

SPORTS

Barcelona '92

BY JOHN PHILLIPS
Olympics

The Men's Basketball competition of the 1992 Olympics will consist of 12 teams. Qualification for the Olympics is broken into five zones: the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania. Each of these zones is awarded one automatic qualifier. In addition, zones represented by the top six finishers in the 1990 World Championships will receive one additional bid.

Since Europe and the Americas each placed three of the top six teams in the World Championships, those zones will have four entrants in the Olympics. Spain receives an automatic bid as host country.

Four teams have already qualified for the Olympics: Angola, winner of the African Zone Qualifying Tournament; Australia, winners in Oceania; China, winners in Asia; and Spain. The remaining berths were determined at the Basketball Tournament of the Americas and the Europe Zone Olympic Qualifying Tournament, which ran concurrently and finished on July 5. The 12 qualifying teams were placed into two, six-team pools. The top four teams after round-robin competition within those pools advanced (the results will be published in the next issue of the Portland Observer). All 12 positions are played out, with the semifinals scheduled for August 6 and the gold medal game on August 8.

European Qualifying Tournament

Due to the political unrest in Europe since the 1990 World Championships, it is difficult to predict which of the 26 teams entered in the European Zone Qualifying tournament in Spain will advance to the Olympics. Here's a rundown of the teams with the best chances.

Yugoslavia, which dominated both the Goodwill Games and World Championships in 1990, has seen its team broken up by the civil war in that country. The team that featured Vlade Divac, Dino Radja, Drazen Petrovic, Toni Kukoc, Stojko Vrankovic and Zarko Paspalj will now compete as three nations: Croatia, Slovenia and Yugoslavia. Of those three, Croatia (Kukoc, Petrovic, Radja, Vrankovic) looks as the strongest and is still arguably the top team in Europe.

Yugoslavia, with Divac, Paspalj and guards Predrag Danilovic and Aleksandar Djordjevic from European champion Partizan Belgrade, is also a contender.

The Soviet Union, gold medalist in the '88 Olympics, is another former basketball power that has seen its team divided by politics. The former Soviet Union will now be represented by four teams: commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Of those four, CIS and Lithuania have the best chances of advancing to Barcelona. CIS features an experienced team led by Atlanta Hawks forward Alexander Volkov. Lithuania figures to join Croatia as one of the most talented teams in the field, paced by Sarunas Marciulionis, a 6-5 guard with the Golden State Warriors and 7-3 Arvydas Sabonis, who recovered from several injuries to have a strong season in Spain this past year.

Italy, which won the silver medal in '80, placed fifth in '84 and failed to qualify in '88, needs young forwards Stefano Rusconi and Ricardo Pittis to complement guard Antonello Riva, who averaged 29.4 points in the '90 World Championships.

Germany, with Detlef Schrempf expected to play and a tall, talented front line, looks as a dark horse. Greece, France and Israel should finish among the top 10.

Northeast Portland OSAA Boys Basketball Captures The Silver Metal

Wolverines of Northeast Portland Captured The OSAA Boys Basketball Silver Metal This event was held Saturday July 11, at Sunset High School. This all day tournament featured boys from all over the city. It consisted of four games played by each team, which determined their status in the playoffs. The Wolverine were tied for second place along with 2 other teams, The Young Guns and Meadow Park. The Wolverines Played the first place team Aloha and defeated them. They went on to Play St. Therese and were defeated by five points in the closing seconds of the game. The Wolverines went on to receive the Silver Metal for Second Place. Congratulations Boys for all of your hard work, it certainly paid off!

Members of the team were: Coach Marcelle, Andre Washington, Timothy Owens, Roy Bunn, Jr. Julian Cowans, J.T., Peter Clark, Ben, Antar, Michael. The boys ranged in ages 11 to 14 years old.

Proactive Kids Program Prevents Crime

A structured environment and a great place to hang out during the summer makes the Columbia Boys and Girls Club a great place for kids to spend a portion of the day. Club director Linda White says it keeps kids off the streets and lend encouragement, education and a kind of extended family to children with opportunities otherwise not available.

No children are turned away because of inability to pay and is open to youth ages six to eighteen. There are a variety of programs available for the youngsters including one designed to teach children responsibility and a work ethic.

By far the most popular activity of the club is the Blazer exchange club sponsored by Terry Porter, Jerome Kersey and the Portland TrailBlazers organization. Several club members were awarded trips to Phoenix during the season with the team. The program will continue next year. It's an incentive program designed to enhance self-esteem and develop positive role models.

The Columbia Boys and Girls Club is accomplishing strategies set forth in the Portland Future Focus Plan in Crime, Education and the Economy.

Bess Kaiser Medical Center Seeks Volunteers

Looking for ways to do something good for yourself and others this summer? Consider helping others as a volunteer at Bess Kaiser Medical Center, 5055 N Greeley Ave. Volunteers deliver flowers and mail to hospitalized patients, greet visitors, work in the gift shop, and help in other ways. For more information, call Bess Kaiser's Director of Volunteers Lorna Bunker at (503) 240-6220.

McDonald's Women's Summer Basketball League

League Standing (as of 7/9/92)

Place	Team	W	L
1	Primo Limo	6	2
2	Dr. Flowers	5	3
2	Ram Light Truck Salvage	5	3
2	Foot Action, USA	5	3
5	Tire Headquarters, Inc.	4	4
6	Chevy Corner	3	5
6	Oregon Nail Distributors	3	5
8	Stadium Sports Cards	1	7

Portland Men's Pro-AM Basketball League

League Standing (as of 7/12/92)

Place	Team	W	L
1	Lakers	5	0
2	Hawks	5	1
3	Warriors	3	2
4	Cavs	2	3
4	Celts	2	3
6	Spurs	1	4
7	Knicks	0	5

Mallory Avenue Church Of Christ Announcement

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The Jury Is Definitely Not Out!

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

Larry Jury made a case for himself as he earned the "Player of the Week" honors in the Portland Men's Pro-Am. He scored 97 points over the weekend! Jury who already holds the league record with 64 points, scored 56 points in the Warriors' 123-114 win over the Celts on Saturday. On Sunday, Jury came back with 41 big points to lead the Warriors with a tight 124-119 win over the Cavs. For his play, Jury was this week's "Player of the Week."

In other action on Saturday, Phil Hopson's 26 points led the Hawks past the Knicks 106-104. Terrell "Air" led the Knicks with 32 points.

Ex-Blazer Valentine went up against Cleveland Cavs' Terrell Branon in a game that highlighted two for the

league's best guards. Valentine and the Lakers came out on top 114-104. Valentine led the Lakers with 28. Brandon's 40 topped the Cavs.

In the Warriors' victory over the Celts, Eric Dunn led the Celts with 31.

On Sunday, the Lakers made it five in a row with an easy 125-99 victory over the Knicks, as Valentine again led his team with 33 points. The Hawks took the victor's honors with a 109-90 win over the Spurs. The Hawks' Chris Sheldon contributed 22 points, as Lavon Van and Steve Adams each tossed in 28 for the Spurs.

In Sunday's win over the Cavs, Jury led the Warriors' march above the 500 mark, and Aaron Bell was the Cavs' high point man with 39 points.

League Tight At Half Way Point

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

The McDonald's Women's Summer Basketball League is as close as close can be at the halfway point in the season. Here's a look at last week's action.

On Monday, July 6, Dr. Flowers just got by Tire Headquarters 64-62, as Tina Geis of the University of Portland and ex-Portland State star Laurie Northrop each scored 14 points. Krista Smith again led THI with 20 points. Foot Action, USA, behind All-Pac 10 forward Judy Shannon, upset front running Primo Limo 65-58 in the nightcap. Shannon had 25 big pints for the winner, as Katy Steding led Primo Limo with 21 points.

Tire Headquarters wheeled back into the win column with a 63-50 victory over Stadium Sports Cards on Tuesday. Again Krista Smith led the way, this time with 15 points. University of Portland's Kathy Adelman led Stadium with 18. In the 7:30 p.m. game Primo Limo, in a blow out, ran all over Chevy

Corner 71-36. Katy Steding tossed in 18 and LeeAnn Krieh had 15 for the winners.

The best game of the week was played Wednesday (July 8) between Ram Light Truck and Dr. Flowers. Ram Light beat Dr. Flowers in overtime 69-63. Sharpshooter Diana DeYoung led Ram with 18 points, while Laurie Northrop scored 17 for Dr. Flowers. In a nail biter, Foot Action, USA edged out Oregon Nail Distributors with a 60-59 win. The leading scorer for the winners was Vanessa Selden with 16, and Allegra Green scored 17 for the losers.

Ram Light moved into a tie for second place on Thursday with a 56-42 win over Oregon Nail Distributors. DeYoung's 15 points were high for Ram. Allegra Green topped Oregon Nail with 16 points. In the last game of the day and for the week, Foot Action, USA, led by Player of the Week Judy Shannon, beat Dr. Flowers 75-64. Shannon scored 23 in just over half a game. Jocelyn McIntire led Dr. Flowers with 16 points.

Playing a Different Game



NFL Quarterback legend Doug Williams gets a hand choosing a gold club from Football Goofy, during a visit to the Walt Disney World Resort. Williams joined other members of the NFL Quarterback Legends for their annual meeting, and a round of golf at Disney's Magnolia course.

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