

## Begay wrestles at Down Under Games

By Brian Mortensen  
Spilyay Tymoo

Blaine Begay's father started his travels when he was 18, performing traditional dances in Germany. And now Blaine Begay has started his own travels, having recently returned from Australia, where he participated in the Down Under Games in wrestling.

Begay, a senior at Madras High School, finished 4-4 in the two-day wrestling tournament in Surfer's Paradise, Queensland, Australia, July 12 and 14. International Sports Specialties, Inc., a company based in Utah, conducted the trip and tournament.

Begay qualified for the tournament by virtue of his two straight trips to the Class 3A state wrestling meet, and by raising nearly \$4,000. He said the tournament was great, but the experience of traveling abroad mattered most to him.

"It was a good experience, especially at my age," Begay, 17, said. "Nowadays, you don't get too many experiences like this.

I enjoyed it. Starting my travels as a young man is pretty good."

Begay's trip to Australia was from July 8 to 20. He first spent three days in Hawaii, where his team, the Oregon-Washington team, practiced and weighed-in for the tournament.

"They thought it would be a hassle to weigh-in in Australia," Begay said. He said the wrestlers would be more concerned with maintaining their weights if there were more weigh-ins, so the wrestlers' weights from that weigh-in in Hawaii were officially entered.

Begay wrestles at the heavyweight, or under-275 pounds, division. He weighed in at 252 pounds, and said that's his lowest weigh-in as a heavyweight wrestler.

After a day in Hawaii, Begay and the Oregon-Washington team flew into Sydney, Australia, July 11. After they landed in Sydney, the team boarded another plane to Brisbane, and from there, piled onto a bus that took the wrestlers to the Gold Coast.

The team stayed in a hotel one-quarter mile from the beach and about a 20-minute drive from the gym.

The tournament was run on three mats. Begay said he thought the tournament would be "way bigger," but with only eight teams competing, there was enough mat space for the individual tournament Tuesday and the team dual meets Thursday.

Begay, the Tri-Valley Conference heavyweight champion before going 0-2 at last season's state meet, went 2-2 in the individual tournament, beating challengers from New Zealand and Utah but losing to wrestlers from Pennsylvania and Utah. Cody DuPont, a wrestler from Lake Odessa, Mich., won the heavyweight division title.

As Begay did during his matches in the dual meets, the Oregon-Washington team also went 2-2, beating teams from host Australia and New Zealand.

Begay was one of only four wrestlers on his team from Oregon, as most of the team, even

the coach, Kevin McNulty, were from Washington.

"We had a good strong team," he said. "Three or four (of the team's wrestlers) placed. They had had some good wrestlers, strong wrestlers."

The wrestling days were long, starting at 8 a.m. and finally pulling out at almost 7 p.m.

"We were in the gym all day, 10 or 11 hours a day," he said.

In between the two days of competition, the wrestlers had a free day. Begay spent the day looking for gifts for his family. "I got to check out the town, and we went to a zoo."

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## Chief sponsoring memorial horse race

By Bill Rhoades  
For the Spilyay

Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath is sponsoring a memorial horse race in honor of Francis David at this year's Wasco County Fair. David died in an accident on the track at Tygh Valley in the 1950s.

The race is Sat., Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. The Chief and Kah-Nee-Ta Stables will donate \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place.

Chief Heath commented

that he wanted to sponsor the race because he realized over the years that his association with David as a young man helped shape him and make him into the person he is.

"We roomed together at boarding school," said Heath. "We weren't really good friends but we gave each other good information on the racetrack."

Heath said they would warn each other if the track had holes, had a muddy spot or was rocky.

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Youth rodeo action at the Huckleberry Feast at HeHe rodeo grounds.  
Sid Miller/Spilyay

### Fall sports gearing up

Madras High School sports practice begins Tuesday, Aug. 23. Students must be eligible prior to the first practice. For more information call 475-7265. Jefferson County Middle School sports orientation for parents is Friday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at the middle school commons. For fall athletes, grades 6-12, physical exams will be available this Friday, Aug. 19, at 4:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center. Call 553-1196 to schedule.

## Rodeo at The Dalles commemorates tribes, treaty

Greetings sir or madam, Let me introduce our organization. We are the Columbia River Indian Rodeo Association (CRIRA), which is a non-profit organization. This organization represents the Indian tribes that live in the states of Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho. Originally most of these tribes are from the Columbia River area. It has been 150 years since the signing of the Treaty of 1855, and the relocation of our tribes to our present day reservations.

The CRIRA has just finished its rodeo season and is looking forward to holding its Regional Finals Rodeo which will be at the Fort Dalles Days arena in The Dalles Sept. 9-10.

In support of our Indian rodeo, Fort Dalles has donated its arena at no cost to us to help defray costs. In an effort to put on this rodeo, we are seeking sponsorship to help with the costs of putting on this big production. The total cost is \$17,375.

For information, please feel

free to call me or Carson Badonie, who is the CRIRA vice president, or our stock contractor Mike Filbin or Kitty Filbin. Their phone numbers are listed below.

The City of The Dalles holds a lot of history for the tribes who lived along the Columbia River. They traded both with other tribes and with non-Indians, as well. In commemoration of the Treaty of 1855 for the Warm Springs, Yakama, and Umatilla tribes, we want to remember and pay tribute at this rodeo to our past and current leaders, elders and veterans.

Our plans also include a teepee village open to visitors and a traditional horse parade in the rodeo grand entry.

We would appreciate your support and sponsorship. Sincerely, **Edison Yazzie, CRIRA president.**

(Edison Yazzie can be reached at (541) 553-5817; Carson Badonie at (509) 877-7741 or (509) 949-3252; Mike or Kitty Filbin at (541) 467-2415.)

## Baseball tourney results

The following are the results of the Second Annual Warm Springs Recreation All-Indian 12 and Under Baseball Tournament:

Champions: Warm Springs Little Bucks. Runners-up: Suquamish, Wash. Third place: Northwest Connection.

Most valuable player: Joella Smith, Little Bucks. Best Glove: Kendall Main, Northwest Connection. Best Bat: Drea Fulton, Suquamish. Home Run Derby: Norene Sampson, Wolfe Point C-Hawks, two home runs in derby.

All Tourney: K.T. Deame, Suquamish; Ethan Syverson, Suquamish; Jereme Tall Bull, Northwest Connection; Dylan Miller, Warm Springs Eagles; Bryson Spino, Wolfe Point C-Hawks; J.C. Fulton, Suquamish; Bear Spino, Little Bucks; D. Covyn Medina, Little Bucks; Wes Smith, Northwest Connection; Gus Stevens, Warm Springs Eagles; Norene Sampson, Wolfe Point C-Hawks; Cyrus Conner, Little Bucks.

Participation t-shirts were given to Warm Springs Eagles and Wolfe Point C-Hawks.

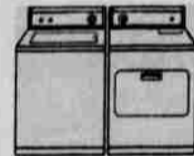
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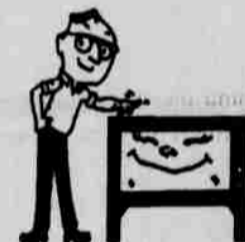


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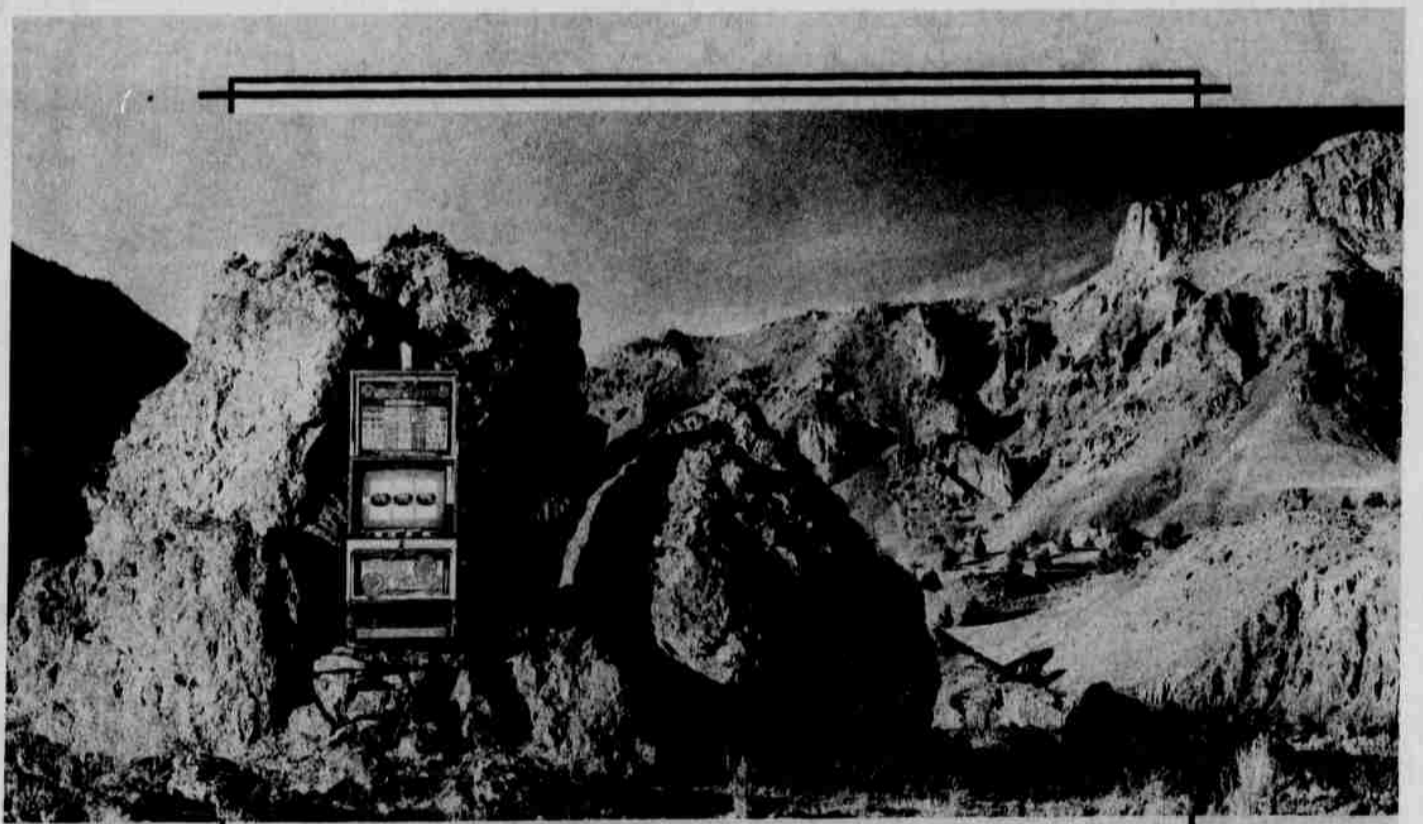
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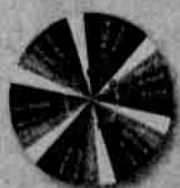
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