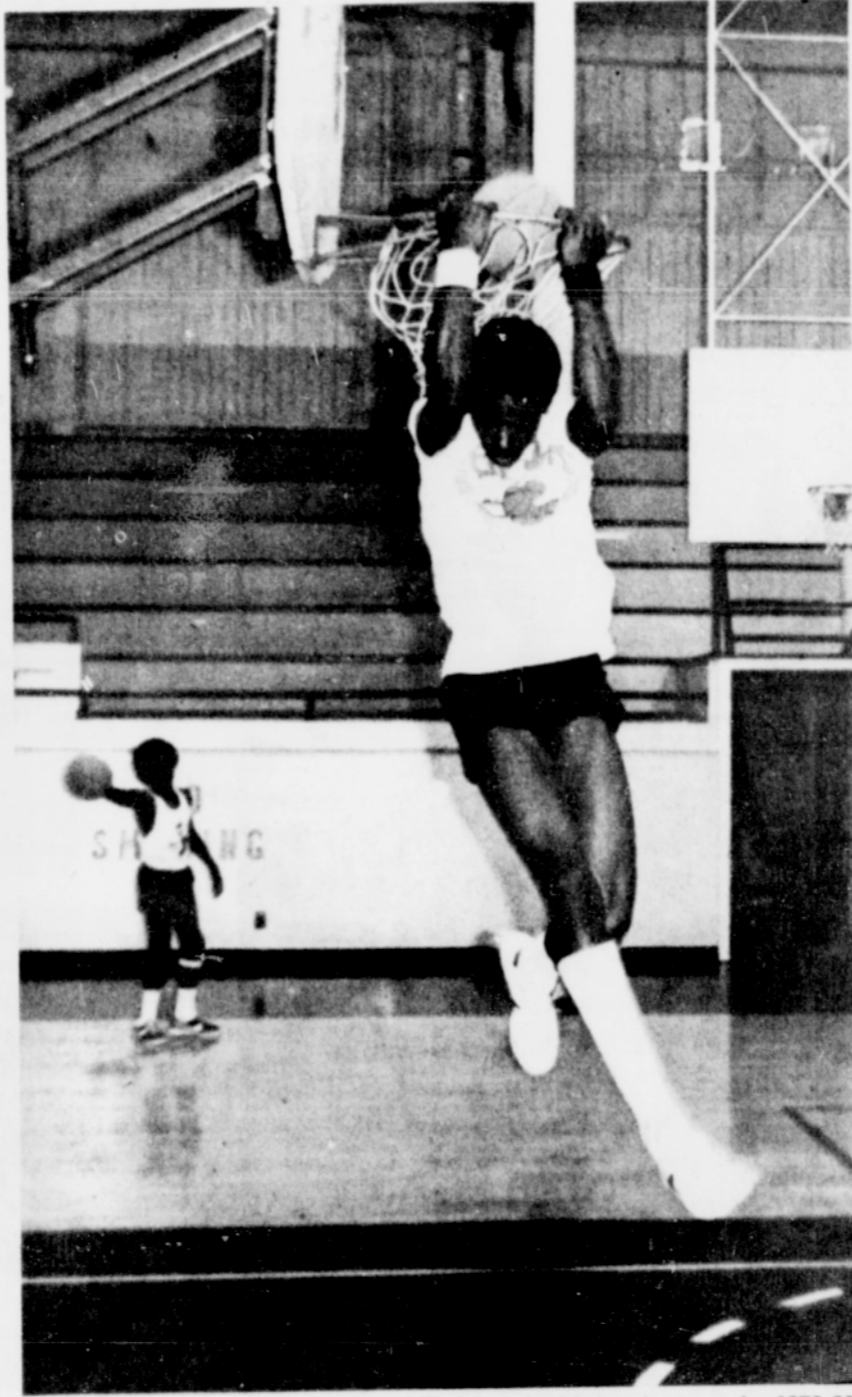




Tony Pittman, 14, was named to the All Star Dunking Team for the second year. Tony represented Oregon in the Pacific Dunking Championships in Hawaii last December.



Ulf Spears, 14, demonstrates skill that gave him a place on the 1979-80 All Star Dunking roster. Spears was named "Outstanding Dunker" at Washington State Dunking Finals.

Portland Youth join Dunking All Star team

Eight Northeast Portland athletes have been selected to the Dunk Kings 1979-80 All Star Dunking roster. Named to the roster are Ulf Spears, 14; Greg Penney, 14; Fred Parker, 12; Tony Pittman, 14; Philip Avery, 13; Kenny Luckett, 13; Todd Irving, 14; and Timmy Pittman, 12.

The All Stars comprise some of the finest dunkers in the Pacific Northwest who will represent the Dunk Kings and their local communities in dunking exhibitions and competitions in Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands during the scheduled events of the 1979-80 season which begins August 1st. Feature events so far in the upcoming season are the Caribbean Classic August 22nd-31st and the Pacific Dunking Championships, in December. Both will feature dunking exhibitions plus basketball and dunking competition. Another highlight of the season will be a halftime dunking exhibition in the Seattle

Kingdome during a game featuring none other than the World Champion SuperSonics and also a possible Trailblazer's exhibition.

While the 1979-80 season, so far, looks very challenging and with a wide variety of events it will be no bed of roses. Explains Timmy Pittman, 12, who along with Irving, Luckett, Spears and brother Tony is a returning 1978-79 All Star.

"The dunkers can sign up for any of the events but must pay their own way, same thing for the coaches, managers and chaperones. The All Stars first must purchase their own uniform. Last Christmas Todd Irving and I were able to make it to the Pacific Dunking Championships in Hawaii plus we dunked five exhibitions in the Rainbow Classic. We also dunked at the Trailblazer's and in Washington at Olympia and at the Washington State Dunking Championship Finals in Seattle. All of us from Portland like it."

The Portland dunkers are proud of their dunking, and with good reason. In the recently completed Washington vs. Oregon competition the Portland youngsters led Oregon to victory winning two matches to one with one tie. Both the Oregon wins came in matches held in Olympia and Seattle, Washington.

Although only eleven dunkers were selected from Oregon, due to lack of competitions held because of the gas crunch and the high transportation costs of the adjustable basketball goals used for the dunking events, the dunkers selected still represent the highest quality in lowered hoop dunking.

All the dunkers have competition and exhibition experience, especially the returning All Stars. Penney, Timmy Pittman and Spears are nothing short of World Class in the Lowered Hoop Dunking Community. Spears and Penney will also strengthen the Dunk Kings in the basketball competition.

The Dunk Kings are hoping local businesses and the Northeast Portland community will help support these dunkers when necessary with their often needed support and stand behind them as they gear themselves for an event filled year as their community Dunk Kings representatives.

Grant sophomore aims at pro basketball career

by Ulysses Tucker, Jr.

"My goal is to go all the way to the NBA," said Tony Von Hampton, a sophomore at Grant High School. "But if I fail to make it, I'll have a college degree in Electronics or Journalism."

As a fourteen-year-old freshman last season, Hampton showed great potential by averaging 24.3 points per contest, seven assists and maintained a 3.0 GPA in the classroom as his team finished 9-3.

"I'm really into math," he said. "That's the basis of electronic engineering." Hampton is currently averaging ten points a game with the varsity summer league team.

"The summer experience has really helped my skills to develop," he said. "I'm learning about team play, and coach (Tom) Jones has brought me along slowly, which will make me a better player in the long run."

Hampton, who scored a high of 30 points this summer against Roosevelt continued, "I need to work on my left hand, watching the whole floor while dribbling on the move, and playing aggressive defense. If I can do that, I'll be a better player." Hampton, at 5'9" and lanky, hopes to develop into a 6'5" playmaker.

Just in case you are wondering where "Tony's" basketball zones come from—like father like son. His father Adron Hampton was a bonafide All American at Arkansas A&M during the late fifties.

"My father taught me to play when I was nine-years-old," he said.

"At times he had to be very, very patient because I was a slow starter. The biggest thing he taught me was self-confidence."

Young Hampton also mentioned the fact that his mother LaVern, and little brother Brian enjoy watching him perform. "We are the perfect family," he smiled. "They've been highly supportive."

When presented with the odds of progressing to the NBA, (one high school player in 18,000) Hampton explained, "I feel as though I have a good chance because most of the guys out there now will be six years older, and half of them will not be around," he analyzed quickly.

"I'm not over-confident or anything, but by the time my class of

high school sophomores reach the NBA. I should be one of the best, at the rate I'm going. Also, the style of play is getting faster—that's why I'm going to run track in the fall."

Where would you like to earn your college degree?

"UCLA is a good school but they are expected to win games. I'd like to go somewhere and help to build a winning tradition. I want to put a school on the map," said the youth who is far wiser than his age.

Hampton's hobbies include jogging, football, writing essays and short stories. "I also like to mellow out with some good music," he said.

Odds-makers, look out! Tony Hampton is on his way. But he'll have an "ace in the hole"—an education.

Emanuel Hospital refinances loan

In the first public bond issue of its kind, Emanuel Hospital, recently completed a refinancing which is expected to save the hospital in excess of \$4 million in interest cost over the 21 year term of the loan, according to Oscar Gustafson, Jr., Senior Vice President of Emanuel.

Through The Hospital Facilities Authority of the City of Portland, Emanuel issued \$8,410,000 revenue bonds backed by an HEW Hill-Burton loan which is guaranteed as to payment of principle and interest by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The savings were achieved by the lowering of the interest rate on the loan which had been outstanding at a rate of 9.056%, to reflect the issuance of the bonds. The bonds which mature in the year 2000, bear an interest rate of 6.1%. Payments of principle and interest on the loan will be passed through payments due on the bonds.

The savings to the hospital come at a time when government emphasis on cost containment in the health care industry is increasing. The bonds were underwritten by Dillon, Read & Company Inc., New York and Atkinson and Company, Portland.

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