

A group of about 50 youths attended Tuesday's session of the 2nd Annual Jerry's Suburban Ford Basketball Clinic. Clinicians included Grant High School girls basketball coach Jeff Campbell (with ball) and Portland Trail Blazers Kevin Duckworth (center) and Charles Jones.

Duckworth helps kids hone talents

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For three hours Tuesday, about 50 children were on the same level as a National Basketball Association player.

Many of the children who attended Tuesday's session of Jerry's Suburban Ford's second annual Youth Basketball Clinic were delighted to see Kevin Duckworth, the 6-foot-11 center for the Portland Trail Blazers, who was a featured guest at the clinic.

During the three-hour session, the center-turned-clinician helped the young people to improve their talents in the world of basketball.

Duckworth was joined by three other clinicians: Charles Jones, also with the Blazers; Troy Berry, a guard at Oregon State University, and Jeff Campbell, who is Grant High School's girls basketball coach.

The annual clinic is sponsored by the Jerry Jaksich-owned car dealer, and is headed by John Phillips, who is an agent for several National Basketball Association players.

Phillips, along with his partner, James Taylor, works for PAC Management Group Inc., an agency in Southwest Portland.

Phillips said the purpose of the clinic was not only to aid the young people's basketball skills, but also to give them the opportunity to meet NBA stars that they would perhaps otherwise not see, except on TV.

Phillips said the clinic such is beneficial to children in both the short term and long term.

The short-term benefit, Phillips said, is "the experience of having these kids go home now and say, 'Boy, I was with Kevin Duckworth!' and 'Geez he was a great guy!' Those things you can't pay for. There's no value you can put on that."

The long-term benefit is "that lasting impression a kid will get from having a positive experience with a professional athlete. When you see this type of attitude (from the athlete), a kid will watch the game on TV and they go, 'Hey, I know him. Kevin and I (are friends),' it makes all the difference in the world," Phillips said.

Duckworth had only one week's notice that he was going to help with the clinic. But he said he was pleased to be a part of it.

"I was looking forward to it," Duckworth said during a break Tuesday. "I like kids. I like to teach them the things that I learned when I was growing up."

Obviously, the 83-inch-tall Duckworth did a lot

of growing up. While growing up, Duckworth learned about dreams and goals and he said he hopes to share what he learned to people growing up now.

"I try to tell them that dreams are important," the second-year Blazer said. "It's all right to dream because that gives you something to shoot for in life."

"I'm a person who truly believes in goals. Sometimes I meet my goals and sometimes I don't, but I don't give up," Duckworth said. "When I make my goals, I make sure they're realistic. I don't make goals that are so far-fetched."

"There's dreams and there's goals and they're important in life. If you don't have any goals in life, then what are you living for?"

The clinic will have a second session Thursday with appearances from Trail Blazer forwards Kenny Carr and Ken Johnson. Also appearing will be the Los Angeles Lakers' Mychal Thompson, who was part of last year's clinic.

The Thursday session is also at the Sandy High gymnasium and runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no cost and no advanced registration is required. The clinic is open to basketball enthusiasts aged 11 to 18.

Sandy resident gets OSU post

Successful volleyball coach will leave Gresham High

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It has been eight months of celebration for Guy Enriquez, a Sandy resident who has been Gresham High School's volleyball coach for the past eight years.

And the celebration was topped last week when Enriquez was named the new volleyball coach at Oregon State University.

When the news OSU job came, Enriquez said he was excited.

"It's a good honor and it presents me with a lot of challenges," Enriquez said. "There's a lot of visions and goals that pop in and out of my mind daily. I just need to get my foot in the door and get myself organized. This year, I need to go out and make a mark someplace."

"It's exciting. It's really exciting."

If anybody should know how excitement feels, Enriquez should. In nine months' time, Enriquez has obtained a new coaching job, won a high school state championship trophy and seen the arrival of his first child.

During the 1986 volleyball season, Enriquez and his wife, Laurie, experienced the birth of their first child, Cory Benjamin.

Soon afterward, after earning an undefeated Mount Hood Conference title, Enriquez' Gophers met MHC rival Barlow in the state championship match. After beating the Bruins 15-13, 6-15, 15-11, Gresham celebrated its first-ever state volleyball title.

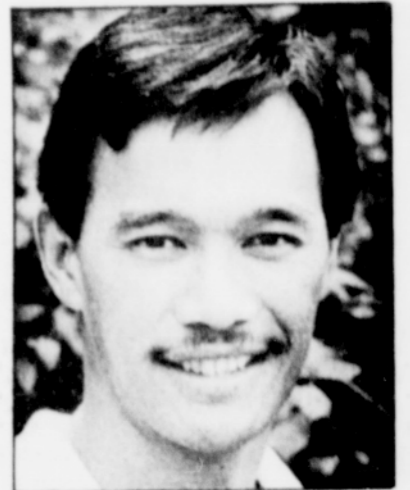
Then last week, Enriquez was hired as the new volleyball coach at OSU, replacing Tino Reyes. His duties will include coaching, recruiting and budgeting.

Because he has never coached on the college level, Enriquez is simply planning to find a niche and plant his feet, getting comfortable at the Corvallis school.

After a year of coaching the Beavers, Enriquez said he should be able to set some goals.

"Next year, I'll know where I can better start from," he said. "I just need to get out there, make my mark. Then I can set some realistic goals after that."

Goals, Enriquez says, are a major part of coaching or playing volleyball. He adds that, through



Guy Enriquez

coaching, he realized the importance of setting goals — especially in his initial seasons as the Gophers' coach.

"My ability to set goals got better as I spent more years here," Enriquez said. "In my first years here, I would have to say I was not very good at goal-setting."

"Setting goals, I've found, was probably the most important thing in developing a good program, a good success."

Enriquez became interested in volleyball during his sophomore year in high school. He wanted to go out for football, but his father would not allow it, saying Enriquez was too small and could get hurt.

Reluctantly, Enriquez complied with his father's wishes and began seeking other interests. His high school basketball coach also was the school's volleyball coach and he persuaded Enriquez to try out for volleyball.

After high school, Enriquez went to the University of Hawaii and Washington State University. He has since received his master's degree from Portland State University.

Following his years in college, Enriquez coached volleyball at Tri-Cities High School in Eastern Washington prior to taking the Gresham job and moving to Sandy.

Enriquez said he was trying to teach to his players that success is a step-by-step process and cannot be

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Outdoors

Spring chinook runs look strong

Springers Plentiful This Year — Coho salmon returns to Oregon may be shaky this year, but fishery managers are smiling over the strength of many chinook runs.

Oregon's two major spring chinook stocks that enter the Willamette and Rogue rivers are both looking good this year.

Through May 10, the spring chinook count over Willamette Falls at Oregon City has topped 50,000 fish. Biologists predict the tally will top out at 55,000 springers, making this total the best since the early 1950s.

The overall total of Willamette-bound spring chinook entering the Columbia River could reach 90,000 for the year, according to Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Burnie Bohn.

"A very good jack count and a strong run of 4-year-old fish this year makes the 1988 return look even better," Bohn said. "We could hit 100,000 fish for that total run next year."

Good numbers of spring chinook are also pushing up the Rogue River. By the end of May, more than 28,000 chinook had passed over Gold Ray Dam, which is, at this time, slightly ahead of last year's record count.

If the Rogue return is following the 1986 pattern, then less than one-third of the run has passed Gold Ray. However, there is a chance this run is mirroring Willamette springers by showing up early.

It is too soon to consider another new record on the Rogue, but biologists are confident the run will be good.

Preliminary catch estimates credit Willamette main-stem anglers with landing 21,200 springers this year, the third highest

harvest since 1974. However, when the catch is compared against the total run, the harvest percentage is the lowest since 1977, according to Bohn.

The combination of abundant fish and spotty catch is a product of low, clear and warm water in the river.

"Every time we have this combination of conditions, we see a reduced harvest rate," Bohn said.

Water is also low and clear on the Rogue, with a corresponding drop in catch rates, biologists report. While the lower Willamette spring run is essentially over, there is still the potential for an increased harvest of returning Rogue fish, should river conditions improve.

Commission to Consider Bay Crabbing Issue — The future of commercial crabbing in Oregon's bays will be debated before the Fish and Wildlife Commission during a monthly business meeting Friday in downtown Portland.

Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to consider a petition calling for closure of all commercial crabbing on coastal bays. The hearing and petition will have no effect on ocean commercial crabbing seasons.

Review of the crab petition will include a department staff presentation, public testimony and commission action.

This hearing will follow another petition hearing, calling for closure of Whale Cove in Lincoln County to all angling and spearfishing.

Other business on the half-day meeting agenda includes review of a Bureau of Land Management

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Pioneers lose in late innings

The past week has not been an easy one for the Paola's Pioneers Junior State baseball team, as it let two straight games get away in the late innings.

But the team's showing of late is something that gives Paola's coach Bob D'Abo hope for success.

"Only eight games into the season and already we're 100 percent better than at the beginning of the season," D'Abo said. "(The players) are improving every single game."

The Pioneers saw their record drop to 0-8 with back-to-back losses at Gresham Friday and at home against Fort Vancouver Monday.

Against Fort Vancouver, Paola's players found their way onto the bases, but could not find the clutch hits as the Trappers pulled off the victory in extra innings, 8-5.

At the end of the first inning, Fort Vancouver had a 2-0 lead. Then, with two outs in the bottom of the second, Pioneer players Mike Senn, Doug Cassidy and Rod Schilperoord each got aboard with consecutive walks. They were each left stranded after an inning-ending strikeout.

The Trappers scored a run in the third to up their lead to 3-0. Paola's countered with a run as shortstop Ty Beckley scored on a two-out, right-field single by catcher Ken Ouder Kirk. After three, Fort Vancouver maintained a 3-1 advantage.

Later, in the fifth, the Trappers upped their lead to 4-1 on a squeeze bunt up the third-base line.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Pioneers rallied for four hits and three walks but managed only three runs as, once again, three players were left on base following an inning-ending strikeout.

Designated hitter Wes Kelley led off the bottom of the fifth with a single to right. But Kelley was later caught trying to steal second.

Then starting pitcher-turned-shortstop Pete Rusaw got on with a walk. After Ouder Kirk ripped a single to right, Rusaw went to second. Senn loaded the bases with an infield single.

Cassidy then flied out to right with



Robby Barrett takes a cut in Sandy's Junior State game against Fort Vancouver Monday.

a line-hugging shot that was deep enough for Rusaw to tag up at third and score, pulling Paola's to 4-2.

When the bases were again loaded after Schilperoord drew another walk, left fielder Robert Rising nailed a shot straight up the middle for a two-run single, scoring Ouder Kirk and Senn.

As Beckley was walked, the bases were loaded for the third time in the inning. But the inning-ending strikeout plague hit again and the game was tied 4-4 after five innings.

In the sixth, the Pioneers pulled ahead of the Trappers, when Jason Nall crossed the plate on an Ouder Kirk single to right. For the third time in the game, the inning ended with a bases-loaded strikeout. After six, Paola's had a 5-4 advantage.

Fort Vancouver tied it up in the seventh as it led off the inning with three straight walks. After a sacrifice fly to center, the Trappers tied the game at 5-5.

The Pioneers were unable to get any runners in the seventh, sending the game to extra innings.

Fort Vancouver then scored three runs in the top of the eighth, taking an 8-5 lead.

The Pioneers started off the eighth with Rusaw obtaining a walk. But Ouder Kirk then hit into a routine double play, shortstop to second to first. Again the inning ended with a strikeout.

Paola's left 14 players on base and received 13 walks. In comparison, Fort Vancouver left just four players on and had only six walks, four of which were in the last two innings.

In Gresham on Friday, the Pioneers led by one run twice during the game, but were unable to hold on as Gresham won 6-5.

Paola's took a 1-0 lead in the third, as Barrett doubled home Schilperoord, who got on with a walk.

Gresham scored twice in the bottom of the fourth but Schilperoord scored on a Rusaw single in the top of the fifth to square the game at 2-2.

In the top of the sixth, Senn singled home Kelley from second, as the Pioneers regained the slim margin, 3-2. Kelley was 3-for-4 on the night.

Gresham struck Paola's for four runs in the bottom of the sixth, taking a 6-3 lead.

The Pioneers had a strong opportunity to come back from the three-run deficit, but could not produce enough offense.