

Hoopers exhibit Jeff pride

Jefferson High School's Demos surprised everyone by taking fourth in the AAA state basketball tournament. But to Jefferson's community, the Demos are champions.

The success of the 83-84 Demos is the school's best advertisement for principal Nate Jones' pet program - "Project Pride". The school-wide program was launched in September to improve student, staff and parent commitment to excellence. If the accomplishments of Jefferson's Basketball team are any indicators, the Project is working!

With Jefferson, it's more than a win-loss record, and when Coach Bobby Harris' players graduate from "Bub's" locker room, they are better equipped for success after high school because of what they learned on and off the court.

The 18-4 Demos, making their 7th appearance in AAA post-season play since Harris took over the helm eight years ago, are a real success story. Pre-season PIL picks mentioned the Demos along with Wilson, Grant and Benson, but the team's third place finish speaks for itself. And it didn't happen by accident. The Demos work hard, and not just in the Commercial Street Gym. Playing basketball for Coach Harris takes real commitment. There are team meetings to view game films, discuss scouting reports, write letters to colleges, and study sessions. Players must perform well in class. Grades and attendance are monitored every two weeks. Demo graduates will testify to the push for success on and off the court. Many a starter has felt the embarrassment of sitting out for disciplinary reasons.

Since taking over the helm two games into the 1976-77 season, coach Bobby Harris has compiled an impressive 136-159 win/loss record. His teams have qualified for State AAA post-season play seven times; this is his sixth appearance in the Coliseum. In 1978 and 1979 he was selected as Coach of the Week by "The Oregonian". His teams during those two years won the PIL Championships and the 1978 team finished third in the AAA Tournament, losing only to Parkrose in the semifinals. This year's team boasted an 18-4 record, finishing third in PIL play.

Coach Harris is recognized for his ability in motivating his players to perform to their potential. He has been a speaker for clinics sponsored by the Oregon Coaches Association, University of Portland, and Portland Public Schools. Next fall, he

will be a featured speaker at the National Athletic Directors' Conference in Las Vegas. Coach Harris graduated from Pacific University, holds a Masters Degree from Portland State University, and teaches Health and Physical Education at Jefferson High School.

Jeff starters exemplify that "pride". Keith Jackson, an all-around player and two-year veteran, was named to the All-PIL team. He is Student Body President, has a 3.79 GPA and is fifth in his graduating class.

Curtis Penny is the team's leading scorer, averaging 19.18 over 22 season games. His speed, ball handling, and play-making ability have made him the team's general. He also was named to the All-PIL team.

Junior Benjamin is one of four seniors on the team. Behind the scenes, he is the team's "chaplain" and his teammates look to him for consistent emotional support. He is an honor student and plays saxophone in The Sounds of Jefferson, the school's 15-piece jazz band.

Enrique "Ricky" Tanner is one of 12 children. Ricky's development this year as a senior is a real success story. Due to family health problems, he hadn't played since the 9th grade. He leads the team in rebounds, averaging 10 per season game.

Troy McCowan or "Lefty" is recognized for his defensive play. Off the court, he is recognized for his accomplishments in class. He was one of 140 nominees to receive Student Achievement Awards.

Tony West, new to Jefferson this year, broke into the starting line-up mid-season. His hustle on defense contributes to the team's reputation for ball-stealing defense. Offensively, it's not unusual to find him muscling his way along the baseline for a sure two points from inside.

Other team members are: Paul Allen, Lynn Gardner, Rodney Johnson, Torrence Mayberry, Michael Perez and Charles Warren. Oscar Burrell is manager and Elizabeth Howe statistician. Assistant coaches are Al Clay and Jim Neff.



Ralph Talley, center, the outstanding freshman guard for Norfolk State University, displays his MVP trophies to the sellout crowd at the conclusion of the 39th annual CIAA Basketball Tournament. Brewing Company representatives Joe Faust, left, and Pat Healy. The Spartans defeated St. Augustine's College 68-64 to capture the title.

Talley, who worked for a year at the Golden Nugget Casino in his hometown of Atlantic City, N.J. before enrolling at Norfolk, scored 41 points, handed out 15 assists, and grabbed 11 rebounds during the three day tournament. He is the first freshman in CIAA tournament history to win the MVP award.

Stars sparkle at AAA meet

by Stan Sykes

When all the fans had stopped cheering and the dust had all cleared, last Saturday night, to mark the end of the 66th annual boys AAA basketball tournament, the Corvallis Spartans went home, the reigning new champions. But, the road to the top wasn't an easy one. The Spartans started out the tournament against a tough Wilson Trojan team, not winning the game until late in the fourth quarter on a lay-in, off of a jump ball, by 5-11 guard John Krauss. The Spartans went on to win the game 45-42.

In their second outing of the tournament, Corvallis ran into the tough Jesuit Crusaders who finished second in an even tougher Metro-League Conference. The foul-plagued Crusaders, who were led by speedy guard Dan Niedermeyer, received early fouls called on Niedermeyer and 6-6 forward Kelly Richardson and with the Spartan front line of 6-9 and 6-7, the Crusader had a tough night, finally losing 34-43.

The next night, the Spartans literally had their work cut out for them. They went up against No. 1 ranked Parkrose, and highly recruited Rick Osborn, a 6-4 guard who can play any position. The game went down to the wire, until late in the game when the referees missed "the crucial call", a traveling. The Spartans were down by one when point-guard Krauss dribbled the ball to the middle of the Key, made a two foot jump stop, shuffled his feet and then took another step handing the ball to Jerry Davis who hit the game winner, ending Parkrose's chances of winning two of the last three championships.

Then came the Beaverton Beavers, and star point guard Anthony Taylor, a 6-4 senior who can do it all. Beaverton had entered the tournament in a controversial game against No. 2 ranked Grant, who was the PIL champion. The controversy came when coaches thought the tournament should have been seeded, instead of pitting the metro-champion Beavers against the

PIL champs, Grant. And, when 6-4 All-star center Jim Bowes received torn ligaments in his ankle and was unable to play, the Beavers were not supposed to beat Grant, let alone make it to the finals. But, the competitive Beavers did both. They knocked off Grant, Klamath Falls and Putnam to set up only the second overtime that a AAA championship has ever had.

In the championship the Beavers came out ready to play, time after time the Beavers ran all-out plays to Taylor, who just simply out jumped the Spartan front line. The Beavers were so tough that midway through the third quarter they had built their lead up to 10 points. But, John Krauss and crew were not about to give up. The zesty junior point

guard ran the break and played like a champ. He was either dishing off or pulling up for the jumper. His court savvy is just what brought the Spartans back to a 40-40 tie with 10 seconds left on the clock. Beaverton had the ball. The Beavers took the ball out in front of their own bench. Taylor took it out. After throwing it in to a teammate, Taylor ran in and grabbed the ball and the crowd was on the edge of their seats, anticipating Taylor taking the last shot. He dribbled to just below the freethrow line, extended, stopped, pulled up and hit all iron, sending the game into overtime. The overtime was all Jerry Davis, as he hit short jumpers and made clutch freethrows, he gave the Spartans their winning edge of 46-42; making them the state champions of 1984.



Well-known director Ousmane Sembene of Senegal plays a cameo role in JOM, one of the films in the Northwest Film Study Center's 7th Portland International Film Festival running through March 25th. JOM tells the story of modern-day Africans trying to maintain their grasp on the traditions of the past while adapting to the modern world. The film will be shown Monday, March 19 at 8:00 p.m.

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The most massive single edition of a newspaper was the Sunday, Oct. 17, 1965, New York Times. It had 15 sections, a total of 946 pages and weighed 7 1/2 pounds.

The first talking cartoon movie was Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie," released in September 1928.

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Street Beat

by Lanita Duke and Richard Brown

The question this week is, "How would you rate the last four years of the Reagan Administration?"



Kenneth Scott Food Service

"He has done the worst job of any president I ever heard. It has taken me over a year and a half to get a job."



Carol Patton Unemployed

"I don't think Reagan has done anything. I'm still looking for a job and people are being laid off. Things are getting worse rather than better."



Kevin Bradford Maintenance

"Worst and bad. The economy is in trouble, no jobs and money is tight. As far as I'm concerned, he's gone."



Russell Coleman Manager

"Not very good. He has updated jobs in white areas but there are still workers laid off in auto plants. He has turned the economy around to benefit whites."



Christine Propper Housewife

"He has done a fair job. There are some things going downhill, but others are getting better."



Robert Schlevy Steelworker

"I would not rate it very good. I've been out of work more since Reagan's been in than any time in my life."