



The 14-year-old boys basketball team from Warm Springs won jackets and plaques after winning the B.A.A.D. Tournament in Mission March 23-24. (See story below.) The team includes (from left) Titus Kalama, Coach Foster Kalama, Simeon Kalama, Davis Sohapp, Richard Harrington, Arthur Mitchell, LaRon Katchia, Lawrence Shike, Jr., Albert Kalama, Jr., Robert Main, Jr., Sean Harrington, and Chance Squiemphen. Not pictured is assistant coach Albert Charlie.



Another Warm Springs team Foster Kalama coached won the Eighth Grade Tournament at LaPine High School earlier March 3-4. That team included, front row, from left, Shike, Mitchell, Albert Kalama, Jr., Tanner Yallup, Emerson Culpus, Jr., (back row, from left) Foster Kalama, Terrance Wolf, Katchia, Stephon Sutterlee, Victor Switzler, Jr., Stanley Simtustus, Jr., and assistant coach Simeon Simtustus.

## Teams win at tourneys

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With balanced scoring and a collective heart of sportsmanship, a team of 14-year-olds from Warm Springs, with interchanging members, won two junior-high-age boys basketball tournaments in March.

The Warm Springs team, coached by Foster Kalama and featuring four players who played in both tournaments, won its age group at the LaPine Tournament, March 4-5, and then won its age division of the B.A.A.D. (Basketball Against Alcohol and Drugs) Tournament at Nixyaawii School on the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Mission March 23-24.

The team won three games at each of the eight-team tournaments, and both times, it managed to win the tournament championship by winning close games.

In the LaPine Tournament, the Warm Springs team won by six points over a Bend-area team in overtime. Warm Springs won despite having three players foul out, but, Kalama said, it allowed three fresh players off the bench to come in and make up for the starters' absence.

"A lot of people shook my hand and said this was a team to beat," he said. "One of the guys on their team had to get his hair cut. They thought a win was in the bag."

Last year, a team from Warm Springs, with a different set of players but coached by Kalama, finished second in the 14-year-old division at the LaPine Tournament.

At the B.A.A.D. Tournament, the Warm Springs team first met

a team from Simnasho in the first round and won, then beat a team from the Umatilla tribe by nearly 20 points.

Warm Springs met Omak, Wash., in the championship game. Kalama said Omak had a solid team and stayed ahead of his team through almost the entire game. Omak led by as many as 12 before Warm Springs started making a second-half comeback. Warm Springs never had the lead, though, until the very end.

"We had our last time out and we wanted to get the ball to Robert Main Jr., who we call 'Bug,'" Kalama said. "So with 4.5 seconds left, Simeon Kalama brought the ball into Albert, who passed it to Bug. Bug jumped way up in the air and he hit a three-pointer and we won by one point."

Main was named Most Valuable Player for that tournament, and three of Warm Springs' posts, LaRon Katchia, Chance Squiemphen, and Richard Harrington, earned gym bags as All-Tournament selections, in addition to the plaques and jackets they earned for winning the tournament.

They had won medals at the LaPine Tournament.

Before the B.A.A.D. Tournament, the Warm Springs team went through a class on drugs and alcohol, and the players each received T-shirts.

"Both teams were really great," said Kalama, a resource officer at Madras High School. "They got the opportunity to talk about drugs and alcohol, and got something out of the tournament other than basketball."

The B.A.A.D. Tournament was also special for Kalama,

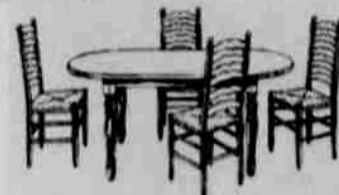
personally, as he had the opportunity to honor his mother, Edith, who recently passed away. "I put my championship plaque on my Mom's grave," he said.

Kalama said his team was as good off the court as on at both tournaments.

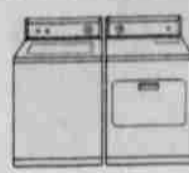
"There was really great sportsmanship on the part of the boys," he said. "They really worked hard at it."

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