



Rocks With Wings

Saturday, April 27 4:40pm

90 Rick Derby's gripping documentary profiles the residents of the Navajo reservation city of Shiprock, New Mexico (a community forced to deal with a 50 percent unemployment rate), who find their dwindling pride boosted when the high school girls basketball team, the Lady Chieftains, overcome prejudice, self-doubt, and their distinct socioeconomic disadvantages to reach the finals of the state championship. Derby chronicles the path to success of the team, led by Jerry Richardson, a dynamic African-American coach who forges a bond with the girls based on his own painful experiences growing up during the years of forced integration in the South. What emerges is an intense story of winning and losing, of struggling with race, heritage, and societal expectations – for the players, their coach, and the entire community of Shiprock. USA, 2001, 120 minutes, color. Regional Premiere.

Director: Rick Derby. Producers: Rick Derby, Sandra Fong-Ging. Editors: Milt Ritter, Ed Barteski, Rick Derby. Cinematographer: Jim Fealy, Russell Fine, Sam Henriques, Paul Gibson, Alan Degan, Jilann Spitzmiller, Steve Bannister, Hank Rogerson, Ulli Bonnekamp. Music: Joel Douek. Print Source: Shiprock Productions.



Rick Derby
Director