

Martinez girls excel at pitching

By Dave McMechan
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The Chiloquin High School girls softball team, the Chiloquin Queens, had a great season this year. Two standout athletes on the squad are pitchers Spayne and Jade Martinez.

The Martinez girls, who are twins, are freshmen at the high school, but already they are outstanding pitchers. The girls are the granddaughters of Urbana "Toto" Ross, and Dan Martinez, both of the Warm Springs. The other grandparents are Art Ochoa, and Kathleen and Jeff Mitchell of Chiloquin. The girls' parents are the late Joel Martinez, and Lisa Ochoa.

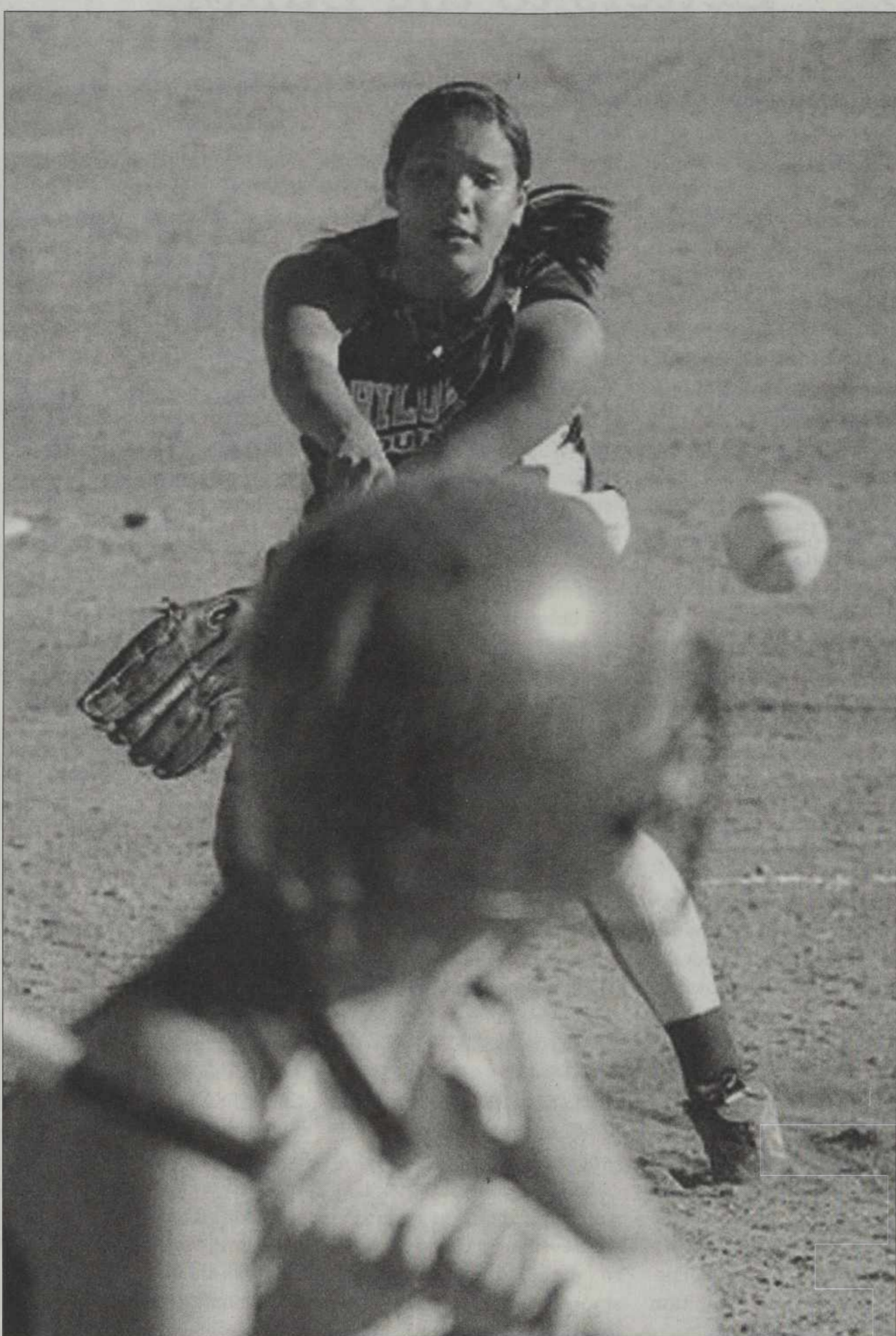
The Chiloquin Queens came very close to making the state softball tournament, losing the final Southern Cascade League tournament game by one run.

Making it to the league tournament was a great accomplishment in itself. A few weeks ago, at the end of the regular season, there was one spot left in the tournament, and the Queens were playing against the Honkers. This was a must-win game, with the winner heading to the league tournament and the loser going home.

Spayne Martinez was the pitcher. At one point early in the game, she had a runner on third with one out.

She struck out the next two batters to end the inning. Chiloquin went on to beat the Honkers, 11-1, qualifying for the remaining spot in league tournament.

Last weekend they came within a run of making the state tournament, a significant accomplishment for a young team.



Spayne Martinez pitches for Chiloquin.

John Stoops photo courtesy of the Klamath Falls Herald and News.

Urbana Ross, who works in tribal planning, traveled to many

of the games. She said both of the girls are great pitchers considering their young age.

They're also doing great in

the schoolwork, and she is very proud of her granddaughters.

Blackhawks win 'Slam and Jam' tourney

The Blackhawks defeated Team Oregon by the score of 91-80 to win the 2006 Slam and Jam Tournament held at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center on May 20-21.

In Saturday's round robin action, the Jailblazers defeated Us-Wuns by the score of 42-29, Blackhawks won over Team Oregon 65-46, Lapush beat Us-Wuns 67-57, Blackhawks over Jailblazers 63-39, Lapush beat Us-Wuns 63-54, Team Oregon beat Jailblazers 68-57, Blackhawks defeated Lapush 103-58, and Team Oregon won over Us-Wuns 104-60.

In Sunday's championship round Team Oregon won over Lapush by 82-67, Blackhawks over Us-Wuns 91-57, Team Oregon over Jailblazers 68-57. In the third place game Jailblazers defeated Us-Wuns 69-64; with Us-Wuns taking fourth place.

In the championship game it was the Blackhawks over Team Oregon 91-80.

I would like to thank the sponsors for this tournament: Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Warm Springs Composite Products, Erickson's Thriftway, Cliff's Repair and Auto Sales, Brightwood Corp., Carol Craig, and Warm Springs Market.

And I would like to thank Our Personal Touch in Redmond, and Bear Prints in Bend for the work they did on the awards.

A big thanks to the tournament help, referees Jonas Keys, Marc Henegar, Donnie Bagley, and Otis; Gene Sampson, Jeff Brisbois, and a couple other people who I didn't get their names; and also to my son Francis Kentura for doing the gate for me. Thanks to Faye Hurtado and Buffy Hurtado for doing the concessions. Good luck to Team Oregon at the Indigenous Games in Denver in July.

— by Sam Kentura

Kah-Nee-Ta run results tallied

The annual Kah-Nee-Ta Mini Marathon took place in early May. At the same time the grade school challenge involving grade school kids the 1-mile race and the 3-mile race.

There were eleven runners competing in the 14.5-mile race from Simnasho to Kah-Nee-Ta. Of these runners Brandon Thompson was the overall winner with a time of 1:36:03, right behind him was Atcity Begay at 1:36:06, soon after was overall female Jane Cleavenger 1:45:01.

Other finishers include: Kasey Kasparovitch 1:46:53; Rusty Clemon 1:48:12; Stan Nowakowski 1:55:05; Maura Schwartz 2:05:46; Fred Clair 2:09:57; Sara Ohman 2:10:05; Brittney DeVore 2:15:47; and Rich Lohman 2:17:55.

Results of the 10K are: Brett Whipple 47:36; Jason Smartlowit 54:19; Don Hillerbrand 58:16; Jana Clemons 1:00:56.

Results of the 3-mile race are: Gary Sampson 13:15; David Fuentes 13:43; Larry Spino III 14:01; T Black 16:11; Ina Wainawit 16:13; Rodney Mitchell 16:17; Bryson Spino 16:19; Tim Cleavenger 16:56; Odessa Cleavenger 17:10; Doug Cleavenger 17:12; Mitzie Allen 17:20; Calvin Poncho 17:35; Juanita Simpson 20:16; Dave Clemens 21:12; Zena Bartz 21:48; Larissa Quinn 22:24; Syrus Crane 23:58; Leo Hellon 23:52; Moses Hellon 28:43; and Benny Heath 32:03.

Results of the 1-mile are: Matthew Ault 8:27; Jermaine Sampson 9:50; Morgan Frank 9:53; Lana Shike 10:34; Cyril Frank, Jr. 11:48; Austin Rauschenburg 11:56; Dakota Berman 11:56; Jake Frank 12:00; Patrina VanPelt 14:40; Gavin Begay 14:43; J-Man The Rock Black 14:45; Brigitte Whipple 15:20; Jan Kasparovitch 16:23; Delvina Heath 16:31; Shirleen Kills First 16:32; Rosebud Whipple 17:05; Annalise Whipple 17:11; Arrita Sampson 19:22; Cobi Berman 19:45; William Shike 19:53; Val Squiemphen 20:09; Barbara Poncho 21:19; Lori Mitchell 21:19; Vickie Hellon 22:24; Debbie Stacona 25:46; Keola Rauschenburg 25:46; Jesse Krivinko 25:59; Gabe Krivinko 30:10; Cora Heath 36:27; Cayden Krivinko 36:28; and Sam Heath 36:44.

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Creating defensible space can save your home from fire

By Suzy Macy
Fire Prevention Tech

Fire is impulsive and unpredictable. It can find the weak link in your home's fire protection design and get the upper hand because of something that has been overlooked or some other seemingly insignificant aspect.

When designing your defensible space start with the easiest and least expensive actions. Begin your work closest to your house and move outward. Keep working on the more difficult items until you have completed your entire project.

Two factors have been established as the primary causes of a home's ability to survive a wildfire.

These are the home's roofing material and the quality of your defensible space surrounding it. Use fire-resistant materials (class C or better) to roof your home. Don't use wood or shake shingles as these provide no protection from fire. When your roof needs significant repair or replacement do so with a fire-resistant roofing material

such as composite shingles, metal, tile or a non-combustible shake material. Defensible space is an area around a structure where fuels and vegetation are treated, cleared or reduced to slow the spread of a wildfire towards the structure.

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