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"Native sons" bring Home the Gold!



By Wendy Moore Ledwell
 "Go my son...make your people proud of you." This phrase coined the sentiment of parents, family members and friends who watched as some 15 anxious boys boarded the church bus in the early morning of July 29. These young men accompanied by team coordinators, coaches and assistants were on their way to Minneapolis, MN to participate in the 1995 North American Indigenous Games. To many the term indigenous has no particular significance, but to the First Americans it means that we like the plants, rocks and waters are native to the land.

The North American Indigenous Games planning stages began in 1987 under the leadership of a group of indigenous leaders from Alberta, Canada, including a member of Parliament Willy Littlechild. The first games were held in 1990, the second in 1993. Few Indigenous athletes participate in the mainstream sport system. Therefore, access to such national and international competitions such as Olympic Games, Pan-American Games,

National and State Championships, Commonwealth Games and Jeux Canada Games is limited because of lack of opportunity in the area self development in the area of sport. For this reason alone, the concept of the North American Indigenous Games which showcases both the athletic talent and cultural abundance of North America's Indigenous people was developed. In this year's games, 8000+ were in attendance, of which 7000+ were participants.

Representing North Carolina was a team of 13 and 14 year olds who reside in the following communities: Prospect, Wakulla and Maxton. Mr. Harold D. Jacobs, of Prospect UMC, served as both team chaperon and guide. Information of the games came in the latter part of May and team rosters were due in mid June. Mr. Jacobs stated that both time and County All-Star Games contributed significantly to the

experience of player selection. Had more time been given, community participation would have been more diversified. Mr. Jacobs expressed his desire to see inter-tribal participation in the Indigenous Games such as Eastern Band Cherokee and Tuscarora among many others. Team North Carolina's record for the event was 5 wins and 1 loss. Game logistics were as follows: [Game 1] Team NC (30) - Alberta (0); [Game 2] Team NC (12) - Ontario (2); [Game 3] Team NC (15) - Manitoba (2); [Game 4] Team NC (3) - Oklahoma (6); [Play-off Game] Team NC (17) - Oklahoma (7); [Gold Medal Game] Team NC (12) - Alberta (0).

Team North Carolina was lead to victory by the expertise of Mr. David Emanuel, former Purnell Swett coach. Mr. Emanuel accompanied by Darryl Emanuel and Barry Lowry were able to take

players who throughout the season were rivals and make a unified team. Coach Emanuel described his players as "diamonds in the rough", for he saw their potential, all they needed was a little polishing. He said that it took teamwork from not only the players, but from everyone who assisted the team. From the batpersons to the Head Coach everyone had a job to do and all did their jobs well. Mr. Jacobs and Coach Emanuel were in agreement that their religious beliefs were important in maintaining a cohesive team spirit. Comments like, "it was so nice to be around Christian people," along with many others were made on behalf of Team North Carolina. Their attitude on and off the field succeeded in making an impact on those persons whom they came in contact. Coach Emanuel commented, "I was so proud of their behavior, more so than the gold medal. These kids made the best out of a tough situation. Even if they had not won the gold medal, they won my respect because of their attitudes." Derrick Maynor, player for Team North Carolina said, "We met other Indians who didn't know anything about Lumbees. I learned alot about other tribes and I also enjoyed playing ball against them." Not only did Team North Carolina dispel rumors of the Lumbee Indians but they also succeeded in building bridges with tribes who had never heard of Lumbee. We, as Lumbee people, should be proud of the representation we have received from Team North Carolina.

The 1997 North American Indigenous Games are tentatively scheduled for Victoria, Canada. Mr. Jacobs expressed the hopes that North Carolina Native Americans will welcome the concept of the games and expand participation throughout the state.

In order for this to become reality it will take the support of Indian businesses, churches, organizations, governments, schools, parents and etc.

Team North Carolina is comprised of: (Back Row L-R) Harold Jacobs, Guide; Jody Bullard, son of Aubry and Norma Bullard; Karryl J. Cummings, son of Wendy Moore Ledwell and Carl and Agnes Moore; Damien Locklear, son of Terry and Abby Hunt; Rodney McKenzie, son of Kenny McKenzie and Jacqueline Bullard; Joseph Locklear, son of Martin L. and Mary Locklear; Ashley Brewer, son of Michael and Dana Strong. (Middle Row L-R) Darryl Emanuel, Asst. Coach; Traçi Powers, Scorekeeper; Matthew Blue, son of Jimmy and Nancy Blue; Landon Everette Moore, son of Luther and Johanna Moore; Nehemiah Woods, son of

J.C. and Debbie Woods; Brandon Emanuel, son of Johnny and Lisa Emanuel; Clifton Oxendine, son of Eugene and Edwinna Jacobs; Barry Lowry, Asst. Coach. (Front Row L-R) David Emanuel, Head Coach; Bridgette Hunt, Batperson; Sandy Jacobs, Batperson; Timothy Clark, son of Jack and Judy Clark; David Emanuel III, Batperson; Adam Oxendine, son of Marshall and the late, Jeanette Oxendine; Kemp Harris, son of Larry and Audrey Harris; Derrick Maynor, son of Gary and Catherine Maynor; Fedelia Locklear, Facilitator.

Again we must congratulate Team North Carolina on a job well done. You may now take your place in Lumbee and North Carolina History as being the first Native American International Championship Team. We are proud of our "Native Sons" for you truly have soared with the eagles.

Jacobs honored as leading agent of American National



Frank & Pauline Jacobs recently returned from a trip to Acapulco Mexico. While there they attended the President's banquet for American National Insurance Company.

Mr. Jacobs was the Leading Agent in the Pembroke, NC office and also the leading agent in the state of NC. This prestigious club is sought by all, but reached by few.

Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs enjoyed the laid back easy going atmosphere of Acapulco. They also enjoyed the Aztecs, Spanish architecture, shopping of the beautiful beaches of the Acapulco Bay area, and dining in the spacious elegant Chula Vista Restaurant of the Acapulco Princess hotel where they stayed.

The Jacobs went on a guided tour of this mystical and spectacular, but friendly vacation resort. They visited the club pyramid where they saw the rich cultures of the early civilizations of the "Olmec", "Maya", and "Toltec" of the Aztec world.

They also saw the fascinating cliff divers of Acapulco in action. Mr. Jacobs qualified for this prestigious club in 1994 in which Mrs. Pauline and himself attended New York City, and they look forward to his third year in 1996, which will be in Las Vegas.

From his fellow co-workers, we are proud of Mr. Jacobs accomplishments and wish him much more success. Congratulations.

Introducing 8th National Miss Indian USA



Natascha Wagoner Lumbee

On the evening of May 4, 1995, Miss Natascha Wagoner received the 8th National Miss Indian USA Scholarship, crown & title before a live audience during the Official Crowning Ceremony in the United States Capitol Building in Washington, DC. Miss Wagoner is the first woman from the Lumbee tribe as well as the first woman from the state of North Carolina to receive this national scholarship.

The Honorable Governor of North Carolina, James B. Hunt, Jr. proclaimed May 4, 1995 as National Miss Indian USA day in her honor. She was further honored by the unanimous support from the Senators, House or Representatives, Tribal and state leaders from North Carolina.

As the 8th National Miss Indian USA, Natascha is the reigning and official representative, spokesperson, and Ambassador of Goodwill for the American Indian Heritage Foundation and the National Miss Indian USA Scholarship Program.

Natascha has been granted special permission to continue her academic career while fulfilling the duties of the title. She is a full time student majoring in Psychology and Family Studies at Wingate College. When her academic schedule permits, she will be making numerous public appearances at local, state, national and international events encouraging American Indian awareness to people of all ages and cultures.

Lumbee Guaranty Bank purchases Maxton's First Scotland Bank

Pembroke, NC-Lumbee Guaranty Bank and First Scotland Bank of Laurinburg, NC announced today they have reached an agreement in which Lumbee Guaranty Bank will purchase the Maxton branch of First Scotland Bank.

Pending the application and acceptance by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the State of North Carolina Banking Commission, the transition from First Scotland Bank to Lumbee Guaranty Bank is scheduled for the late fall of 1995. Once the transaction is complete, the Maxton office will operate as a branch of Lumbee Guaranty Bank.

With headquarters in Pembroke, NC, Lumbee Guaranty Bank has assets of \$53 Million.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to serve the residents of the Maxton area," said Larry Chavis, President of Lumbee Guaranty Bank. As a community bank, we believe we can play a vital role in contributing to the economic growth and vitality of the Maxton community. We look forward to this relationship and would like to thank our stockholders, customers, and employees for their support in our current stock offering, which has made this event possible."

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