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## Lisa Bullock wins NBA Hotshot category

Lisa Bullock of Indianapolis, Indiana, recently won the National Championship of the Pepsi/NBA Hotshot finals held in Kansas City, Missouri. She is the first Black female Hotshot National Champion in the 16-18 age category since the inception of the program in 1976.

The Pepsi-NBA Hotshot program is a year-round basketball skills competition in which contestants are given three, one-minute rounds to accumulate as many points as possible by sinking baskets from five designated areas on the court called "Hotspots." Each "Hotspot" is worth a different point value.

The program, which is the longest running and largest youth skills program in the country, has just completed its ninth year. Young people from over 1,800 youth service organizations participated in Hotshot's six categories of competition. The categories are: Girls 9-12, 13-15, 16-18 and Boys 9-12, 13-15, 16-18. Bullock took high honors in the girls, 16-18 group. She advanced to the National Championships by winning competitions at Hill Playground, Hill Center, the Indianapolis playoffs and the Indiana Finals.

Representing the Indiana Pacers, Bullock who has been a participant in the

Hotshot program since she was 13, "out shot" contestants from 22 other NBA cities to become the National Champion. In recognition of her accomplishments, Lisa's name will be enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame along with the names of other Pepsi/NBA Hotshot National Champions. She was also honored by the Pacers during halftime of their April 8 match against the Chicago Bulls. Bullock is 18-years-old and is a senior at Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis. She will attend

Indiana University at Bloomington in the Fall of '85.

Lisa had the following to say about her Hotshot experience: "I practiced every day to reach the National Championships, but it was worth it because I got the chance to make new friends as I advanced from competition to competition. I met kids from New York, Chicago, and Kansas City and I liked that. I would encourage more kids to get into the program so that they could have the same opportunity."

## An open letter to the Blazers

I'm writing in response to Mr. Jernigan's comment about the lack of Blazer visibility and non-involvement in our Black community. I realize that being on a different economic scale sometimes changes one's lifestyle, but, we all should remember "from where we came."

Nine of the 12 Blazers are Black. How many times do they come to the Northeast side of town, other than to earn their pay? I work with young people every day at Beaumont Middle School, where I teach; Grant High School, where I coach, and Concordia College in the summer where I work for the National Youth Sports Program, which is free to our kids. These kids need as much positive reinforcement as they can get. Someone helped you Blazers to get your position. I know that professional ath-

letes have so many demands on their time, but remember our kids: First our schools, our parks. Sign some report cards, not just autographs. You are key role models!

Maurice Lucas did involve himself with our community. He ran clinics, played tennis and communicated with the people of the community. Michael Harper donated his time at the NYSP Camp at Concordia. He could have received pay elsewhere. Herm Gilliam added his contributions. He was very visible. Are these a different breed of men? Come on fellows, help our community! Our kids look up to you. If you don't know who to contact, call Roy Jernigan at the Observer; John Phillips at the Scanner; Tony Hopson at Jefferson High School or me at Beaumont Middle School. This is a cry for help. Do something for the kids who can't afford \$200 to go to camp. Please put back some of the things that you have taken out of some other community.

Blazers, spend some time telling our young people the importance of education, the importance of working hard and being dedicated. Tell them if they work hard that they can be successful in life, not just athletics. Our kids need to have a strong self-image. They need hope. They need your help, Brother Blazers. Believe me, there are a lot of us who do it all the time absolutely free. But I can live with my conscience — can you?

JEFF GAMBLE, JR.



Lisa Bullock, National Champion of the NBA Hotshot basketball skills program in the girls' 16-18 year-old category, receives an award from basketball great Oscar "Big O" Robertson.



Members of the Leisure Hour Golf Club of Portland are: (Left to right) 1st Row — E. Winchester, LaJoyce Polk, Joe Toney, Jerome Polk, Roy Jernigan, Terry Williamson, George Rankins; 2nd Row — V. Winchester, Ethel Love, Bill Russell, M. Woods, C. Maxey, Al Hayden, L. Hicks, J. Laday, Baby Hicks; 3rd Row — A.

Burns, W. Hayward, Al Foreman, B. Bingham, Don Foreman, R. McAfee, Al Richardson, Mack Smith, L. Jackson; 4th Row — M. Beck, J. Mack, T. Hudson, G. Hatlen, K. Johns, G. Cash, L. Schlock, H. Gaskin, C. Ganter, D. Brooks, J. Rogers.

## Those birdies are sure hard to catch

If you wanted to catch the best Black linksters in Portland Saturday morning, Glendoveer G.C. would have been the place to view them. The Leisure Hour Golf Club held their qualifying tournament for The Western States Golfing Association Championships to be held in Carmel, California, in June. The tournament in Carmel will feature many of the best Black golfers in the west doing battle for the WSGA championship titles.

The qualifying round Saturday provided five winners that will re-

ceive \$205 each to defray their expenses to the Carmel site. Many of the club members played in the qualifying round without attempting to win the pot of golf for Carmel because they didn't think that their sticks would hold up under pressure. That was a message for Bill Russell and Jerry Fuller.

The weather was beautiful and the competition stiff, and unless you shot a ton, it was a great day for golf. Many of the players that did not win the prize money will be heading to

Carmel to try their fortunes again, chasing that elusive WSGA championship. Would it be cricket to note that Buck Davis and I paired up to maul Jerry Fuller and Doc Prophet? If not, I apologize. Pebble Beach, here we come.

### Championship flight

	Gross	H/C	Net
Jerome Polk	70	6	64
Charles Ganter	72	6	66
Roy Jernigan	76	9	67
Emmett Poncil	76	9	67
Lou Motley	80	9	71
Walter Davis	80	9	71
Herbert Johnson	81	9	72

### "A" Flight 10-14

Dr. Matthew Prophet	76	11	65
Damascus King	77	10	67
Ben Tolley	82	14	68
Booker Taylor	80	10	70
Charles Dean	84	14	70

### Ladies Flight 0-36

V. Winchester	87	25	62
Sandi Wagner	82	16	66
Ruth Scurlock	89	16	73

### "B" Flight 15-19

Charles Maxey	83	17	66
Dr. Booker Lewis	89	18	71
Harold Burns	89	15	74
Andy Brown	96	17	79
Walter Morris	97	15	82

### "C" Flight 20-up

Doug Taylor	81	21	60
Al Benjamin	89	29	60
J. C. Wright	96	20	66
James Jackson	94	26	68
Al Hayden	111	38	73
Earl Winchester	98	21	77
Karl Johns	107	27	80

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