



Leonard Hill, 33, from Klamath Falls, pulled away from last year's winner Alan Knoop of Oregon City, at about the 17-mile point and kept the lead, winning the 14th Portland Marathon. Hill finished the 26.2 mile course in 2 hours, 19 minutes, 42 seconds. Lynn Friedman Bernot, a Portland psychiatrist was the women's winner with a time of 2:51:25. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Basketball star Michael Jordan signs as spokesman for Coke

Coca-Cola USA announced that Michael Jordan, star guard for the Chicago Bulls, has signed an agreement to become a commercial spokesman for the Company.

Jordan, last year's National Basketball Association (NBA) Rookie of the Year, will appear in television, radio and print advertisements for Coca-Cola. He will also make public appearances, to include coaching clinics and promotional activities, for Coca-Cola USA and its bottlers.

"Anyone who has ever watched basketball knows the thrill and excitement that Michael Jordan brings to the game," said Ray Thomas, vice president, Bottler Operations Department, Coca-Cola USA.

"We are confident that Michael will generate that same kind of excitement for Coca-Cola," he said.

A native of Wilmington, N.C., Jordan is widely recognized as one of the most complete, multi-talented players in the NBA. His electrifying moves and extraordinary jumping ability gained him widespread popularity in his first professional season.

After completing an outstanding college basketball career at the University of North Carolina, he was the top draft pick for the Chicago Bulls in 1984.

At North Carolina, Jordan was a consensus All-American and was named college player of the year in 1983 and '84. He also was the leading scorer in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in '83 and '84.

As a freshman, Jordan was selected ACC Rookie of the Year and scored the winning basket when the Tar Heels won the 1982 national championship.

Topping off his amateur career, Jordan co-captained the United States basketball team that won the gold medal at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

"In addition to all his basketball talent, Michael is a delightful and impressive young man who is becoming

popular with sports fans throughout the world," Thomas said.

"We're looking forward to working with him to further enhance the image of the world's leading soft drink, Coca-Cola."



TONY WEST AND JOHN LEE

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

PCC coach helps local athletes

John Lee, head basketball coach at Portland Community College (PCC) is trying to get local high school students to consider PCC before attending a four-year institution. Coach Lee says that many athletes are not prepared to go directly from a high school basketball program into a major college program. Lee said that he would like to develop a "feeder program" at PCC.

Under this program, basketball players will receive counseling that will prepare them for the academic life of major colleges in order to deal with the pressure of big time college basketball. Lee stated that he has seen many local high school basketball players who went to a four-year institution and, for some reason, didn't

Blazers open fall training camp

by Jerry Garner

The Portland Trail Blazers opened their 1985-86 Training Camp last Friday at Green Meadows Golf and Athletic Club. On the same day, guard Terry Porter, the Blazer's first-round draft pick, and Ben Coleman, free agent forward of Maryland, signed contracts with the Blazers. The signing of Porter and Coleman by the Blazers means that every player in the Training Camp is now under contract.

In all, 16 players are trying for the twelve starting positions. Seven of the sixteen are either rookies or free agents. They are Brett Applegate, Joe Atkinson, Ben Coleman, Ken Green, Ken Johnson, and Perry Young, all forwards. Porter is the only guard among the newcomers.

In the annual two-mile run, Darnell Valentine finished first with a time of 10 minutes and 11 seconds, Joe Atkinson was second and Steve Colter third.

The Blazers should be a stronger rebounding team this year with the addition of 6-9 Coleman and 6-8 Ken Johnson of Michigan State. Coleman and Johnson were acquired by the Blazers in a trade with the Chicago Bulls. Coleman was a second-round draft pick of the Bulls last season, but opted to play in Italy when he couldn't reach a contract agreement with the Bulls.

When Coleman was asked to compare the Pro League in Italy to the N.B.A., he replied, "there's better competition in the N.B.A." Coleman said he looked forward to playing in the N.B.A. While at Maryland, Coleman played center and guarded 7-4 Ralph Sampson when Maryland played arch-A.C.C.-rival Virginia. Coleman said the referee wouldn't let anyone touch Sampson.

Ken Johnson, a second round draft pick of the Bulls, was obtained by the Blazers for Mike Smeek. Johnson said he is excited to be playing for the Trail Blazers. When Johnson was asked to comment on his strong points, he replied, "Although I am 6-8 and 250 pounds, I am quick and I can run the court well." Johnson continued, "this, plus the coaching of Coach Ramsey and tips from Kenny Carr, will improve my game at power forward." Last year at Michigan State, Johnson averaged almost 11 rebounds and 11 points per game.

Coach Jack Ramsey said that he is pleased with the make-up of this year's team. He said that last year rookies Sam Bowie, Steve Colter and Jerome Kersey have a year's experience under their belt. Also Kiki Vandeweghe is more familiar with the

system since he came from Denver. When Coach Ramsey was asked whether he thought the acquisition of former Blazer Maurice Lucas by the World Champion Lakers would help that club, he replied, "Lucas can still play; it all depends on whether he wants to play."

The Trail Blazers will play eight pre-season games. Their first game will be Oct. 5, against the Phoenix Suns in Phoenix. The Blazers' first pre-season game in Oregon will be played on Oct. 10 against the Golden State Warriors in Medford, OR. The Blazers will play only two pre-season games in the Memorial Coliseum: Oct. 12 against Phoenix and Oct. 19 against the L.A. Clippers.

Grambling coach ties "Bear" Bryant in wins

Last Saturday in Shreveport, LA, Grambling State University Tigers defeated Oregon State 23-6. In the process, Grambling Coach Eddie Robinson tied the record of Alabama's legendary Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant for the most career football victories of 323 wins. Nearly 14,000 fans watched Grambling defeat Oregon State in the Independence Stadium.

Robinson, 66, who is in his 43rd season at Grambling, will seek to break the record next week when Grambling travels to Dallas to play Prairie View A & M in the Cotton Bowl this Saturday.

During Robinson's 43 years at Grambling, he sent more than 200 players to the professional rank. The first was Tank Younger, the great linebacker and fullback with the Los Angeles Rams from 1949 to 1957. Tank Younger was the first Black player in the National Football League.

Not only did Oregon State lose the game to Grambling, the Beavers lost starting quarterback Eric Wilhelm for the season when he suffered injuries to his right knee on the final play of the third quarter.

DUCKS BLASTED BY NEBRASKA

Last week the University of Oregon Ducks' lack of defense was exposed by the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Nebraska blasted the Ducks last Saturday in Lincoln 63-0. The rout brought the following response from Ducks Coach Rich Brooks, "you did

not see our football team today; our football team did not show up."

The Ducks committed six turnovers against Nebraska and could manage only 106 total yards to the Cornhuskers' 589.

YOUR WATER: IS THERE MORE THERE THAN MEETS THE EYE?



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FACT: In 1980, the U.S. Government's Council on Environmental Quality reported that chlorine added to water increased the risk of urinary tract and gastrointestinal cancer.

FACT: Bottled water isn't regularly monitored for some toxic chemicals, except in states like New York where monitoring is required. In 1982, the Suffolk County, New York health department tested bottled water sold in the county and found potentially hazardous chemicals in 46 of 110 brands.

FACT: The EPA has identified serious groundwater contamination in 34 states.

FACT: The United States Geological Survey pinpoints sources of contamination in every state.

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