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2005/2006 Boys Upper Pee Wee WPC #2 Dragons

By, Coach Tim Ogata

Last Sunday, Feb. 19th our WPC BPWU #2 Dragon's completed their final game of the season finishing with a Team best four wins improving over the previous season total of one win. Through the course of the season, each player worked on improving his conditioning, dribbling/passing/catching ball handling skills and various defensive and offensive plays. Several coaches from other Teams in our Division gave our boys compliments on how much the Team had improved; even with our

losses the games were more competitive.

Matthew Santin joined our Team as a new player this year and continued to improve his skills throughout the season. We also want to welcome his parents **Doreen and Hector** to our Team and thank them for doing a great job of being our Team photographers. **Joshua Iwakiri** is another Dragon player that continues to work on and develop his ball handling and defensive skills.

Most tenacious defenders on our Team this year were **Nathan Tong** and **Ryan Hom**.

Nathan's and Ryan's versatility helped to cover several different defensive positions resulting in numerous steals and turnovers.

Kyle Batman is our fastest player on the team and is often leading our Dragon fast breaks with his outstanding ball handling skills. Kyle is a fearless defender willing to take on the other team's best players.

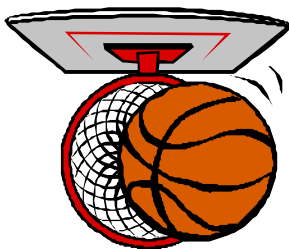
Best outside shooter on the Dragons is **Matthew Towning** who knocked down several beyond-the-free throw-line shots during the season and made several key passing

Girls Upper Jr. Superstars

This is our 7th and last season in the Girls Junior Division and it has been such a blessing to see the girls grow up together as teammates and friends while blossoming into young ladies. Most of our team has been together since the first Lower Pee Wee team. The Pee Wee years were such a frenzied time since there never seemed to be enough practice time to teach the girls fundamentals, offense, defense, shooting and a few plays. But, they've

come a long way since that first year and the girls have prospered on and off the court through lasting friendships with each other. Amanda Wong, Jessica Okui and Lindsay Ujihara attended Mt. Herman last year and had such a wonderful time they will attend again this year. Corrie Wong and Karen Mizoguchi will be in Japan this summer representing Wintersburg on this years Yonsei team and I expect our youngest, but toughest player,

Kelli Shimzu to be on next years Yonsei team. Renee Lindquist defines tenacity on the basketball court, and Samantha Lum has exceeded our on court expectation of her. Besides the life lessons that they've learned through the years from the Wintersburg SEYO Basketball program, the Superstars have also managed to win their SEYO division by being undefeated the last four years. (continued last page)



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assists when a good shot wasn't available.

In several games this season, **Nayaran Okuma** was one of the Team leaders in several key areas including scoring, steals and rebounds. Narayan also was versatile, playing both center and wing defender.

In addition to scoring several times this season (especially when his Dad/Coach Rody wasn't looking or was away coaching his daughter's Team) **Daniel Yoshinaka** continued to be one of the most coachable and best listeners on the

Team as he always knew the plays and paid attention to the coaches.

Garrett Wong and **Jonny Ogata** provided the Dragon Team with consistent and strong offense and defense throughout the season through individual effort and helped get their teammates to be more involved on both sides of the court. Garrett and Jonny enjoyed providing the coaches with ideas for new plays and defenses.

A large part of the progress and improvement made by the

Dragon's this season is due to the skills and drills that **Coaches Gary Wong** and **Rody Yoshinaka** provided at practices throughout the season. Our players that attended **Jason Wright** clinics during the season also improved their ball handling skills.

Lastly, our Dragon Team families were kept informed and the coaches "appeared" to be organized thanks to the outstanding job done by our **Team Parents Jan Batman and Monica Towning**. A big Dragon Team thanks to Jan and Monica for helping to make

Boys Junior Upper Blue "Lakers"

The WPC Boys Junior Upper Blue team completed their last season before moving up to the senior level with a very successful string of victories in an extremely tough division. The season got off to a rough start with illnesses and scheduling conflicts which resulted in a few early losses. However, with the team all back together again for the stretch run, coaches Glenn Monty, John Araki, and stats guru, Gordon Gee, were able to guide the Lakers to a string of three consecutive and decisive playoff victories.

The undersized Lakers relied on several key components including overall team speed and scrappy, pressure defense to overcome their height restrictions. Alex Masukawa, Willis Ota, Reyn Araki, and Collin Monty showed their athleticism with a myriad of hard drives to the basket off steals combined with surgical passing to confuse zone defenses. The team also greatly benefited from the outside shooting of 3-point specialist, Jason Gee, and the feathery touch of Darrin Choi whose inside and outside game continued to improve as the sea-



Back Row (L to R) - Coach John Araki, Branden Shimamoto, Willis Ota, Alex Masukawa, Darrin Choi, Coach Gordon Gee, Coach Glenn Monty; Front Row - Brandon Kim, Reyn Araki, Collin Monty, Jason Gee

son progressed. Adding valuable minutes were the "Killer B's", Branden Shi-

mamoto and Brandon Kim, who always (continued from page 2)

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this a successful and enjoyable season for our players, families and coaching staff.

OK Dragon players, don't forget to spend some time during the off season working on your basketball skills, give your best effort in school, be respectful to your parents and brothers/sisters and most importantly, to continue to build your relationship with God. See you and your Families next season – Coach Tim



Dragons: Front Row: Ryan Hom, Kyle Batman, Daniel Yoshinaka, Matthew Santin, Jonny Ogata, Back Row: Coach Tim Ogata, Team Parent Monica Tawning, Joshua Iwakiri, Matthew Tawning, Garrett Wong, Nathan Tong, Nayaran Okuma, Coach Gary Wong, Team Parent Jan Batman and missing, Coach Rody Yoshinaka

seemed to deliver tenacious defense and huge baskets whenever the games were on the line.

The end of this season brought with it many wonderful memories of seasons past. The WPC Lakers won numerous SEYO titles, had two back-to-back undefeated seasons, and won at least one championship in each of the major tournaments (VFW, FOR, and Hollywood Dodgers). Two of the players, RJ Arriola and Willis Ota, were each named Most Valuable Players in tournament play.

The families would like to congratulate the boys and the coaches on their wonderful achievements on and off the court and would like to thank them for making the past many years so exciting and joyful. The friendships which have been nurtured and the memories that have been made are way beyond what any of us could have dreamed of eight years ago when we all started. We look forward to many more years of fun during the senior seasons ahead.

Most importantly, we wish to thank the Wintersburg Church family and WPC Sports Ministry for their dedication to our families and kids. Without the many thousands of hours of volunteer time, we could never have been blessed so richly during these past incredible years. Thank you all!!



Lakers Past. Back Row (L to R) - Reyn Araki, Willis Ota, Alex Masukawa, RJ Arriola, Darrin Choi, Branden Shimamoto; Front Row - Brandon Kim, Jason Gee, Todd Yokoyama, Collin Monty.

Homework Assignment

Off-season homework drills. Try to do these 3 to 4 times per week.

Pass & Catch

1. 10 Right hand bounce
2. 10 Left hand bounce
3. 10 Over the head chest
4. 10 Right hand baseball throw
5. 10 Left hand baseball throw

Dribbling

1. 50 Right hand with v
2. 50 Left hand with v
3. 50 Windshield wipers
4. 30 Between the legs figure 8

Shooting

1. 20 Right hand spinners
2. 20 Left hand spinners
3. Around the world 2x
4. Free throws 20

Push Ups & Sit Ups

1. 10 "Good" Push ups
2. 20 Sit Ups/Crunches (come up part way)

Jump Rope

1. Jump rope w/ feet together 60sec
2. Alternate feet 60 sec
3. Left leg only 60 sec
4. Right leg only 60 sec
5. repeat

Wintersburg SEYO Committee

SEYO Elder (present)	Gordon Gee	Treasurer	Dennis Lee
SEYO Rep	Craig Uchizono	Registration	Sue Masamitsu
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SEYO Rep	Mike Suwa	Uniforms	Lori Hirano
SEYO Web	Tom Masamitsu	Golf	Don Wong
SEYO Web	Dave Takigawa	SEYO Elder (last)	Jim Tanizaki
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Girls Upper Jr. Superstars



Back: Jessica Okui, Amanda Wong, Kelli Shimizu & Corrie Wong
 Middle: Lindsay Ujihara & Samantha Lum
 Front: Karen Mizoguchi & Renee Lindquist

Calendar Events

- Apr 1 SOC Breakfast, Buena Park
- Apr 16 Easter Service
- Apr 24 SEYO Golf Tournament
- May 6 Girls Summer Basketball Registration
- May 6 Little Hoopsters Registration
- Jun Girls WPC Summer Basketball *
- Jun Little Hoopsters begins *
- Jul 24-28 Vacation Bible School
- Sep 10 Super Seyo Sunday
- Oct 31 Harvest Festival

*Dates not firm. Questions? Contact Sue Masamitsu, Director of Children's Ministry
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Wintersburg Sports Ministry is an outreach program of the Wintersburg Presbyterian Church and is established to serve as an opportunity to share and demonstrate the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity for families to participate in a program that will encourage spiritual, social and physical development.

We, the Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, believe that the successful participation in our program is defined by the building of character and self-confidence through encouragement of our young players in the Christian manner. Success is the understanding and appreciation of good teamwork and sportsmanship. Striving to do our best is always encouraged through fairness and concern for the welfare of each player.

The many teams, which are formed each year, represent our church and should, therefore, conduct themselves in a way that is reflective of our Christian values.