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It's January and the PGA tour is underway and the best Black golfer in the world has picked up just where he left off, on a winning note. The golfer is Calvin Peete and his game is hitting it straight down the middle. Hot weather seems to be Calvin's thing because when he tees it up on those beautiful hot weather courses that the PGA schedules, Cal's rep for hitting fairways and greens causes the other pros to come prepared.

The Phoenix Open was the first victim for Calvin this year. He opened the first round with a sizzling 65 and matched that score the following day. The Phoenix Country Club course is a par 71, 6,726 yard layout and Calvin brought the course to its knees.

With those two scorching rounds behind him, Peete started the third round without a bogey on his card, but an apparent allergy attack to his

eyes caused Peete to play for nothing worse than a bogey because he could barely see. Peete later told tournament officials he was having difficulty with his contact lenses, declined to be interviewed and sought out an optometrist. His eyes were tearing practically all day and he wiped his eyes repeatedly. With all that difficulty, the man still only shot a 1 over par 72. The third round ended with Peete two shots behind Doug Tewell who put a 65 of his own on the leader board.

Halfway through the final round, Calvin had regained his form and was one shot ahead when Doug Tewell ran into a triple bogey 7 on the 14th hole, where he hit his second shot out of bounds. As every golfer knows, trying to get into the clubhouse with that good score can often take you out of your game and rhythm, and that's what happened to Peete. With a four shot lead Peete suddenly found him-

self scrambling to hold on.

A putt from the fringe was needed to save par. He missed the fairway on 18 but got to the green in regulation and two putted for his par and held onto his 2 shot lead and \$81,000.

Locally, The Leisure Hour Golf Club, who is a member of the Western States Golfing Association, which propelled Peete onto the national golfing scene, has a tremendous junior golf program for boys and girls. In fact, Bill Dickey of Phoenix, Arizona, has notified our club that he has made arrangements for college scholarships to any Black college you choose if you can make the golf team.

Club members Marcus Polk and Byron "Dude" Kelly are on Benson's golf team and Marcus is a top candidate to take the individual best in the city this year. We also have Kevin Newborne at Grant who might have something to say about that. With the cost of college tuition now, investing in some golf clubs for your youngster might pay some huge dividends later. Western States also has scholarships for non golfing high school seniors. My daughter received one last year when she started college. The only requirement to receive this scholarship is to be a member in good

standing in The Leisure Hour Golf Club. Jerome Polk is our President, and if you need or want more information, contact him at 283-1755 or contact me at the Portland Observer.

The Leisure Hour Golf Club has also sent out a challenge to other local clubs to match their sponsoring of one Peninsula Park Wrestling Club member for the season. Leisure Hour's check is not in the mail — it has been received!

Boys PIL results, Jan. 23

Benson 76, Roosevelt 68
Cleveland 58, Lincoln 43
Jefferson 73, Franklin 50
Grant 76, Wilson 61
Marshall 66, Madison 51

Boys PIL results, Jan. 25

Benson 82, Cleveland 52
Wilson 81, Franklin 39
Roosevelt 77, Grant 60
Jefferson 66, Madison 53, OT
Lincoln 42, Marshall 37

Girls PIL results, Jan. 25

Cleveland 71, Benson 37
Wilson 61, Franklin 48
Grant 105, Roosevelt 39
Jefferson 45, Madison 43
Marshall 35, Lincoln 26

Jan. 28 Boys PIL standings

W	L
Wilson.....	9 1
Grant.....	8 2
Jefferson.....	7 3
Roosevelt.....	6 4
Marshall.....	4 6
Lincoln.....	4 6
Franklin.....	3 7
Madison.....	2 8
Cleveland.....	1 9

Girls PIL standings

W	L
Wilson.....	9 0
Marshall.....	7 1
Grant.....	7 2
Lincoln.....	5 3
Cleveland.....	5 4
Madison.....	4 5
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Athletes nominated for Owens Award

NEW YORK — Track and field stars Carl Lewis, Edwin Moses and Daley Thompson, distance runner Joan Benoit, gymnast Li Ning and swimmer Michael Gross are the finalists for the Fifth Annual Jesse Owens International Amateur Athlete Award. The award will be presented at a formal dinner on February 6, at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

The award, which is named after the legendary Olympian who won four gold medals at Berlin in 1936, will benefit the United States Olympic Committee and the Jesse Owens Memorial Foundation.

"Each of these athletes exemplifies the spirit Jesse Owens showed throughout his lifetime" said Herb Douglas, founder of the award and vice-president of Schieffelin & Company, a subsidiary of Moët-Hennessy.

Lewis became the first track and field athlete since Owens to win four

gold medals in one Olympics. Lewis captured his golds in the 100 and 200 meters, the long jump and the 4x100 relay.

Moses, who won the Jesse Owens International Amateur Athlete Award last year, won an Olympic gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles, and stretched his record winning streak to 109. The winner of the gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles at the 1976 Olympics, Moses has not lost a race since 1977.

Thompson won his second consecutive Olympic decathlon, a feat achieved only by Bob Mathias in 1948 and 1952. Thompson has not lost a decathlon he has been able to finish in six years, and has won every major title open to him: Olympics, World Championships, European Championships and Commonwealth Games.

Benoit, the women's world record holder in the marathon, won the gold medal in the first Olympic Marathon for women. The 5-foot-2, 105-pound Benoit clocked 2:24:52 and defeated silver medalist Grete Waitz by one minute and 26 seconds.

Li Ning, a native of China, dominated the men's gymnastics at the Olympics, winning six medals. In individual events, he won gold medals in the floor exercise and the pommel horse, took silvers in the rings and the vault, and won a bronze in the all-around. He won another silver medal by leading China to a second place finish in the team competition.

Gross, a native of West Germany, won two gold medals, two silvers and set two swimming world records at the Olympics. In individual events, he won the 200-meter freestyle and the 100-meter butterfly, setting world records in both, and finished second in the 200-meter butterfly. He led the Federal Republic of Germany to a second place finish in the 2x400 freestyle relay.

Previous recipients of the Jesse Owens International Amateur Athlete Award were Moses in 1984, track and field stars Mary Decker in 1983 and Sebastian Coe in 1982, and speed-skate Eric Heiden in 1981.



CARL LEWIS



EDWIN MOSES

Moses Malone: From high school to big time

How many basketball fans know that Moses Malone was the first player ever to go directly from high school to the big leagues? Ask Assistant Coach and Scout, Morris "Bucky" Buckwalter of the Portland Trail Blazers. He helped sign him.

Buckwalter in 1974-75 coached the Utah Stars of the old ABA. At the time, Moses Malone was debating whether to play for Utah or play at the University of Maryland. Maryland arranged a loan in which Moses would receive a new Cadillac. Bucky recalls the story. "I don't want you driving around in a shabby Cadillac," he told Moses. "We want you in a Mark IV and we are going to put a phone in it for you. Moses paused for a second and asked if he could have a television set too. When he said that, I knew we had him," Bucky said. "Moses signed the next day."

Sometimes Bucky gets nostalgic about those old ABA days. He remembers the days of the red, white and blue balls, and players like Charles Govan and Ron Boone.

Professional basketball has become more sophisticated in recent years and the selection of the most outstanding players has become more scientific.

On the road a good part of the year, he looks for players who are tenacious and have the ability to play well at home and on the road. Research is an important part of identifying the best talent to draft. "When I focus on someone, I think the Blazers will be interested in drafting," Bucky said. "I talk to his parents, coaches and players he's played with and I go back as far as high school and talk to his teachers to get a good profile. You have to know the complete person."



MOSES MALONE

Bucky has some strong feelings about this year's team. With six new faces and one of the youngest rosters in the NBA, he knows that to become successful it will take a lot of work. He believes that, "The Blazers started well because we were running the ball and we were rebounding. Our strengths are our ability to run the floor and our quickness. Our defense got to the point where it was too passive, but in the last few games, we were more aggressive on the ball. Aggressiveness on defense allows us to run the ball. Rebounding is paramount in the way you start your break. Those two things maximizing the long pass rather than dribbling the ball up. We can't grind it out in the half court the way we did it last year."

As the young players get more playing time and experience, and Kenny Carr recovers from his knee operation, the Blazers will be strong contenders for a playoff spot.

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