

Pendleton, Oregon championship team

The Northend Express Tournament challenged eleven teams to vie for the championship title January 26-28, 2001 at the Community Wellness Center in Warm Springs. Pendleton, Oregon, coached by Alan Crawford and Kanim Smith, Sr., won the tournament. They were undefeated, sitting in the hot seat, until United Tribes of Lapwai, came through the back door to beat them, giving them their first loss. That put them both in the running for championship.

Pendleton, Oregon was awarded championship jackets, United Tribes was awarded Runnerup sweatshirts, Black Bear Nations of Goldendale, Washington, coached by JR Aleck, was awarded 3rd Place sweatshirts, and Warm Springs Blackhawks, coached by Sam Kentura received 4th place T-shirts.

Eight players in the tournament were named All-Stars, they were:

Kamiakin Wheeler, Black Bear Nations
Tom Adams, Warm Springs Blackhawks
Leland Dick, Black Bear Nations
Michael Jackson, Warm Springs Blackhawks
Dave Cunningham, United Tribes
Ryan Sams, Pendleton, Oregon
Jackson Yearout, United Tribes

K.C. Pickard, Pendleton, Oregon

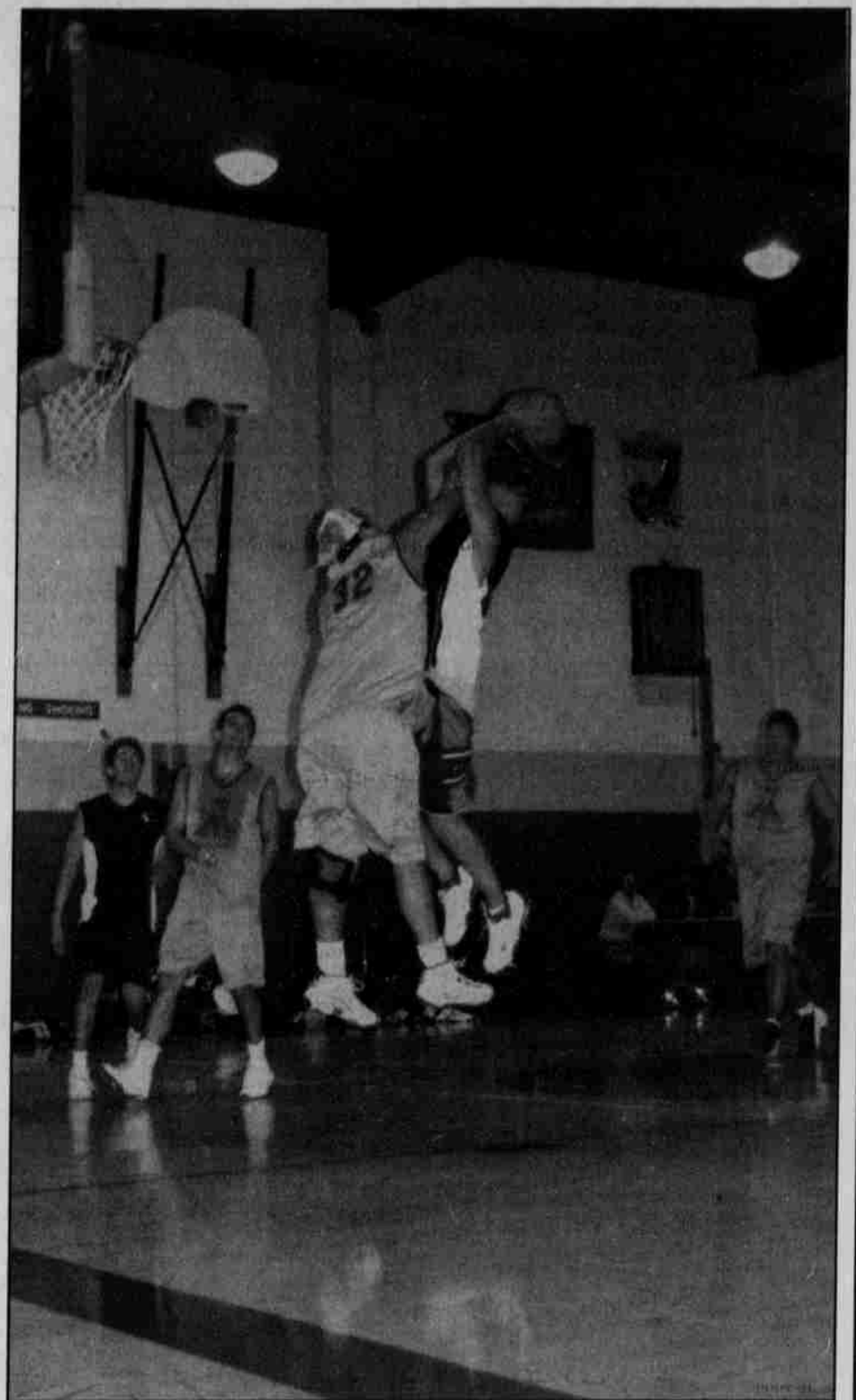
Other teams participating in the tournament were: Silver Bullets, of Warm Springs, OR; Eagle Spirits, of Warm Springs, OR; Chiloquin, OR; Blacklodge, of White Swan, WA; Above the Rim, of Warm Springs, OR; Columbia River Chinooks, of Warm Springs, OR; and the host team North End Express, of Warm Springs, OR.

The tournament director would like to thank all of his volunteer staff, referees, teams that participated, and of course the loyal fans who made it down to watch this tournament.

A successful tournament begins with the backbone of volunteers, willing to give time to make an event as successful as possible. This includes the cooks, the admissions gate, and scorebook and clock keepers.

Many of the tournaments scheduled need a support team like this, to be successful, I applaud all other tournament volunteers, as well as my own for a job well done.

See you again at the Cougars Youth Co-Ed Tournament scheduled for February 23-25, 2001. Interested teams (8th grade/6th grade Open Co-Ed) please contact Austin Greene at 553-1953 or 553-3243.



Pendleton team with their new wool championship jackets (left). Lapwai plays defense in tournament action (above).

Upcoming Basketball Tournaments announced

The Warm Springs Cougars youth basketball invites you to attend the eighth-grade and sixth-grade and under open co-ed basketball tournament scheduled for Feb. 23-25 at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center. There will be eight teams in both divisions; entry fee is \$75 for the sixth-grade division, \$125 for the eighth-grade division, payable by Feb. 16. Awards include champions through fourth-place, Miss/Mr. Most Valuable Player, Miss/Mr. Hustle and an all-tourney team. Participation shirts will be given to non-placing teams. For information call Austin Greene at 553-3243 (work) or 553-1953 (home).

The 9th Annual Cougars All-Indian High School Basketball Tournament will be held March 16-18 at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center and Madras High School. This will be a 12-team boys and 8-team girls tournament. Entry deadline is March 9 and the fee will be \$175 for boys and \$150 for girls teams. Fees will increase by \$25 after the deadline. Championship leather-sleeved and jackets and solid wool jackets will be on hand for the boys and girls respectively. Last year's tournament held 16 boys teams from California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The tournament anticipates new teams in from the surrounding states. Early interests include South Dakota and Nevada for this tourney. For information call Austin Greene at 553-3243 (work) or 553-1953 (home).

The 19th Annual Kah-Nee-Ta Mini-Marathon will be held April 14.

The 14.5-mile run will begin at 9 a.m., with 10-kilometer run, 3-mile run and 1-mile run/walk to begin at 10 a.m. The shuttle bus to Simnasho for the 14.5-mile start will leave Kah-Nee-Ta at 8:30 a.m.

All runs will be on blacktop pavement with terrain ranging from flat to rolling hills.

Medals will be given to the top three places in all age divisions for both male and female runners.

Pre-registration cost is \$12, and includes a race T-shirt; it goes up to \$14 day of race. Cost without a T-shirt is \$8.

Information: Community Wellness Center, 2200 Hollywood Blvd., Warm Springs 97761, (541) 553-3244, fax 553-1361.

Buffalo girls defeat Estacada

The Madras High School girls' basketball team defeated the Estacada girls team here in Madras by the score of 55-38, in conference play. This win, averages the only loss of league-play so far this year. Earlier in the season the Estacada Lady Rangers beat the Buffets in a close game on their floor.

At the present time the Buffets are rated No. 2, in the state and are on top of the league. Their next outing, they will travel to face the Wilsonville Wildcats, who at the present time are rated in the No. 3, spot right behind the Buffs in state rankings.

The first quarter was very close as either team could get any kind of drive going. At the end of the quarter the score was 10-6, in favor of the Buff gals.

Junior guard Nicole Main put a lot of pressure on the Ranger girls with her driving moves to the basket and scored 22 points for the game. Nicole was tough on defense also causing a lot of turnovers that the Buff gals capitalized on piling up the points on fast breaks.

CeCe Polk, also had her hand

in the pie, as she also scored a total of 22 points, to share top scoring honors with Nicole Main. CeCe popped in 5, three pointers for the game. She also had a hand in the defense making steals, blocking passes all evening long.

Tiffany Sperry, was tough under the back boards pulling down her share of the rebounds and had a good all around play for the game.

The whole team did a great job with the visiting Ranger Gals from Estacada.

The first half it was a close game as the score was 29-26, after two quarters of play. (All stats are unofficial at this point). In the second half the Buff Gals tightened up their defense and only allowed the Estacada girls to score only 12 points in the second half. While on the other hand the Buffs scored 26 points to pull away from the Lady Rangers to get the win.

The next outing for the Buffalo girls, they will travel to Wilsonville, on Thursday the 8th, which will be a big test for them as the Wildcats are rated No. 3, in the state just behind the Buffaloes.

Zone 6 winter fishing season announced January 25 by compact states

On January 25, 2001 the Compact states of Oregon and Washington adopted the following Zone 6 treaty Indian commercial fishing periods for the winter season:

6:00 a.m. on February 1 to 4:00 p.m. March 21 (no Sunday closures)

Area: Zone 6 (Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day Pools)
Restrictions: No mesh restriction will be in effect. All river mouth and dam sanctuaries remain in effect, except that there will be no sanctuary at Spring Creek Hatchery.

Allowable Sales: The allowed sales during the above winter gillnet season will be carp, Chinook, coho, shad, steelhead, sturgeon, and wall-eye.

Commercial Sturgeon size limit: Sturgeon between 4 feet and 5 feet in length may be sold commercially.

Subsistence Sturgeon Harvest: Sturgeon between 4 feet and 5 feet in length may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Sturgeon setline fishery: The January treaty Indian commercial setline fishery has closed as scheduled January 31. The sturgeon setline fishery may be re-opened at a later date if the sturgeon commercial catch guidelines are not exceeded in the winter season fishery.

Sturgeon catch guidelines: The sturgeon catch guidelines are 1,300

in Bonneville Pool, 1,100 in The Dalles Pool, and 1,160 in John Day Pool.

Scaffold fishery: The scaffold fishery remains open year-around. Scaffold catch may be sold during open commercial fishing periods.

If you have any fishing enforcement problems or need assistance or information, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office, 4270 Westcliff Drive, Hood River, OR. Phone: (541) 386-6363 or toll-free (800) 487-FISH (3474). Please consult your tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee for additional details on tribal regulations. Please wear your life jackets for safety.

Native American Baseball recruiting teens for upcoming Jr. Olympics

Native American Baseball is recruiting 14-18 year-old Native American Baseball players for the upcoming 2001 USA Junior Olympic Baseball Championships in Tucson, AZ, from June 22-30, 2001. The tournament will consist of 64 teams from across the United States of America. If interested please contact Dinah Benally at (503) 613-7590 or (503) 513-7849.

Go Buffs!!!

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Chosen as Host for Indian Nations Attending Winter Olympics

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have accepted an offer from the Native American 2002 Foundation to host all Indian Nations during the XIX Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in February 2002.

The Shoshone-Bannock Official Tribal Host Committee, a group of local volunteers, is seeking people throughout the United States for subcommittees on education, information, marketing of arts and foods, performances, housing and transportation. Interested parties should contact Garth Towersap, Chairman at 208-478-3936 or 888-297-1378. Mail should be addressed to: Shoshone-Bannock Official Tribe Host Committee, P. O. Box 306, Fort Hall, Idaho 83203-0306.