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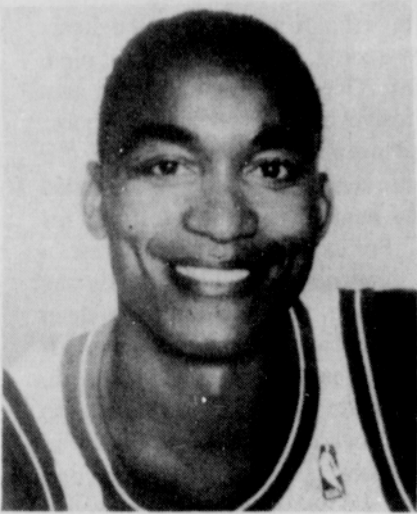
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BY ULLYSSES TUCKER, JR.

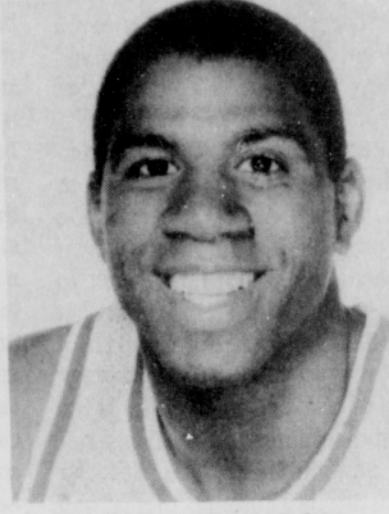
Charity all star basket ball games are a very hot item this summer, with the primary beneficiaries being the homeless, Boys Clubs, the United Negro College Fund, and a host of other non-profit organizations. On August 10, the Isaiah Thomas Summer Classic at the Palace of Auburn Hills raised close to \$300,000 for Detroit's Health Care for the Homeless Project and Comic Relief, a national non-profit organization that helps the homeless. Comedians such as Billy Crystal, Kevin Meaney, and Paula Pundstone, as well as a host of NBA stars performed.

Magic Johnson's fifth Midsummers Night's magic Weekend at the great Western, raised over \$1.65 million for the United Negro College Fund through a black-tie-dinner, celebrity auction, and game itself, which featured many of the best in the NBA including Johnson. This summer's event was the highest grossing of Johnson's charity games, which had previously raised over \$2.5 million for the UNCF. The third annual Larry's (Bird) Game was also held this summer at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis. The benefit game gave the Celtic star the chance to play in his home state while raising scholarship money for Indiana students attending college in state. This year's event was a sellout, raising over \$160,000.

This past weekend, Dominique (Atlanta) Wilkins/UNCF Classic was held at the OMNI, while Reggie Theus hosted the UNCF/Reggie Theus All-Star Classic on this past Monday at the Orlando Arena. Spud Webb will host the sixth annual Spud Webb/Coca-Cola Classic at Reunion Arena in his native Dallas on Saturday, September 8, with all proceeds benefiting the Boys Club



ISIAH THOMAS



"MAGIC" JOHNSON

of Dallas. Wouldn't it be real nice if some of the local millionaires from our Western Conference Champions could put a charity game together? Keep your eyes to the ground....

Rumeal Robinson, the Atlanta Hawks' No.1 pick, returned to his roots in more ways than one earlier this month. Robinson, who led the U of Michigan to the 1989 NCAA Championship, returned to the area on August 10th to watch the Isaiah Thomas Summer Classic in Auburn Hills, MI. But before the game, Robinson and 76ers forward Rick Mahorn took time to visit the Cass Center in Detroit, a homeless shelter that tends to the critical health needs of the homeless and their families.

It was a scene not unfamiliar to Robinson, who as a homeless 10-year old would seek food and shelter in a Cambridge, MA. community center before he was adopted by Louis and Helen Ford.

"You always have to have a dream", Robinson told the children at the Cass Center, which took care of over 7,000 people last year. "If you work to make it come true, anything can happen." Robin-

son and Mahorn then chose eight children and took them over to the Palace to work as ball boys at the Classic.

The Knicks Gerald Wilkins didn't have to overcome the same hardships as Robinson while growing up in Atlanta, but reminders of his own youth continually returned to him this summer while touring the YMCAs of New York on the teams MetLife Summer Caravan.

"I remember playing sandlot basketball on hard concrete with the rims hanging down," said Wilkins, who along with teammates Kenny Walker, Kiki Vandeweghe, Trent Tucker, and No.1 pick Jerrrod Mustaf joined the Caravan to help warn New York youngsters about the dangers of drugs and drug abuse. "it's fun getting back to experience your roots a little bit."

"Sometimes you get spoiled, but this definitely opens your eyes and makes you humble because you understand that this could have been you. If you can help one or two of them, that's great...."

PSU's Carlisle ready to prove value as starter

by AARON FENTRESS

Heading into his senior season at Portland State University Joe Carlisle is looking to accomplish two things before he closes out his college football career. One, to finally establish himself as a full-time starting linebacker on the Viking defense and two, to win a national championship.

Carlisle was recruited by PSU out of Garfield high school in Seattle Washington. Although Carlisle didn't start in high school he played more than the starter, who happened to be the coaches son, and played well enough to be noticed by the PSU coaching staff.

"It didn't matter to me that I didn't start because I played the most and I knew realistically I was the starter. If not the coaches son," said Carlisle.

After red-shirting in 1986 Carlisle backed up, all-conference, linebacker Kurt Simmons in 1987 before becoming a part-time starter in 1988. Part-time due to the presence of another talented linebacker. Prior to the 1988 season, PSU recruited Junior College All-American Linebacker Mingo Saluea to challenge Carlisle for his position. Although Saluea never pushed Carlisle out of the picture he did challenge Carlisle enough to split time.

"It became the same situation as the one I had experienced in high school," said Carlisle. "We alternated every series or sometimes every game depending on who we played."

When the Vikings played run oriented teams Carlisle was called upon due to his run stopping abilities. When the Vikings played passing teams Saluea stepped in and utilized his quickness and speed. Despite playing different amounts of time week after week Carlisle says the presence of Saluea only made him better.

"Him being there simply pushed me harder to prove that I could play," said Carlisle. "Sometimes I felt like the coaches were trying to push him ahead of me because he was a J.C. all-american.

But I knew as long as I played well they couldn't keep me off the field."

Carlisle did prove he could play on many occasions. Against Montana during the last game of the 1988 season, Carlisle recorded eight tackles, and forced two fumbles. Yet one bad game later Carlisle found himself fighting for time during the playoffs. Last season Carlisle started during the playoffs against West Chester (PA) and contributed to the victory with eight tackles, two sacks, a fumble recovery and an interception, this time a "bad game" did not follow. Carlisle would like to maintain that consistency in 1990.

"I'd rather play consistently good then up and down," said Carlisle. "In the past I've had some great games but I'll be the first to tell you I've had my bad days."

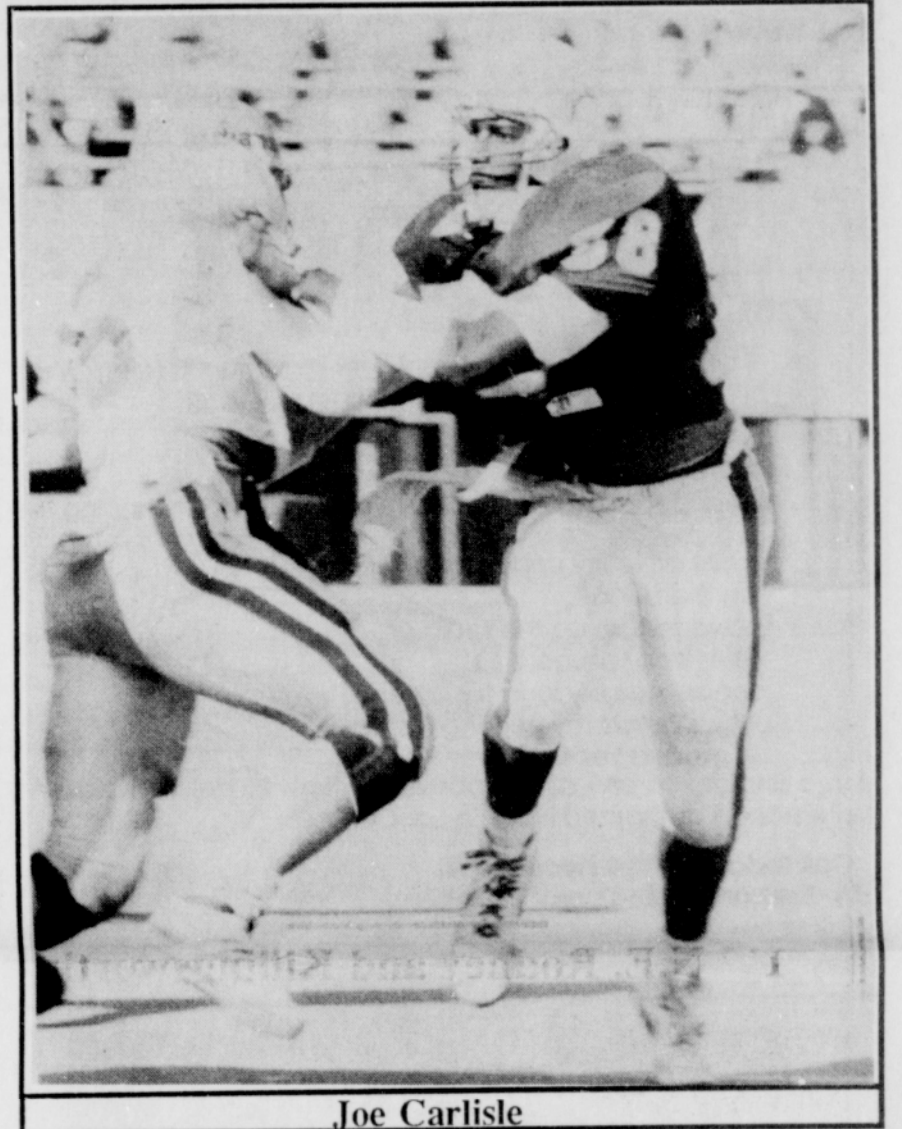
With saluea gone and the starting job locked down Carlisle has his eyes set on a national championship. PSU has come close in the past, loosing the title game in 1987 and 1988.

"We've basically done it all," said Carlisle. "We've been there twice so just making it again won't mean anything. Our goal has to be to win it all or we win nothing."

After this season Carlisle will be setting his sights on graduation. Carlisle is a business management major at PSU and plans to attend graduate school.

"When it's over it's over," said Carlisle. "You can't play forever. But I'll always have my degree."

Carlisle and the Vikings open the 1990 season at home in Civic stadium at 7 p.m. Sept. 1



Joe Carlisle

Good Times...Good Friends

Northeast Portland high schoolers from around the United States had the opportunity to get re-acquainted last Friday at the fourth annual Gathering

Reminiscing



Allen Brooks, Robert Butler, Don Forman

Having fun



Charles Stroudghter hamming it up at the annual Gathering

Old friends



Mary McKeever, Carrie Hampton, Ada Little

Remember when?



Billy and Lillian Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Warren

School mates - Family



Norma and Herman McKinner

Good friends



Lloyd Allen, Geneva Elliott and friend