995 Kalama Community Fair at Kalama, WA July 14, 15, 16, 1995
 Drawing will be held on Sunday, July 16 Tickets on sale now! \$1 each.
 Need not be present to win!
 Good luck to all & thank you.
The following people are selling tickets:
 William Moses, Jackie Kalama, Danny Martinez, Bridget Kalama-Culpus, Dorothy Shadley, Edna Gonzales & Merle Thompson, Warm Springs, OR Jessie Hill Yakama, WA, Sue Kalama, Quinault, WA
 Carmen "Bootsi" Kalama, Nisqually, WA

Root Feast Rodeo results
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Calf Roping: 1) Charlie Brown 11.35 2) Curtis Baney 12.44 3) Jason Howard 14.47 4) Rick Hall 15.32
Breakaway Roping: 1) Lana Green 13.34
Steer Wrestling: 1) Clint Bruisedhead 4.14 2) Sam Willis 4.37 3) Aaron Russell 5.69
Bareback: 1) Dean Adcock 61 2) Bobby Mote 60 3) Ground split
Saddle Bronc: 1) Rance Morgan 77 2) Marty Campbell 75 3) Daniel Alires 63 4) Wayne Nino 59
Jr. Barrels: 1) Una Johnson 19.215 2) Lianna Tom 19.574 3) Erica Wewa 30.153
Sr. Barrels: 1) Rosie Gallaher 16.874 2) Julie Bennett 16.966 3) Reggie Lee 17.230 4) Lori Gallagher 17.615
Bull Riding: 1) Nick Alexander 64 2) Ed Herman 63 3) Ground split
Cow Milking: 1) Clint Bruisedhead 25.36 2) Mark Valdez 55.70 3) Delford Johnson 1.25.00 4) ground split
Team Roping: 1) Justin Tom & Joe Painter 7.08 2) Tracy Hannon & Jay Kubler 7.76 3) Lee Tom & Justin Tom 7.77 4) Tom Flenniken & Jay Kubler 7.78 5) Jim Glaspie & Lee Tom 8.06 6) Tim Sappington & Tracy Hannon 9.65

Good luck at State MHS Track Team



Tim Williams, center, was victorious in the 3,000 at the District Track meet in The Dalles last weekend. The win will take him to the State Meet this weekend at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon Campus in Eugene. Also attending the State Meet will be Darci Behrend, Brooke Alexander, Tama Langnese, Katie Christensen, Erica Christensen, Chris Carpenter and Jason Couch. The 4A and 3A meets begins Friday and concludes Saturday.

15th Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Run scheduled for June 24

Registration Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State: _____ zip: _____

Age: _____ Sex (M/F): _____ Please Check One: 2.5 Mile _____ 10K _____
 Please indicate T-shirt size: X-large _____ Large _____ Medium _____ Small _____

Waiver Form

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I waive and release any and all claims against the Warm Springs Reservation Runners and the Pi-Ume-Sha Committee and any other participating sponsors or directors for all claims of damages what so ever in any manner arising or resulting from my participation in this race. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved, that I will assume and pay my own medical/emergency expenses, in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity and that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this race.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Parent signature, if under 18 years: _____

The Warm Springs Reservation Runners are holding their 15th Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Run, 10K and 2.0 mile run, Saturday, June 24, 1995, at 8:00 a.m. starting and ending at the Warm Springs Community Center.

It is a flat course, out and back. Water stations will be located throughout the course.

Entry fee is \$10 pre-registered, \$12 day of the race, no T-shirt and club members \$7.

There are male and female divisions in age groups as follows: Under 10, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, and 60 & over. Overall male and female winners will receive awards. First through third place male and female finishers in each division will receive ribbons.

Registration will open at approximately 6:45 a.m. on the day of the race and will close at 7:45 a.m.

Mail-in entries can be sent to the Warm Springs Reservation Runners, P.O. Box 1140, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761. Make money orders payable to the Warm Springs Reservation Runners.

Quenching a thirst the hard way

Getting a drink of fresh water was a real challenge (and game) for this mutt one spring morning recently.