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Kinney Shoes Celebrates Black History Month Limited Edition Poster Available

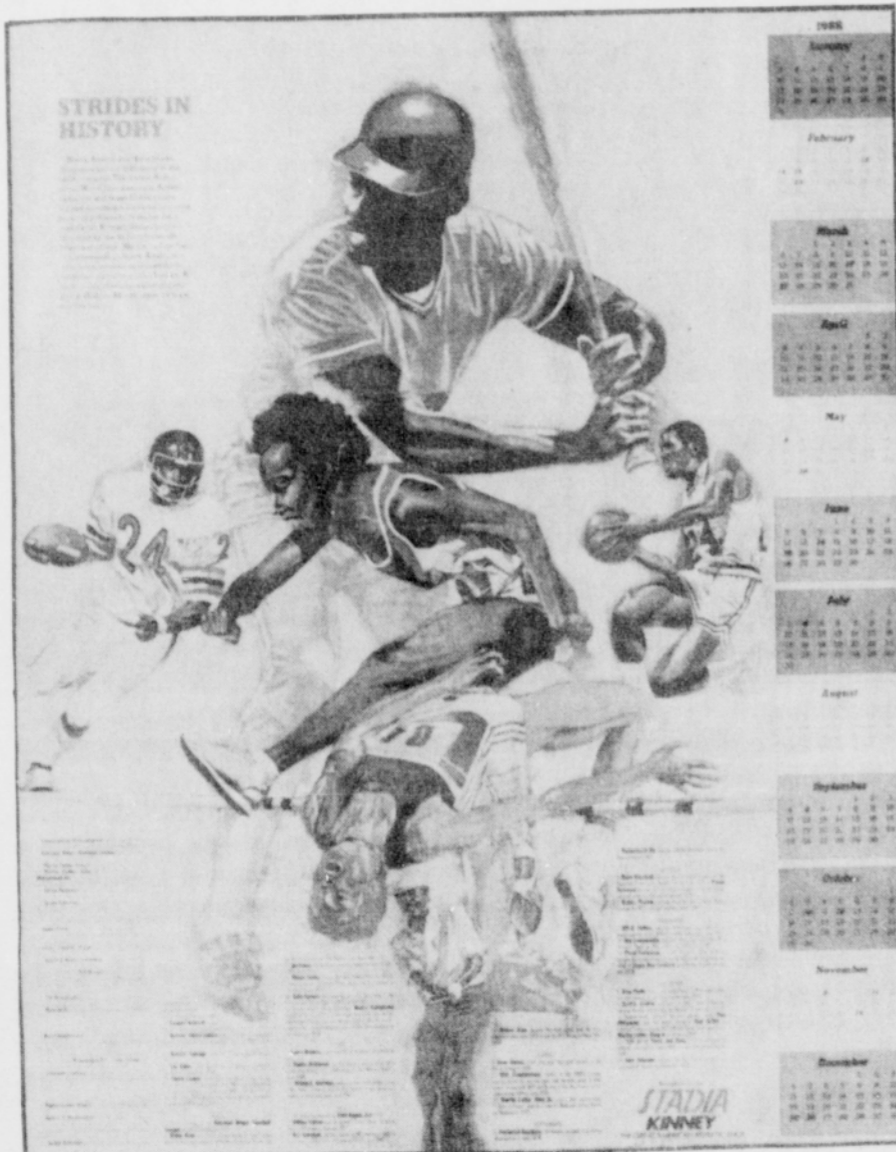
NEW YORK, N.Y. — Kinney Shoes will offer Black History Month calendars at selected stores across the country as part of the company's observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and Black History Month.

Entitled "Strides in History," the calendar highlights the contributions made by Black Americans in sports and is available from Jan. 18 to Feb. 29 as a gift with purchase.

"Kinney Shoes is excited about involving its customers in the company's celebration of Black history by providing the calendars," Joyce Wilkins, special market manager at Kinney Shoe Corporation, said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to salute the achievements of many Black Americans."

Presented by STADIA, Kinney's line of athletic footwear, the calendar is featured on a full-color poster suitable for framing. The artwork was created by Kansas City, Mo.-based artist Dell Godbold.

Visit your nearest Kinney Shoes for more information.



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"Color of Action" Float Features Cheryl Miller in King Orange Parade

Kodak All-American and Olympic medalist Cheryl Miller was on hand to greet 350,000 spectators during Miami's recent King Orange Parade. Miller rode aboard Eastman Kodak Company's new "Color of Action" float which features 4 x 5-foot color photographs of fast-paced sports enthusiasts in windsurfing, gymnastics, biking, basketball and track and field scenes. Accompanied by athletes who perform alongside the float, "Color of Action" appeared in Miami's Three Kings Day Parade Jan. 10 and will be included in other Florida community festivities during 1988, including the Gasparilla celebration in Tampa, Feb. 6, and the Edison Pageant of Light Parade in Ft. Myers, Feb. 20.



Trailblazer "Write On" Essay Contest: Deadline Feb. 22

The Portland Trailblazers and AVIA Athletic Footwear Company are giving students a chance to demonstrate their writing skill by sponsoring the "Write On" essay competition.

The competition is open to all students grades one through 12 in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill and Columbia Counties in Oregon and Clark County in Washington. This year's theme is: "If I were in charge of the world . . ."

Special information kits including a recommended lesson plan have been mailed directly to more than 11,500 public and private school teachers. "It's our hope that this year's essay topic will spark ardent class discussions and increased interest in world events while encouraging essay entries," says Wally Scales, program coordinator.

Deadline for entries is February 22, 1988. Three winning essays will be selected from each grade level. The Portland Council of the International Reading Association will be responsible for judging entries.

Winners will each receive an autographed basketball plus two tickets to the Blazer's home game against the Sacramento Kings on April 17th. Kevin Duckworth, center for the Portland Trailblazers, will hold a pre-game reception. Student winners will also get the chance to tour the Blazer locker room.

Each student who submits an essay entry will receive a special recognition certificate.

This is the fourth year that the Blazers and AVIA have sponsored an essay competition. "We feel that writing is one of the most important skills an individual can develop and hope that this program will encourage students to improve their writing skills," says Duckworth.

The essay competition is part of the three phase Blazer/Avia Scholastic

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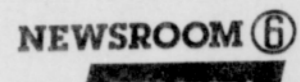
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Improvement Concept (BASIC) program. Other phases include a reading program for fifth and sixth graders and an improvement segment designed to recognize students for academic or behavioral achievement.

More than 120,000 students have participated in one or more programs of the BASIC program since its inception in 1984. The program has won numerous awards including: The 1987 Presidential Award for Private Sector Initiative; the Mayor's (Portland) Corporate Citizen Award; the Oregon Association of School Executives Distinguished Service Award; "Family Circle Magazine's Leaders of Readers" Award; and the Portland Council of the International Reading Association's "Celebrate Literacy" Award.

For information on the "Blazer/AVIA Scholastic Improvement Concept" program and/or the "Write On" essay competition, contact: Wally Scales, Portland Trailblazers, 700 N.E. Multnomah, Suite 950, Portland, OR 97232.

Portland Pro-Am Basketball League

The Winter Portland Pro-Am Basketball League is in full swing with a weekend schedule of the best semi-professional basketball in the metro area partly sponsored by Miller Brands, Inc.

The league hosts NBA players during the Summer like Mychal Thomson and A.C. Green of the Los Angeles Lakers; Terry Porter, Michael Holton, Kevin Duckworth, Charles Jones, and Jerome Kersey of the Trailblazers.

The Winter schedule features eight teams from Seattle and four from Portland with hometown favorites like Richard Washington, Amos Allen, Larry Anderson, Larry Jury who set a single game scoring record in 1987 at 62 points and others. The competition is keen and the weekend schedule accommodates the several retired professional or working men who can play the semi-professional level basketball.

The league serves as a training ground for NBA officials and is governed by NBA rules including the 24 second shot clock and official three-point shot.

The level of play is outstanding. The excellent facility of Portland Community College — Cascade Gymnasium at 705 N. Killingsworth Street and Kerby Avenue creates a family atmosphere that suits all sports fans.

Best of all the admission is free. This bargain can't last forever. Find out how you can become a "Charter Member" of the Portland Pro-Am Basketball Club.

Games start at 5:30 p.m. each Saturday and 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at PCC Cascade Gymnasium.

A special weekend of tournament play: PCC Cascade Gym, Saturday, Jan. 30th, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00 & 6:30; and Sunday, Jan. 31, 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Four rival teams from Seattle will be featured.

The Portland Indoor: Meet of Brilliant Performances



5' 8" Rick Noji clears 7' 5".

by Fred Hembry

The day finally arrived.

Saturday, January 23, 1988, athletes big and small, young and tall, suited up and strapped on their Achilles' wings in hopes of a win. Although all could not be first, many shone bright that day.

The day (developmental) meet kicked off with an electrifying win in the two mile relay (high school), anchored by Chuck Breabeck of Cleveland.

Another heated competition brewed in the college-open 500 yrd. dash run by Pat Lanning (U of O) and Steve Jackson (Portland) from Washington State U. They pushed each other into an amazing sub-one minute clocking of 59.4—Lanning, 59.5—Jackson.

"I had some good competition in my heat. I think we ran the fastest heat yet," Jackson said. The fastest it was. Jackson is a Portland area resident who normally runs the 400 intermediate hurdles. He should be in good standing for a bid on the 1988 U.S. Olympic squad.

The day meet is quite unique. "It's the largest single one-day event of its type in the nation. The meet is also the oldest," comments Larry Breight, President, Oregon Indoor Track Meet Commission. This meet gave all runners a chance to publicly display the end

In the pole vault, James Robinson, a seasoned veteran, took a young field to school in the 800 with a time of 1:54.

Heptathlete Cindy Greiner won both the women's 55 meter hurdles and the long jump (20' 9 1/4"). A great early showing for her.

Bill Sheppard took a commanding first place in the prep 55 meter dash, setting a new meet record. "I felt confident coming into this race, but I had no idea I'd get a meet record," he commented.

Judy Brown-King won the 400, but not unchallenged. In the final lap our own Robin Marks made a surprising move on King, but locked arms with Rose Blake in the last corner slowing her momentum to



34-year-old James Robinson commands 800.

meter dash another unknown competitor, Joyce Rainwater (Kentridge—Seattle, WA), sprinted away from the hometown field. "I was really nervous, but I've been training since August. I felt prepared," she remarked.

High Jump: There was a brief press meeting before the evening began. Dwight Stones was one of a four-star panel. Mr. Stones predicted a good showing on his part before the festivities began. The height Stones cleared was in picture-perfect form, but was not enough to eclipse 5' 8" Rick Noji of Seattle.

Yes, that's right! Not his mark, but his size — five-feet-eight-inches tall. Noji holds the all-time Junior National record — 7' 4 1/2" — accomplished in his junior year in high school. This mark also earned him a spot at the 1984 U.S. Olympic trials. Rick Noji happens to be a modern phenomenon ranking with that of Franklin Jacobs, another 5' 8" jumper. Noji's uncanny ability allowed him a jump of 7' 5".

"This year I'm looking for a 7' 7" or 7' 8" jump. I just want to do the best I can at every meet. I'm a competitor, but only against myself. I could win a meet at 7' 2", but, if I knew I could've gone higher,



Kelly Crerar (Canada) 'sucks up' Leon Sanders, Prep 640 Relay.

third place. "I felt great coming into this even. I didn't have any speed work before tonight. I'm very pleased with my race," Robin said.

Many events saw the turntables of underdog aggression. Here are a few:

Men's 55 meter hurdles. The field: J.J. Birden, Rodger Kingdom (scratched—leg injury), Al Joyner, Renaldo Nehemiah, and Cletus Clark. The gun goes off . . . 7.2 seconds later the race is finished. The accomplished, but relatively unknown, Cletus Clark emerges the winner.

In the high school women's 55

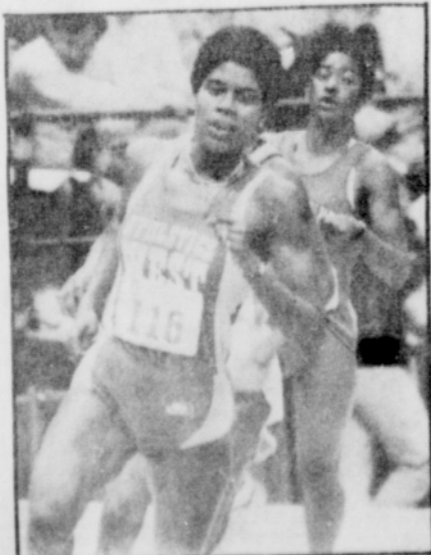
results of long, sweaty, long-wrenching workouts. Hats off to the day set.

Night Meet

Thanks to the sponsorship by Pacific Northwest Bell and the guidance of Tom Jorday, the Portland Grand Prix again played to a sold-out crowd. Excitement and anticipation thickened the air.

Only a handful of runners managed to hold up to their pre-meet expectations.

Earl Bell squeaked by a hungry field on fewer misses — 18' 4 1/2" — over Tim Bright's 18' 4 1/2".



Judy Brown-King wins 400.