



The take-off was full of energetic youth as they compete in either the one-mile, three-mile, or 10K, during the annual mini-marathon held at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino. See results in the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo.

Boxers compete in Jr. Olympic tourney

By Austin Smith
Boxing Coach

On April 17 and 18 the Warm Springs boxers competed in the Oregon State Junior Olympic Boxing Tournament which was held at the Westside Elementary School in Madras. On Saturday we had two of our boxers go into championship matches.

At the 15-16 year old, 125-pound division, Jasper Smith vs. Domingo Zamudio from Tacoma. Jasper lost, but he had Zamudio on one knee at the center of the ring praying during the announcement of who the winner would be. It was a good fight for both boxers.

Trever Teweec was our other man up. He also went up against a Tacoma boxer. Jamarius Butler vs. Trever Teweec, the match was close the first two rounds, but in the third round it looked as though Butler used up all his gas, so Trever walked in for the victory.

Leander Smith was unopposed champion at 101-pound, but we got him a match bout with Antonio Martinez from the Westside PAL boxing club at

the 11-12 year olds 100-pound weight class. Leander took it to him and made all the hard gym workouts work for him and a winner he was.

At 14-15 year olds and 125 pounds: Wesley Graybael vs. Marquise Weston from Tacoma Boys and Girls Club. Wesley had it in him, but it wasn't until round three that he let it all out and Marquise had nothing to come back with, so the victory was ours.

On Sunday we had two more match bouts and we won both of them. First we saw Leander Smith out box another Beaverton PAL boxer to collect another victory for the Rez.

Wesley G. also boxed another Tacoma boxer at the 125-pound weight class and scored with many jabs to defeat the game young Tacoma club fighter. It was a good show and we are thankful that our boxing club from Central Oregon hosted such a clean event.

The boxers we mentioned from our club have advanced to the regional level of the Junior Olympic box offs. The Junior Olympic Regional Boxing Tournament will be held in the city of Pasco,

Wash., on May 15.

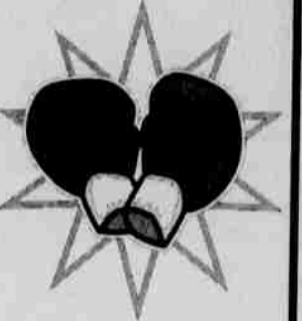
We'll be traveling there and if we win we'll advance to the national level at Lexington, Texas, and that will be sometime this summer. We don't have a full bracket on our boxing team, but it would be nice to have a couple of larger boxers. The age limits for USA Boxing is from 8 years to 36 years old. Boxing is a year round season non-stop event. Try it, you might like it and if you don't the first time, you can always come back. It's all up to the individual....Boxing?

Native Boxing Day presents

The Battle on the Rez 2004

Saturday, May 8, 6 p.m. at
The Warm Springs Community Center.
Admission is \$5.

Come and support your local youth when they put on the gloves against someone of their own age, weight, experience, and against the drugs and alcohol of our community. This will be a benefit fundraiser for the Native American high school graduates of 2004.



The event is sanctioned by the USA Oregon Amateur Boxing Commission.

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W.S. boxing club travels to Burns

On Saturday, April 24 the Warm Springs Nation Boxing Club traveled to Burns. At the Old Camp Casino is where we found the ring all set and ready to go. (What a nice boxing ring they have.) Anyway, we intended on having two or our boxers see action, but for some reason the boxer from Blackfeet, Idaho didn't make the weigh-in's and that was a let down for Trever Teweec, who himself weighed in at 151 pounds. There is more action up ahead remember? Anyway, we did see our 101 pound, 12-13 year Leander Smith go in wearing his Warm Springs Community Center Boxing shirt. I feel good when I see these young boxers in where the big fish are and knowing they're Native and pride in their name.

Leander Smith vs. Alex Lopez from the Vista Boxing Club of Boise, Idaho. Non-stop action by Leander, even though Lopez was four inches taller and had a reach advantage, the motion to win was in the working feet of Leander. However, you must make the tools you were born with work for you and thank yourself for being compatible. Keep up the good work boxers, in school and

out or whatever you're doing do it right.

I like the Old Camp Casino. After the weigh-in we went to their café and downed some hamburgers. It was a good trip, there were two boxing clubs from Forthall, Idaho and another one from Klamath Falls. They had another Rez Boxer there who fought his first match ever as the heavy weight. He and one of the Central Oregon boxers put a darn good fight on. It was a good show, two big fellas going toe to toe. It was 11 match bouts at \$10 a seat to watch, a fair price for live entertainment.

Warm Springs, thank you for being our home. Our next match will be right here at home, so come down to the Community Center on May the 8th and watch the boxing show. Starts at 6 p.m., you'll see a lot of good action. Drive with care and keep your grades up. It's important that you do.

Can, bottle drive to help basketball team

A fundraiser for the Simnasho girls high school basketball team is this Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1. Funds will be raised through a bottle and can drive.

The goal of the event is to raise funds so the team can attend the high school basketball tournament in Reno, Nev., on May 7-9.

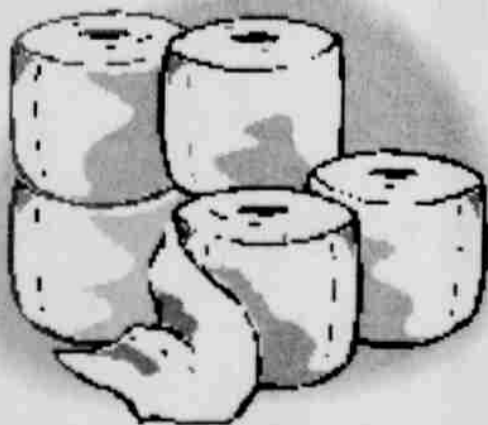
Please drop off your donated cans at the Warm Springs Police Department, or the Warm Springs Community Center. If not, wait for us at your door.

Please contact Jaylynn Suppah (553-6134) or Raylene Thomas (553-1242) or Laritta Greene (553-1953) for pickup of donated cans and bottles. Any and all support is greatly appreciated.

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