

Metro League basketball faces top season

by Stan Sykes

Over the years many people have claimed that the Metro League is the toughest and most competitive league in the state of Oregon. This may be because of its consistency of showing up in the state championships and semi-finals. One thing that makes the Metro League so great is its high quality of coaches. There are a number of coaches in the Metro League who have coached college basketball. For example: Glencoe's Barry Adams, and Jesuit's Steve Rolph.

This year's Metro League basketball teams look as competitive as ever, and it will undoubtedly be a tough league to play in. It is no big secret that the predicted number one team in the state this year is Glencoe's Crimson Tide. After all this is the team that many said should have been in the state championship finishing with a 24-2 record. Unfortunately they met and were defeated by the Parkrose Broncos, the eventual state champs, 42-41 in the second round of the playoffs. Glencoe is back this year after losing just two people off its 81-82 team, and returning three kids from their starting lineup, including All-American Dave Immel, who signed a letter of intent last September to attend UCLA next year, and another All-American 6-7 center Jim Beatie. There is no doubt that this team will be tough to beat.

Although the center of attention in high school basketball will be around Glencoe, the Beaverton Beavers are a team to be reckoned with. These Beavers, who just recently beat Jefferson High School by over 20 points, have 6-4 junior Anthony Taylor, who is said to be one of the best prospects produced by the state

of Oregon. Taylor, along with a 6-5 senior Steve Fedler, will give Beaverton the strength that it needs to claim that no. 2 spot in the Metro League, if not challenging Glencoe for No. 1.

A team not to be overlooked this year will be the Jesuit Crusaders. Jesuit, although they only have one player returning from last year's varsity team, will be surprising to many. The Crusaders are currently 4-0. This team, which carries two sophomores, seven juniors, and only two seniors, could very well have the best fast break in the Metro League. The Crusaders are led by 5-11 Junior guard Danny Niedermeyer, who averages 17 points a game, and also by 6-1 Junior sharpshooter Mark Steger, who averages about the same. Jesuit will be a highly competitive team this year in the Metro League race, and depending on how well their 6-7, Junior center, Scott Chernoff does in the games ahead will determine how far Jesuit will go this year in the state playoffs.

The Metro League, although it is very tough, is not invincible. All of these teams can be beaten. A good example of a team that could very well best all of these teams is Benson Tech of the PIL. Benson is led by their big men, 6-5 Steve Adams, and 6-4 All-American Ulf Spears. Spears has traveled all around the country, playing on all-star teams, such as the Dunk Kings, his sophomore year and is expected to be highly recruited, along with Dave Immel, as one of the top players in the state. Benson is a highly competitive school, and somehow always manages to make it to the state playoffs. They are undefeated right now, and will give teams from the Metro League fits in the playoffs.

So the question is still to be asked,

is the Metro League the toughest league in the state of Oregon? No one can ever be sure. All that can be said is that with its high quality of players and coaches, along with its tough competitiveness, a lot of the Metro League teams will be hard to beat.

Key match-ups to look for are Glencoe vs. Beaverton, Beaverton vs. Jesuit on Jan. 11, and Jesuit vs. Glencoe on Jan. 28.

Rounding off the Metro League will be teams such as the Hillsboro Spartans led by senior guard John

Bass. Bass started on Hillsboro's J.V. team last year, who finished with a 15-5 record, leading them into a tie for first place in the league with Jesuit's J.V.'s. Look for Hillsboro to finish 4th in the league behind Glencoe, Beaverton and Jesuit.

The remaining four teams in the league are all in a rebuilding year; Aloha, Central Catholic, Sunset, and Tigard. All of these teams lost a large number of seniors from last year, and are now just trying to pick up the pieces looking forward to next year.



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Portland Youth Football Association's 1982 City Champ is Portland Import Auto Wrecking. Head coach is Anthony Stoudamire and assistant coaches are Eric Mashia and Bobby Frazer.

The team went undefeated during the regular season to capture the crown. They averaged thirty-eight points per, while limiting their opponents to an average of three points.

Seven members of the team were selected to the City All-Star team.

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from the Portland Traffic Safety Commission. If you haven't made sure your car is ready for winter, do so now. Make sure the battery, exhaust and windshield wipers are in good shape. Most important, make sure you have enough tread on your tires to stop, under any condition.

Christmas

(Continued from page 1 column 6) the useful can be sorted out from the helpless. Once out, the stronger will get up and find their own economic ways. The others who can't will then be helped through some ultimate streamlined safety net.

The rub may be that the new poor fit in nowhere, neither in an economy that no longer needs their individual skills, nor in urban labor markets where their isolation makes them unattractive job candidates.

In the Christmas season of hope, what hope is there for these new poor aside from the will-o-the-wisp of a recovered economy, or some grandiose national proposal for "re-industrialization"?

Slender as it is, a ray of hope comes from the growing numbers of community kitchens and hospitality houses that open their doors to them. Religious institutions, as they have done for hundreds of years, are again taking the lead in ministering to the poor. What they and others in the struggle against the new misery need is for city governments to open up vacant buildings for living and sleeping space, and the federal government to provide money and surplus food.

The new poor are going to have to be fitted into new or old social fabrics and economic lattices, one by one, not in batches as defined by grand policy. At least a start has been made.

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