

## Tui Moliga II Represents Idaho in the 2015 USSSA All-American Baseball Tournament

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and wrestling. Baseball is the game he plays year round he is in the batting cages during the winter months.

"Tui is extremely focused he works out on his-own outside of baseball practice. He is constantly looking on YouTube for better techniques. When we get home from tournaments if he struggled hitting he will be out in the yard hitting off of a tee. He works on his game every day," said Taricia Moliga!

Tui Moliga II comes from a very disciplined home with hard working and very dedicated parents, who support their three children in every event of their life, down to the 2 year old Talisau (Mika) Moliga.

"We have a rule in our home 1: Family first 2: School 3: Extra-curricular activities 4: Friends. Tui is expected to always hold himself in a respectful way and get good grades! A's are expected B's are tolerable but anything lower than a B is not accepted. He transferred to a bigger school and got behind in a class 1 week and he was not allowed to go to baseball practice or do anything until that grade was up," said Taricia Moliga.

This outstanding player has won a lot of championship games throughout his life playing baseball and football.

Moliga II has been blessed to play with some really talented kids and coaches throughout his years. He knows it takes a team to win. His team just won a big tournament in Lacey, Washington for USSSA last weekend and he had the best batting average for the team that weekend.

Moliga II seems to excel in football as well. He played for the Lapwai Baby Wildcats since the 1st grade and played for Sacajawea Junior High for the last 2 years. He is a starter for of-

fence and defense and made captain a few times.

"Baseball is his passion. He does have his choice! His dad really wanted him to go in the direction of football, because that is the sport that he loves, but he finally admitted when Tui was 10 years old that baseball was his thing," said Taricia Moliga.

Tui Moliga II has always had the passion for baseball since he was little. The last couple of years he lost 2 people that meant a lot to him. When he lost his God Brother Michael Anthony Bisbee III (BB), it happened during baseball season. He didn't want to do anything after that. Finally when he was ready to hit the field he said he would play for Baby Bizz (BB).

"BB looked up to Tui as a baseball player, even had to have the same necklace and baseball pants. Every single game he wears a wristband that has a cross with BB, to remind him who he plays for. He also draws a cross in the dirt at the plate every time before he bats. Recently this year he also lost his papa, who he was extremely close with. I remember when Tui was 10 years old. He called his papa and told him he was going to be a catcher. That next day his Papa, who lived in Seattle, went and bought him brand new catching gear drove it all the way to Lapwai dropped it off and headed back home. A quote his papa lived by was "Love the life you live, live the life you love". Tui has that written on a board in his room, so every morning he reads it," said Taricia Moliga.

The Moliga Family would like to thank all of the community members who helped with fundraising efforts.

We were not going to let him go because we could not afford it, his Godparents Mike and Berta said that we had to let him go! They were a huge sponsor as well as his Great Aunt Vesta Moe and Dylan Halstead.

## It's time for Lapwai Days 2015



BEYOND TODAY TOOK THE STAGE TOWARD THE EVENING TO GET THE SHOW STARTED

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- Golf 1<sup>st</sup>- Andre Domebo & Austin Domebo
- Golf 2<sup>nd</sup>- Angelo Domebo & Zeke Domebo
- Golf 3<sup>rd</sup>- Leroy McCaskey & Ike Young
- Sidebet winners-**
- Closest to pin#6- DJ Miles & Dominique Wheeler
- Closest to pin#17- Dion Cloud & Laurie Ann Cloud
- Long Putt#9- DJ Miles & Dominique Wheeler
- Long Putt#18- Dion Cloud & Laurie Ann Cloud
- Long Drive #2-

### Casey McCormack Indian Stick-games

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Laurie Anne Cloud, Jimmy Mac, Diana Greene
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jeanette Rose, Lilly, Darryl
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Sam Michelle, Lucy, Rose Arthur
- Rock da Block 3-3-Basketball**
- 13-15 Boys - Dalton White, Dillion White, Jalesico Miles, and Xiciyu-

- paaxat Johnson
- 13-15 Girls WolfPac -
- 10-12 Boys PK's Place -
- 10-12 Girls Nimiipuu Ballers -
- 9-Under Co-ed Ballers -
- Rez Dog Fashion Show**
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Owner Taylor Wallace with Ricki Bobby and Hazel Grace
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Owner Jasmine Smith with Diego Ramone
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Owner Tyra Greene with Andromidine
- Rez Dog Kissing Contest**
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Owner Emilio Lopez with Sweet Pea with handler Ramon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Owner Tyra Greene with Andromidine

## Leadership Success with LEAP



THE GROUP JOINS CJ

Lapwai, ID. - The kids and the horses are happy to be together again out on the Chief Joseph Foundation Appaloosas land this year. Students for Success

EAL (Equine Assisted Learning) programs are a holistic approach to health promotion. LEAP is a culture based model of resiliency. Each morning we include the best tribal practices of offering prayer, passing the talking stick in a talking circle, and learning about the Appaloosas. We honor the spirit of the horse and its ability to lead us on the right path.



WYATT AND RUSTY TAKE FIVE

Tribal Youth Program have continued the Lapwai Equine Assisted Program now in its third summer. Equine Assisted Educator Linda Kingsbury from Horse Heart Connection, Agnes Weaskus from Students for Success, and Donna Henry from NMPH Behavioral Health work as a team to bring LEAP opportunities to the kids. We are fortunate to have the continued support of two parents Shane and Jo Auginaush as volunteers out in the field.

The kids are learning to care for the horses with grooming, understanding horse communication, and making time for solo and group Join-up. We practice the basics of putting the rope halter and lead rope on, leading, backing up, and



AISHA RIDES CJ

Our LEAP missions is: Lapwai Equine Assisted Program provides experiential learning activities with Appaloosa horses for building self-respect, effective communication,

walking the horse around obstacles. This strengthens the horse's bond with the kids to enhance trust while riding. To make



JAMES WHEELER WALKS CJ

leadership skills, and restoring Nez Perce horse heritage for the well-being of the tribe, the horses, the land, and the community.

it easier on the horse and to practice the old ways, we do bit-less riding. This also encourages the rider's ability to use effective hand rein and leg cues to communicate with the horse.

We all want to say a big thank you to CJ, an 8 years old gelding with Leopard markings. He has been our star this year, standing close by when we are in our talking circles, practicing group join-up, and being calm and fun for riding. Thanks again to Chief Joseph Foundation for letting us take out the horses this year.

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