

SPORTS

1992 Basketball Tournament Of The Americas Draw Announced

BY JOHN PHILLIPS
FROM PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS

Colorado Springs, CO - USA Basketball has released the draw and competition schedule for the 1992 Basketball Tournament of the Americas that will be held June 27 - July 5, 1992 in Portland, OR. USA Basketball's "Dream Team" will compete in Pool A, Along with Argentina, Canada, Cuba and Panama. Brazil, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Venezuela will compete in Pool B.

"The pools for the Basketball Tournament of the Americas are well-balanced and the competition for the four 1992 Olympic qualification spots should be exciting," said Dave Gavitt, USA Basketball president. "The Basketball Tournament of the Americas

will undoubtedly be an historic event and the road to Barcelona truly will begin in Portland."

Under the tournament format, the 10 teams were divided into two pools, with each pool consisting of five teams. Over the first five days of the tournament (June 27 through July 1), each team will play the other four teams in its pool in the preliminary round. The top three finishers from each pool advance,

with the first place team in each pool receiving a bye for the quarterfinals. The second and third place teams from each pool will cross over and meet in the July 2 quarterfinals, meaning the second place finisher in Pool A will play the third place finisher in Pool B, and the second place finisher in Pool B will play the third place finisher in Pool A. The quarterfinal winners will advance to the July 3 semifinals to face the first place teams from the pool competition. The semifinal winners will then meet in the finals on July 5, while the semifinal losers will meet in the consolation game also on July 5.

The top four finishers of the 1992 Basketball Tournament of the Americas will qualify for the Barcelona Olympics as the American zone qualifiers. also, the top four finishers from the European Zone Olympic Qualifying Tournament (June 19 - July 5) will also qualify for the '92 Olympics. already qualified for the men's basketball competition at the Barcelona Olympics is Angola (African zone qualifier), and Spain (host country).

Under the released schedule, the USA will not play during the opening day of pool competition, Saturday, June

27, but will open its competition on Sunday, June 28 against Cuba in a noon (Pacific daylight time) game. The USA will face Canada on Monday, June 29 (7:00 p.m., PDT), Panama, on Tuesday, June 30 (7:00 p.m.), and will close out its pool competition facing Argentina on Wednesday, July 1 (7:00 p.m., PDT).

In addition to the announcement of the Tournament of the Americas game schedule, USA Basketball announced that the 1992 USA Olympic women's basketball team will meet the 1992 Brazilian women's national team in a special exhibition game to be held after the Basketball Tournament of the Americas opening ceremonies in the Portland Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, June 27 (1:00 p.m., PDT). The USA women are seeking their third consecutive Olympic gold medal, while Brazil, winners of the 1991 Pan American Games, hope to qualify for the Olympics and challenge the USA for the gold.

Tickets for the Basketball Tournament of the Americas are still available for all 13 sessions. For further ticket information on the Basketball Tournament of the Americas, Call 800-374-USAB.

Summer Science Day Camps Starting June 15; Free To Low-Income Families

Plenty of openings remain for a summer science day camp at University park, sponsored by Bonneville Power Administration, the Department of Energy and the Portland Community Schools Program.

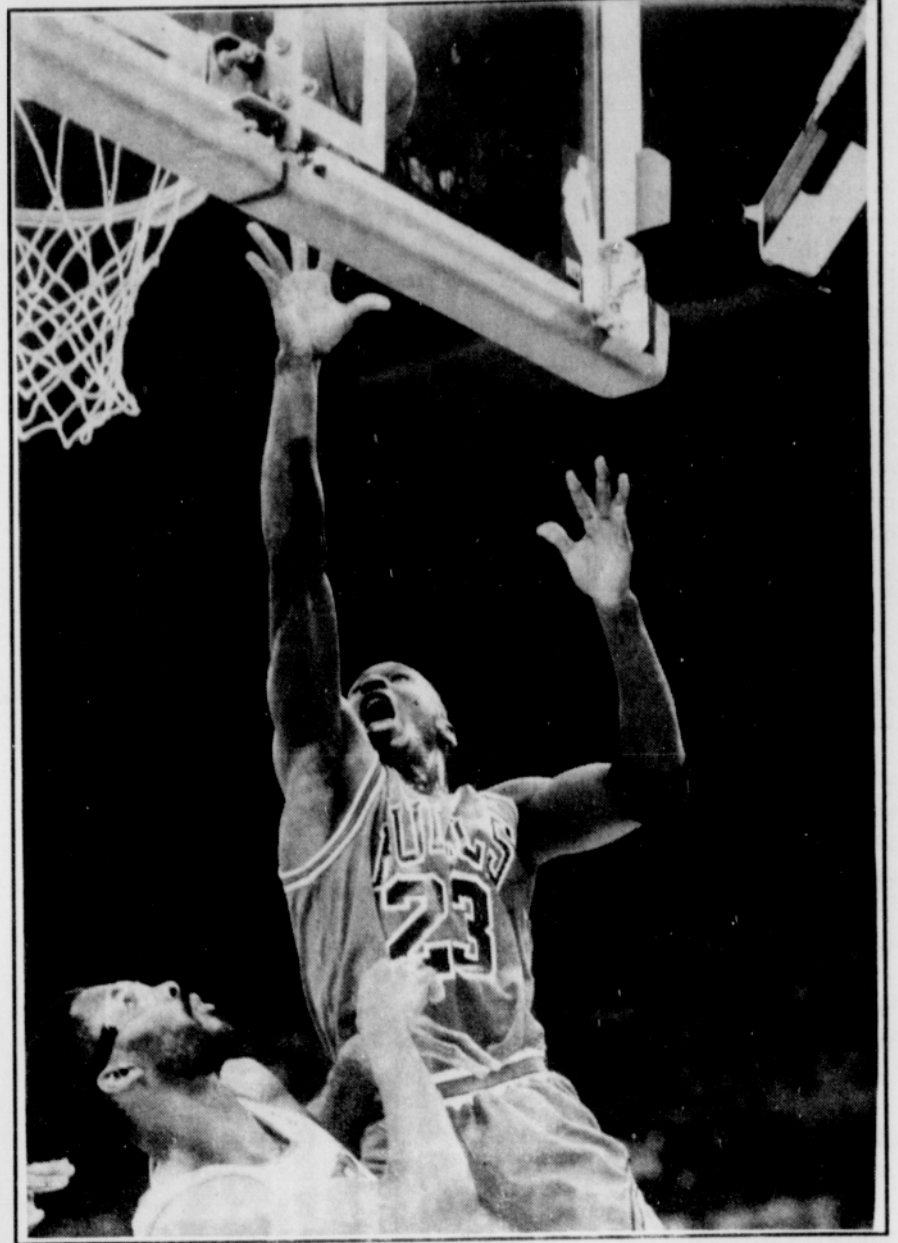
The University Park day camp is the first in a series of camps to be held this summer. All camps are for children in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

The first two-week day camp starts Monday, June 15 at University park, across from Columbia Villa in North Portland. The camp is free to children from low-income families. There are plenty of openings. Camp hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and lunch is provided at no cost.

Campers will dissect and study plants, study the earth, including composting, build energy sources with the sun, wind and water, study flight with airplanes and kites and take two field trips to Bonneville Dam and Hatchery.

To register for the summer science day camp at University Park, call Rita Owen at 230-4970.

Is Jordan The Best Ever?



Michael Jordan, one of the greatest players ever to play in the NBA was selected as the MVP of the NBA finals for the 2nd year in a row as the Chicago Bulls captured their 2nd NBA Championship. congratulations to the Chicago Bulls.
Photo By Veronica Green

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

After reading all the books, seeing all the films and watching all the tapes, I say it with much more ease now, and daring argument, that Michael "Air" Jordan is the best basketball player of all time. What little doubt existed, ended Sunday night when Jordan led the Chicago Bulls to a decisive win over the Trail Blazers in capturing the 1992 NBA Finals Championship.

Jordan could not have done this without the assistance of Scottie Pippen, John Paxson, and other teammates. But he clearly was the horse the Bulls rode on a dazzling run through the playoffs.

Jordan hurt the Blazers in every conceivable way, and that was something I hadn't seen. It sent me to the study hall. I walked out having seen no one who compares. Bill Russell? A

winner who had some obvious ball-handling and shooting weaknesses. Wilt Chamberlain? His impact was based on size, as much as talent, and he also had weaknesses. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar? Even at his peak, he would have been a helpless victim of a Jordan dunk. Larry Bird? Even at his peak, he wasn't half the defensive killer Jordan is. Magic Johnson? If only he had the quickness and explosiveness to create his own offense the way Jordan does.

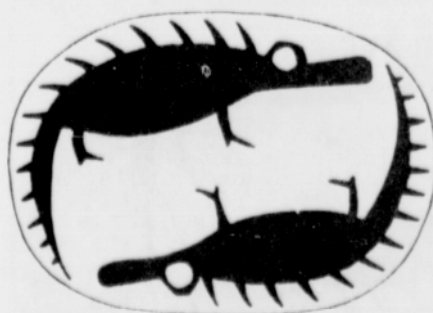
Oscar Robertson lacked the speed; Jerry West didn't take rebounds from men a half-foot taller; and Elgin Baylor and Julius Erving didn't have Jordan's range. Nobody, and I mean nobody could match the all around game Jordan displayed when the trophy was at stake. Case closed!

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Jennifer Armstrong
Graduates From Harriet
Tubman With 4.0



Jennifer will be attending St. Mary's Academy next year. She believes Tubman is a great school for education and for meeting people of different cultural backgrounds. "I think my success as a student is mostly because of the great opportunities at Tubman Middle School."



Announcing

Girls Scout summer Day Camp Mondays through Fridays from 9AM-3PM. All girls who are in the 1st thru 6th grades are welcomed to attend. The first week camp will be held at Peninsula park beginning June 22 thru June 25th. The sites will rotate thereafter. Fee ranges from \$6 to \$24 a week with some scholarship available. Applications can be picked up at the Urban League of Portland 10 N. Russell and Peninsula Park Recreational Center on N. Albina & Portland Blvd. Come join us for a summer of fun and learning. For more information please contact Ms. Carol Seals at 620-4567.

Pal Summer Camp

The third annual Police Activities League (PAL) Sports Quickness Camp will be held Monday June 15 through Friday June 19, 1992 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily, at Madison High School located at 1735 NE 82nd Avenue. This year's camp will serve approximately 500 kids, ages 10-13 years, from the greater Portland area.

Peace officers from throughout Multnomah County and local high school and college coaches from the surrounding area will be working together to make this camp one of the most exciting events of 1992. Officers and coaches will be working with youth to refine running techniques, reduce reaction times and develop specific sports skills in the following sports: basketball, racquetball, soccer, martial arts, baseball, volleyball, softball, boxing and football.

MasterCard International To Conduct Search For "Masters Of The Marathon"

Program targeted to City of San Francisco Marathon in august

MasterCard, Official Card and Presenting sponsor of the 1992 City of San Francisco Marathon on August 30, 1992, is conducting a search to honor and recognize the unsung heroes of long-distance running through "MasterCard's Masters of the Marathon" program.

The program will honor 22 runners - one man and one woman from 11 Western states -- who may not be among the elite class of competitors but who are actively competing in marathons after overcoming some form of adversity, and whose participation has inspired and encouraged others to do the same. The 11 Western states include: Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, and California.

Four of the 22 honorees will be selected by a voting panel comprised of marathon historians, officials at major U.S. marathons, running columnists, and elite marathoners. Each of the four selected "Masters of the Marathon" will be awarded \$1,000 and a trip for two to the 1992 City of San Francisco Marathon presented by MasterCard, where they will be honored for their achievements.

To be honored with "MasterCard's Masters of the Marathon" award, nominees must meet a specific set of criteria:

Exhibited a "never give up" attitude: A runner who demonstrated persistence and determination to accomplish his/her goal.

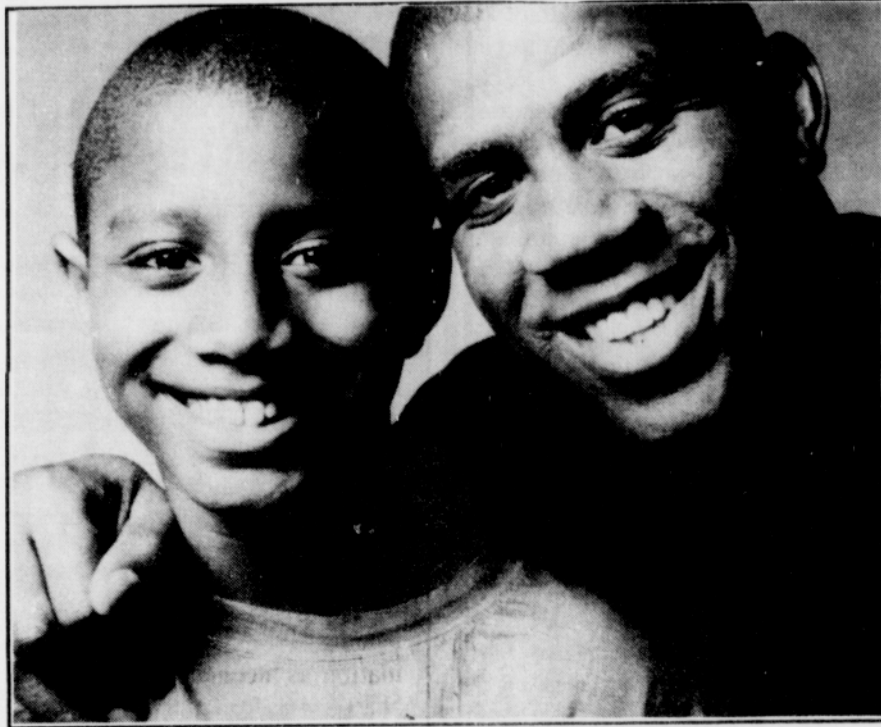
Overcame adversity: A runner who completed a marathon despite physical or personal obstacles. In spite of these restraints, the runner showed great courage by competing and was ultimately able to accomplish what he or she set out to achieve.

Dedicated to furthering the sport through the encouragement of others: A runner, who through his or her remarkable achievements, provides inspiration for others who may want to compete in marathons.

Committed to training to compete in upcoming marathons: An active runner who has competed in at least one marathon since January 1991, and who is currently training to compete in a marathon in 1992.

Nominees for "MasterCard's Masters of the Marathon" award can be submitted in writing to: MasterCard's Masters of the Marathon, Alan Taylor Communications, 505 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10018. Nominations should include nominees name, phone number, address, and brief biographical background. All submissions must be received by June 30, 1992.

The 22 state-by state winners of the award will be announced this summer, with four honorees being recognized at the August 30 City of San Francisco Marathon presented by MasterCard. The 1992 race will mark the third consecutive year of MasterCard's sponsorship of the City of San Francisco Marathon.



SkyBox International Inc. today announced that it has launched one of the largest trading card advertising campaigns ever undertaken, featuring Earvin "Magic" Johnson and his son, Andre.

The campaign premieres Johnson's role as spokesperson for SkyBox as he announces the company's USA Basketball trading card line, the only trading card series devoted entirely to the USA Basketball Team headed for the 25th Olympiad in Barcelona, Spain.

"Our objective is to reach kids first, then to reach the kid inside of fans, and n all of us, through the kid inside of Magic," explained Frank O'Connell, president and CEO. "In the television commercial, we bring a genuine feeling to the campaign because Andre brings out the kid in Magic, which is what this industry is about."

SkyBox will spend heavily in June and July in both print and national television media vehicles. O'Connell Says, "This is the most aggressive and

largest concentration of advertising ever undertaken by our industry."

The commercial is Andre's first. In the spot he and his father are shown trading cards of members of the USA Basketball team. Andre teases his father by giving up his Magic Johnson card for a John Stockton card. "You may think I'm just a kid, but I know a lot about basketball," he says. Andre is 11 years old.

SkyBox, founded as impel in 1989, is headquartered in Research Triangle park, North Carolina. It

is the most innovative distributor of entertainment trading cards in the \$1 billion plus trading card industry. The company has announced 20 product lines for 1992, including U.S. Olympic cards and licensed by the NBA and NFL, along with AA and AAA baseball cards under license from Major League Baseball. The entertainment lines already include marvel Universe, DC Cosmic Cards, Star Trek, and Disney Collector Cards.

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June 29th - July 10th	Abernathy School	280-6193
July 13th - 24th	King School	Walk In
August 3rd - 14th	Irvington School	280-6188
August 17th - 28th	Woodlawn School	823-4230

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