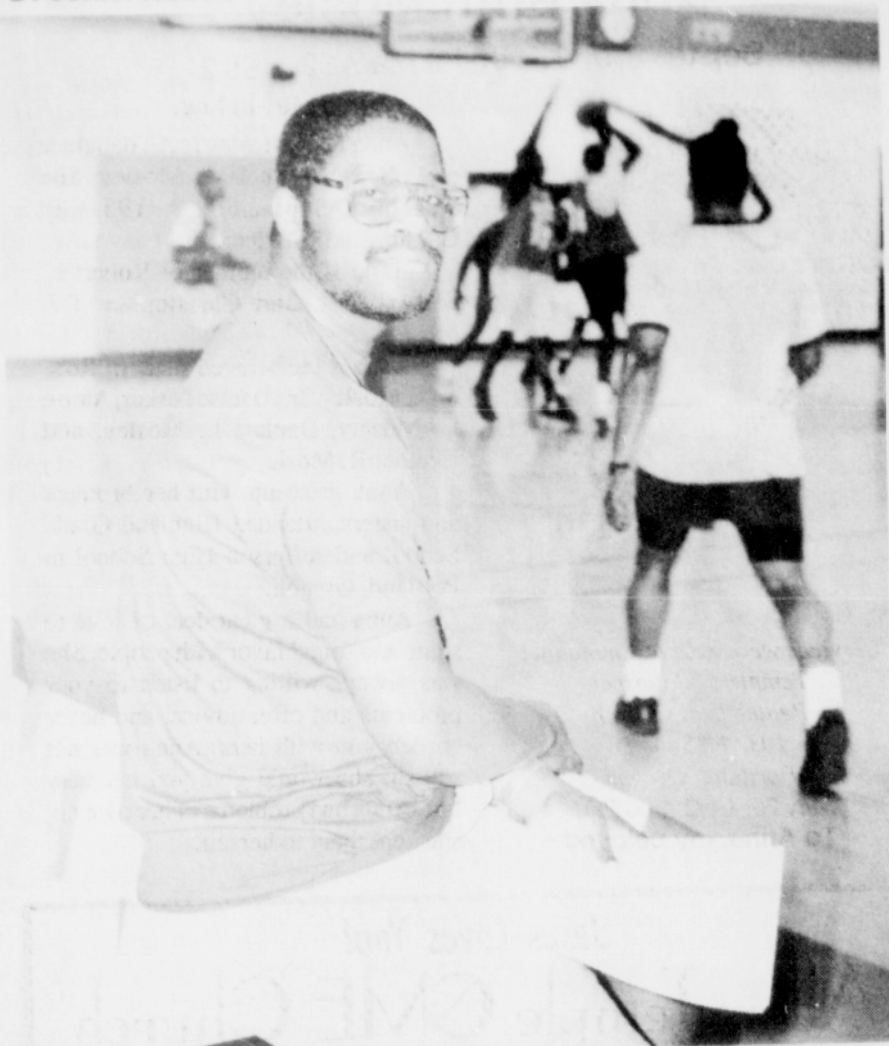


SPORTS

Dixon's Doing The Right Thing

BY JOHN PHILLIPS



Donald Dixon

Photo by Veronica Green

The title of Spike Lee's movie "Do the Right Thing" fits Donald Dixon to a tee. Dixon at 35 years of age is a full time counselor at Jefferson high school, and is also the men's head basketball coach at Portland Community College. For most coaches, spring is a good time to work on one's golf or tennis game, but not Coach Dixon. His spring weekends are filled with over 80 young men playing basketball in the Portland Community College Spring Basketball League.

The league was the idea of Dixon and his assistant coach, the ex-NBA standout Richard Washington. With the

main goal being to find two or three players that might make the PCC team in the fall, it is and has been an excellent alternative to gang affiliation and other negatives that often find you men with a lot of idle time on their hands.

This is the second year of the league and Dixon has made it work with no money from sponsorship. The money for team uniforms came out of his pocket. So all you local businesses, this is a way for you to give something back by becoming a sponsor in next year's Spring League. Call Dixon at Portland Community college.

Dixon graduated in 1974 from Fremont High School in Oakland, Califor-

nia, where he was an All-League player. He played four years at the University of Portland where he was captain of the basketball team his senior year. Dixon has worked for the Portland Public Schools since 1978, and resides in Northeast Portland with his wife Vernetta and their two children, a son Dominick 3, and four-month-old daughter Danielle.

Dixon is also founder of the Portland Pro-Am Basketball League that enters its sixth season this summer. But the main thing on Dixon's mind year long is his PCC team. The Spring League has seven teams that play three games every Saturday and Sunday at two PCC gym sites, Cascade and Sylvania. Both the coaches and officials volunteer their time to help the league survive. The coaches in the league are Vernon Baker, Richard Fortson, Bruce "Bubba" Jones, Jerry Johnson, Robert Key, Craig Moody, Lennie Sanders, and league staff members Otis Burchfield and Robin "Ace" Helser. Officials are Jeff Gamble, Tina Blair-Richardson, Jerrell Gaddis, Vernon Long, Stetson James, Derreck Brooks and myself.

Players that will help PCC become a community college power next season are Canaan Chapman, transfer from Oregon State university; Andre Jones, a 6'7" strong man; and the Spring League's leading scorer, Delon Phoenix. Other players who are considering PCC in the fall are Ramone Bethune and Zachary Longaker from Lincoln High School; David Mays and Donte Frazer from Benson high school; and transfers Eric Obee and Randy Bell.

The championship game was played Sunday, May 31, between team #1, coached by Richard Fortson, and team #2, coached by Craig Moody. Team #2 captured the championship with a score of 79-76.

We look for good things to happen at PCC next season. All the hard work that Coach Dixon and his staff has put into this league will pay off.

Prime Time

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

For the first time, every game of the 1992 NBA Finals will be seen and heard live nationally in prime time. NBC Sports' weeknight coverage of the NBA Finals will start at 9:00 p.m. eastern time, with Sunday games commencing at 7 p.m. EDT.

Veteran sportscaster Marv Albert will call the play-by-play, with former NBA coach Mike Fritello and three-time NBA MVP Earvin "Magic" Johnson serving as expert analysts. "NBA Showtime" hosts Bob Costas and Quinn Buckner will anchor pre-game, half-time and post-game segments, including the "Insiders" Bob Terry and Peter Vecsey. Surprisingly, a name not mentioned is Portland's own Steven Jones.

NBA Finals Schedule (All Times Eastern Daylight)

Game 1 Wed June 3 9 p.m. - in Chicago
Game 2 Fri June 5 9 p.m. - in Chicago
Game 3 Sun June 7 7 p.m. - in Portland
Game 4 Wed June 10 9 p.m. - in Portland
Game 5 Fri June 12 9 p.m. - in Portland
Game 6 Sun June 14 7 p.m. - in Chicago
Game 7 Wed June 17 9 p.m. - in Chicago
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1992 NBA PLAYOFFS



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Did You Know?

by John Phillips

The international television broadcasts of the 1992 NBA finals will be seen by over 400 million households, in 93 countries on six continents.

The NBA Finals will be played in a 2-3-2 home/road format for the eighth year in a row and the 12th time in NBA history. Ten of the previous 11 finals in the 2-3-2 format have been won by the team with the two sets of two home games. The only exception came in 1985, when Boston opened at home but lost to the Lakers in six games.

How important is the home court advantage in the NBA finals? The team with the (potential) extra at home has won 33 NBA finals and lost only 12, a 733 percentage. And the team with the home court advantage has won each of the last six NBA Finals.

Only two teams have come back from 2-0 deficits to win NBA Finals -- Boston in 1969 and Portland in 1977. Both lost the first two games on the road, then went home and got back on track -- Boston beating the Lakers in seven

games and Portland defeating Philadelphia in six games.

No team has ever come back from a 3-0 or 3-1 deficit to win an NBA Finals. Five teams have come back after being down 3-2: Syracuse in 1955, Boston in 1962, Boston in 1969, Washington in 1978 and the L.A. Lakers in 1988.

What is the most important game to win in the best-of-7 NBA Finals? Other than the seventh (obviously), statistics show it's Game 3. Teams that have won Game 3 have gone on to win 32 of 45 NBA Finals.

Of the four teams possible to reach the NBA Finals, Chicago and Cleveland in the east and Utah and Portland in the west, which city has the highest hotel rate? Would you believe Portland? That's right, Portland! The Portland Marriott's going rate per night is \$132, Chicago's O'Hare Marriott is \$95, with both Cleveland Marriott East and Utah Marriott charging \$79 per night. It seems like the Marriott Hotels have a lock on NBA road teams

NFL Quarterbacks Conduct Football Camp For Students

NFL Quarterbacks will hold a football camp for 200 Portland School District students Saturday, May 30, at Roosevelt High School, 6941 N. Central.

Former Phoenix Cardinals Quarterback Neil Lomax and Cincinnati Bengals signal-caller Eric Wilhelm will conduct the clinic for 13-18 year-olds from George and Portsmouth Middle and Roosevelt High schools from 1-4 p.m. at the Roosevelt football field.

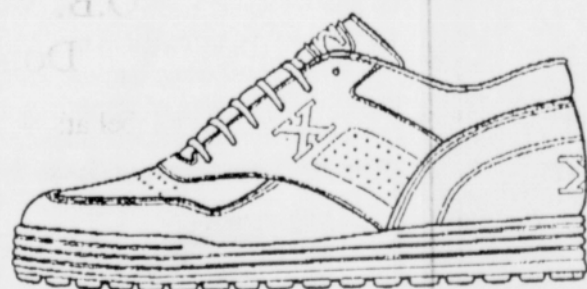
Sports clinics in softball, soccer and volleyball also will be conducted by Portland State University coaches for area 7th and 8th graders and mem-

bers of Roosevelt athletic teams. A girls softball clinic with PSU coach Teri Mariani is scheduled May 30 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roosevelt campus.

Soccer and volleyball camps for boys and girls conducted by PSU coaches Bernie Fagan and Marty Mozzachi will be held Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Roosevelt. For More Information, please contact: George Gallati, principal, or Allen Abrahamson, vice principal, at Roosevelt, 280-5260; or Bill Garbett, director of public information and communication, Portland Public Schools, 249-3304

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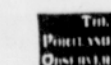
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