

we'll take you to the State Indian Girls' Tournament." So they try harder. And they wanted to impress me as, you know, as they wanted to go. So out of respect and out of honor I took them to the State Indian Girls' Tournament. Not because they wanted to go but because I wanted to take them, really. Because, you know, a lot of these girls had never been out of their own area. You know. Because they'd never been out of their own area. They'd never been--competed in a real big tournament such as this. A--this friend of mine and I we took them. We thought it worth our while to spend our money on them. Just so they can see what other different tribes, different teams are like. You know, because a lot of them had never competed among teams only around this certain area. And the teams around this area had never entered in a tournament this size. There were thirty-something teams in this tournament. And they used to compete against maybe just one team a week or something like that. Or in a tournament which just has seven or eight teams. Not with thirty-seven or thirty-eight teams, you know. But out of this they really gain an entertainment along with more of an education. And sports--sports education. And different tribal aspects of what different tribes and different teams are like, you know.

(Because they're all from different tribes,)

Yeah. Most of the girls are different tribe. And most, well, some of the girls I had--played with me--some were Creeks; some were Shawnee; Cherokee. Different tribes like that. But as long as they were girls and as long as they wanted to play softball, this is the reason we took them down there.

(Didn't you tell me even though ya'll lost the last one, some girl still won All State or something like that?)

Yes, I had one girl who was really fine, exceptional player. Not exceptional in her ability at being a ballplayer, but as exceptional in her personality and attitude toward the game. This is why I recommended her for an All Star nomination or honorable mention nomination. She had a good batting