

Law, business beckon Laker scorer



Jamaal Wilkes ready for action...

By Ulysses Tucker, Jr.

When experts talk about small forwards around the National Basketball Association, the names of Julius W. Erving, Adrain Dantley, Marques Johnson, and Larry Bird. But what about Jamaal Wilkes, the Los Angeles Lakers forward supreme and "resident knife (shooter) thrower."

Wilkes, a former All-American under John Wooden at U.C.L.A., where he was a three time all Pac-Eight selection, and a member of the Bruin team that won 88 straight games. Wilkes also graduated with a degree in economics and hopes to secure a law degree or masters degree in business after basketball.

"Even though I chose U.C.L.A. to play basketball, I never lost focus of why I was there academically," said Wilkes. "I learned the values of a sound education early in life and I urge all youngsters to take the educational process seriously."

Currently, Wilkes ranks in the top ten scorers in the league with a 21.5 average and he also ranks in field goal percentage. Wilkes excellent

outside shooting ability is one of the main reasons why opponents hesitate to double up on Kareem Abdul-Jabbar on the inside.

Going into his seventh season as a pro, Wilkes has scored 7,796 points and grabbed 3,483 rebounds. He has a 17.1 career scoring average and Wilkes has played on two NBA Championship teams, (last season with the Lakers and in 1974-75 with Golden State) and a former "Rookie of the Year."

"Last year's championship was great," he said. "Especially after we won without the big fella who was the reason we got that far. We dedicated the game to him and we won it for him. It was one of the greatest moments of my life."

Wilkes, a hard worker in several California communities where he enjoys working with kids, running basketball camps, and being a positive role model. Wilkes' advice to youngsters chasing the "super-dream" of being a professional athlete is to have secondary goals.

"You can't put all of your apples in one basket," he said. "It is important to have an ace in the hole."

Learn job finding techniques

Job searching, especially for high school drop-outs, becomes especially difficult in tough economic times. A new program in the metropolitan area funded by the Oregon State Department of Education teaches techniques for finding work.

The combined support of Portland Community College, the state Employment Division, Portland-CETA and Portland Public Schools means help for those 14-21 who have dropped out of high school or those who are potential drop-outs.

Program manager Tim Roland

indicated that one week-classes are being scheduled in each Portland high school. They will deal with those who are thinking about dropping out of school.

"The emphasis for the program offered in the high school will be to encourage the student to stay in school and get some specific training," Roland said. "We will also work on job search skills and talk about the world of work."

For those who have already dropped out of school, a three-day intensive training session on how to find a job will be scheduled, Roland said. "We have a designee from the employment division working directly with the drop-outs in this training," Roland explained.

Those interested in making arrangements to attend the classes in the schools should do so through the work experience coordinator. The other training can be arranged by calling Roland at 224-6700.

Local fighters target AAU finals

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On Friday, May 1, 1981, the Bilalian-African American Martial Arts Club of Oregon will be traveling to Tampa, Florida to participate in the 7th Annual AAU Taekwondo Championships which runs from the second until the third of the month.

According to Na'im Hasan, a member of the B.A.A.M.A.C., and one of the two people who will possibly go to Florida, the trip is far from reality unless the business community gives them some support.

"It would be greatly appreciated if the businesses could provide us with some financial assistance so that the trip to Florida will be possible. We understand that the business community is facing a financial burden at this time, so we are only asking for small contributions," he said.

The total cost for two people to make this trip will be approximately \$1300.00. This includes: Round-trip

airfare, room and board, food, transportation, registration and insurance fees. Master instructor Ali M. Muhammad, a 25 year veteran of martial arts is the other individual who will hopefully make the trip.

Master Muhammad has a black belt in five Kung-Fu styles and a fifth degree Black Belt in Kempo-Kung-Fu. He also has a fourth degree Black Belt in Modern Arnis (Philippino Stick Fighting) and a fourth degree Black Belt in Hapkido.

Hasan, a student at Portland State University in Business Administration will graduate this June. He owns a first degree Black Belt in Kempo and Taewondo. Hasan was also the Northwest Regional AAU Taekwondo Champion from 1977 to 1980 and the Western States Karate Kung-Fu, Taekwondo Champion in 1979.

"The primary purpose of the event in Florida is the selection of the United States National AAU Taekwondo team," said Hasan.

"They will travel during the month of July to Santa Clara, California for the world Taekwondo Championships. There will be over sixty countries represented at this competition."

Hasan was also a member of the United States National AAU Taekwondo team, which traveled to Mexico City for an international meet between Mexico, Korea and the United States a few years ago. The U.S. team placed third in the competition.

All those businesses interested in making contributions should contact Hasan at 285-4222 (M-W-F, after 4:30 p.m.) or Ali Muhammad at 282-1460 (T-Thurs., after 6 pm). Checks should be made payable to B.A.A.M.A.C., C/o Na'im Hasan, 3027 NE 10th Portland, Oregon 97212.

When we return from our competition, I will be contacting the various financial sponsors to enlighten them on the results and successes of our trip," said Hasan.

Master Dance class offered

A master dance class will be offered/sponsored by Portland State University Dance Committee, April 9, 1981 - 8:00 - 9:30 A.M., and April 10, 1981, 9:00 - 10:30.

The class will feature Greg Veilmeier, modern dance instructor.

Also, there will be a performance by "Tears of Joy Masque" in the small gym (HPE) at Portland State University, April 24, 1981 - 12:00 - 1:00. Come and enjoy!

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Multnomah County will hold a series of public meetings concerning the County's second annual application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Community Development Block Grant. The purpose of the meetings is to:

- Explain ongoing program activities
- Solicit public opinion regarding community needs
- Receive citizen comment on past program performance

The eligible Block Grant target area includes portions of Cully/Parkrose, Hazelwood, Errol Heights and Powellhurst communities.

MEETINGS SCHEDULE: Cully/Parkrose Community. Date and Time: April 9, 1981 - 7:30 p.m. Location: Fremont Jr. High School, Resource Room, 11800 N.E. Shaver.

Hazelwood and County Planning Commission: Date and Time: April 13, 1981 - 7:00 p.m. Location: Hansen Building Auditorium, 12240 N.E. Glisan.

Errol Heights: Date and Time: April 21, 1981 - 7:30 p.m. Location: Lane School Cafeteria, 7200 SE 6th Avenue.

Board of County Commissioners: Date and Time: April 30, 1981 - 9:30 a.m. Location: Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 602, 1021 S.W. Fourth Avenue.