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Volleyball Basketball Tourney a Blast

By: Angela Levasseur, NNOC Vice-Principal

When I walked in the gym at OK School on the evening of Thursday February 16th, 2017, for the 1st Annual David MacDonald Memorial Volleyball and Basketball Tournament I had to blink twice, rub my eyes, and then do a double take. Students who graduated in the early to mid 90s and many “even more experienced community members” were flying through the air in the gym! They were sliding across the floor and even leaping toward the rafters.

In a seemingly effortless fashion, these former NNOC Warriors (aka Moms and Dads) were bumping, setting, spiking, and six packing our current students. It was certainly a sight to behold! It was wonderful to witness parent, community

and school staff teams being actively engaged in our school and mentoring our high school students in life long active and healthy living.

On Friday February 17th, 2017, we hosted a basketball tournament at OK School as well. On this evening, I

was equally amazed and entertained. I could see the school staff and Chief and Council teams block, dunk and score on our students. Although the teams were very skilled and competitive, it was all in good fun and there sportsmanship was in abundance. In honour of our late colleague and friend, we named the tournaments as the 1st Annual David MacDonald Memorial Volleyball and Basketball tournaments. David aka Mac loved sports, all sports. He was also passionate about coaching our children here in NCN. David would have truly loved this event, thus it was fitting that we named it in his honour.

David was competitive and he loved to win. He would have been extremely pleased by the level of intensity that



Chief Marcel Moody displays his basketball skills (and height advantage), by blocking a shot.

was witnessed at the tournament. The NCN Dads’ volleyball team took 1st place in the volleyball tournament after facing the Over 50/Chief and Council team in a neck and neck series that was a true nail biter. Chief Marcel Moody and Councillor Ron Spence are good, really good. Let me put it this way – to members of other First Nations communities who are reading this article – my Chief and Council can beat your Chief and Council at either sport!

The basketball tournament was won by the OK School/ NNOC staff team led by Brianna and Allison MacDonald; David’s twin daughters. Once again, it was a very intense and close game. NCN Chief and Council’s team lost by only 2 points and mere seconds before the buzzer! Both tournaments were very entertaining to watch and extremely fun for the participants and fans. In the spirit of healthy living and wellness, NNOC provided all community members and participants

with healthy snacks such as oranges, bananas, apples, vegetables and dip, chicken noodle soup, fruit juice and water.

In closing, NNOC would like to thank MFNERC for making this Community Engagement Activity event possible; we could not have done this without their support! Thanks are also due to Terry Linklater and Lou Moodie at NCN Parks and Recreation. Last but not

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Voice of Our Youth



Proud to Take Part

By: Candishia Spence, Vice Chief for NNOC Junior Chief and Council

On Thursday February 16th, 2017 and Friday February 17th, 2017, NNOC hosted the 1st Annual David MacDonald Volleyball and Basketball Tournament at OK School.

The tournament was dedicated to our late teacher and coach, Mr. David MacDonald.

To some, he was also a father figure. I think Mac would have been a little disappointed with how the warriors played in both volleyball and basketball. Mac would have wanted to play on the "Dads" team for volleyball because they won first place and he is a dad after all. I think Mr. MacDonald would have been happy with the outcome of basketball category because his twin daughters and their co-workers won first place.

Overall, the David MacDonald memorial tournament was great! There was a lot of sportsmanship shown which Mac loved, and also a little bit of teasing which Mac also enjoyed.

I think without MacDonald's appearance it

was somewhat lonely. There were parts, usually before the games where I could imagine Mac giving us reminders: "always move around, call for the ball, set up some plays."

"Before I got here there was no sports teams happening."- Mac

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That is something he always made clear to the warriors during little meetings. I am truly thankful for the spark that he brought back to NCN because there were teams long ago. (Unfortunately

the players from these teams came back and beat us!)

Mac represented ideas, he represented possibilities and he created both volleyball and basketball teams for the students of NCN. Mac also helped students with their careers.

In closing, it goes without saying that Mr. MacDonald was well loved, a little stubborn and very smart. Mac wasn't just strict; he also impacted students' lives regardless of the situation that they were in. What we received from him was incredibly valuable; to never give up on achieving our goals whether it was school work, sports achievements, or life achievements.

Next year, the NNOC male and female warrior teams will be ready to defeat the NCN Chief and Council's basketball team (watch out Marcel!), the over 50 team, school staff teams, and the Moms' and Dads' teams. We plan to take first place in both sports, as most people know Mac always rooted for the underdog (i.e. Boston Bruins)!

Volleyball Results



- 1st. Dads' team
- 2nd. Over 50's (lost by 2 points)
- 3rd. NNOC/OK School Staff
- 4th. Female NNOC Warriors

Basketball Results



- 1st. Staff
- 2nd. Chief and Council (lost by two points)
- 3rd. Male NNOC Warriors
- 4th. Female NNOC Warriors

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Events Calendar

NCN Winter Festival Schedule

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

4:00 p.m. Opening ceremonies
 Standing up ceremony – 1 and under – (School gym)
 Family fun night – (School gym) Door admission: \$3.00
 Children 12 and under Free
 Funniest Jigging (Adult open) Entry fee: \$15.00
 Mixed youth and adult Funniest Jigging Entry fee: \$15.00

8:00 p.m. King and Queen Trapper events – School
 Event: Trapper presentations and questionnaire

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

1:00 p.m. NCN's got talent (School)
 Karaoke – Instrumental – No voice overs

5:00 p.m. Poker derby – (School gym) Entry fee: \$20.00

5:00 p.m. Elders singing competition – Open – (School)
 Door admission: \$3.00 Children 12 and under Free

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

7:00 p.m. Local singing competition – Open – (School)
 King and queen trapper events (School)
 Event: Trap setting and snare setting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

1:00 p.m. Poker derby – (School gym) Entry fee: \$20.00

5:00 p.m. Adult cribbage tournament – (School – room 101)
 20 player limit. Entry fee: \$20.00

6:00 p.m. Mini queen competition (School) Door admission: \$3.00
 Children 12 and under Free
 Elders Jigging competition (M and F) (School)

8:00 p.m. King and queen trapper events
 Event: Moose, Goose, Muskrat and Duck calling

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017

9:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast (Arena)

12:00 p.m. Wiener roast (School)
 Snow sculpture competition (Judging) Entry fee: \$20.00
 Theme: Pithiseesuk
 Elders Animal Calling (M and F) (School)
 Events: Frog, Crow, wolf, Muskrat, Beaver and owl calling

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017

Merchandise bingo (School) – Cards are \$20.00/9 TV

1:00 p.m. Youth fun events (Ball diamond)
 Sliding party and snowmobile rides – School

3:00 p.m. King and Queen Trapper events – Ball diamond
 Event: Outdoor campfire cooking

5:00 p.m. Poker derby – (School gym) Entry fee: \$20.00
 Adult Scrabble tournament (School – Room 101) 20 player limit
 Youth scrabble tournament (School – Room 101)
 20 player limit. Entry fee: \$15.00

Dates and events subject to change.

6:00 p.m. Youth jigging competition (School) Door admission: \$3.00
 Children 12 and under Free
 Family team events (School)
 4 to a team – 1 elder, 1 adult, 2 youth under 17

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

9:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast (Arena)

12:00 p.m. Adult fun events (Ball diamond)

1:00 p.m. Elder King and queen trapper events (Location: Ball Diamond)
 · Log sawing, Log chopping, Fire building, Tea boiling, bannock
 · Moose and goose calling

1:00 p.m. Poker derby – (Arena) Entry fee: \$20.00

3:00 p.m. Rehearsals – School

3:00 p.m. Youth King and queen trapper events (Location: Ball Diamond)
 Entry fee: \$20.00
 · Log sawing, Log splitting, Fire building, Tea boiling and bannock
 · Trap setting
 · Moose and goose calling

3:00 p.m. Selfie scavenger hunt Entry fee: \$30.00/team of 4

5:00 p.m. Poker derby – Adults – 12 finalists – School gym
 Adult snowshoe race (North side of arena) Entry fee: \$30.00
 Youth snowshoe race (North side of arena) Entry fee: \$10.00

6:00 p.m. Adult jigging competition (M and F) (School)
 Door admission: \$3.00 Children 12 and under Free

Family night
 Theme: Moanna

6:00 p.m. Marcel and Mathias puppets

7:00 p.m. Talent show – 1st 20 registered participants Entry fee: \$75.00
 King and Queen trapper events (School)
 Event: Best dressed trapper (Hunting style, fisherman style, camo style, duel dynasty style)

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

9:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast (Arena)

10:00 a.m. NCN Dog derby (1 lap) (United church point) Entry fee: \$100.00
 8 dogs – 20 km. Ages 16 and up

11:00 a.m. Adult Iron person (M and F) (North lake shore of the arena)
 Entry fee: \$30.00 (Snowshoeing, Freight, Log sawing)

12:00 p.m. Youth iron person (M and F) (North lake shore of the arena)
 Entry fee: \$20.00 (Snowshoeing, Freight, Log sawing)

1:00 p.m. Youth Sponge Hockey tournament – (Fish plant ice area)
 Entry fee: \$50.00

1:00 p.m. Adult Sponge Hockey tournament – (Fish plant ice area)
 Entry fee: \$100.00

3:00 p.m. \$75,000 Monster bingo

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

12:00 p.m. Snowmobile drag races
 12:00 p.m. Richard Linklater Memorial Fish Derby



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