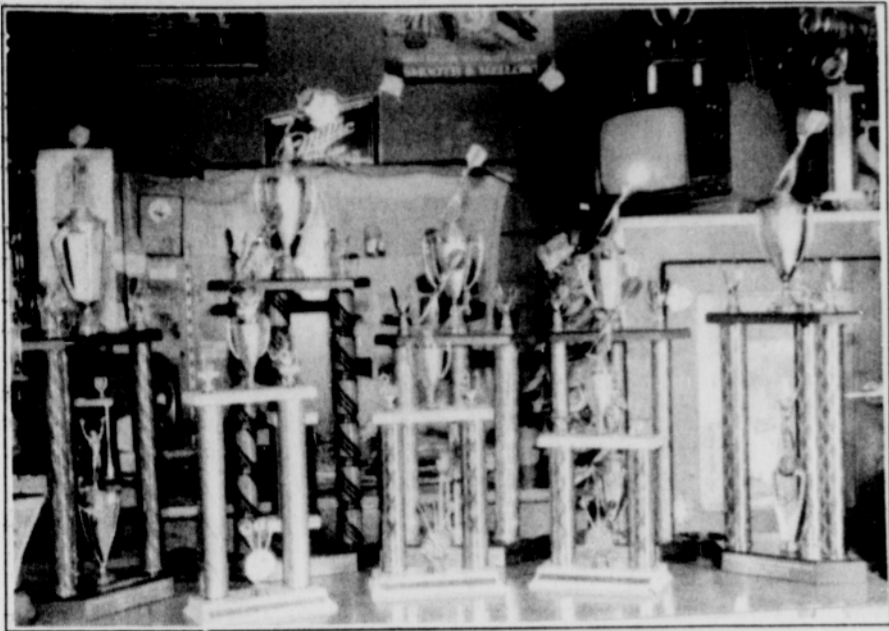


# SPORTS

## Darts The Game, Jim's The Name

By Prof. McKinley Burt



Place fields a team in the Neighborhood League.

Jim Bonner took first place in the May individual "Side Event" held in Kelso, Washington, and was on the team that placed second in the July City-Wide Tournament. He became interested in the sport in 1987 while a resident of Eugene, and soon found it a relaxing and entertaining respite after hard days of construction work.

Those millions around the globe have found the same enjoyment in the game. Especially in England with American moviegoers familiar with hundreds of scenes of avid dart players in the British pubs, the equivalent of our taverns. There are over two million players in England, members of seven thousand teams. The first record of the game is as a practice exercise for European archers in the early Middle Ages. There is documentation of the game being brought to America on the Mayflower.

Bonner was the 1991 Supervisor for the innercity youth in the Urban Rangers project sponsored jointly by the Portland Urban League and the U.S. Forest Service. It is impossible to say too much in favor of such a rewarding recreation as the dart scene. It brings together so many of our citizens, men and women, in a positive and entertaining interaction when it sometimes seems that there is a lack of opportunity for such wholesome activity. Note too, that the display of trophies in the pictures also represent softball and mushball championships.



Jim Bonner, a top competitor in Darts, poses with a vast collection of trophies won by sports teams sponsored by Joe's Place on NE Alberta St.

Darts are the rage in Portland. In fact, many millions around the globe are playing at any given moment. Right here in town we have four "Major leagues" involving thousands of players, some in local competition, some statewide, and several competing as far away as Seattle and Tacoma.

Enthusiastic players indulge their passions under such banners as "The Neighborhood League, The Soft Tip-pers, Medalists, and Quality." Generally, competitions are spaced over three "seasons" during a year, with activities moving from tavern to tavern on a carefully planned schedule. An equally sophisticated structure of local and statewide interleague contests provide prizes and recognition of the most skilled of individuals and teams. Joe's

## Lakes Win Portland Pro-Am

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

Darnell Valentine lead the Lakers to a perfect 14-0 record, and the championship game on Saturday, the Spurs tried to take on the league leading Lakers without their star player Billy Ray Bates. While a previous sports card engagement in Tillamook kept the much needed Bates from participating in the game, he did make it to the gym after the game had ended. Actually the game ended when it started, because the Lakers' total team play made all the difference. And as a result, the Spurs could not have regrouped even if Bates had played. The Spurs succumbed to a score 115-89. Valentine led the way once again with 27 points. Derreck Brooks scored 21 points, and Steve Adams added 20 for the Spurs.

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## Tire Headquarters Win McDonald's Women's Summer League

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

The McDonald's Women's Summer League playoffs started Monday at PCC with Primo-Limo beating eighth place Stadium Sports Card 71-46. Katy Steding led Primo-Limo with 22 points, while Angie Harris scored 16 points for the losers.

Dr. Flowers, who finished second in league standings, had an easy time defeating Foot Action 61-43. Dr. Flowers' Laurie Northrop led the way with 12 points as Angels Hewlett scored 16 points for Foot Action, USA.

On Tuesday, Oregon Nail Distributors played their best game of the summer to upend Chevy Corner 64-61. Allegra Green of Oregon State scored 24 points and had 15 rebounds for Oregon Nail. Vanessa Selden led Chevy Corner with 17 points. Tire Headquarters got 24 points from Ivy Safranski in an easy 67-54 win over Ram Light Truck Salvage. Ram was led by Lisa Chunnel's 24 points.

On Wednesday, Tire Headquarters

took two overtimes to beat Prim-Limo 67-66. P.J. Hall scored 17 for THI as Katy Steding again took the scoring honors with 20 points.

In the nightcap game, Dr. Flowers moved into the Championship game with an easy 55-34 win over Oregon Nail Distributors as Jocyln McIntire led a balanced attack with 14 points.

In Thursday's action, Tire Headquarters took an early 23-11 lead in the first quarter, and never looked back as they scored a 70-61 win over Dr. Flowers to capture the McDonald's Women's Summer League.

Ivy Safranski, the game's MVP, scored 23 points to lead THI. P.J. Hall added 17 points and Krista Smith chipped in with 16 points. Dr. Flowers' Jocyln McIntire tossed in 15 points for the runnersup.

Mr. Frank Milner of McDonald's gave out awards to members of both teams. Laurie Northrop, a team member of Dr. Flowers, was the MVP for the runnersup.

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The 3 on 3 Tournament will be held on Labor Day Monday September 7, 1992, at Irving Park (NE 7th & Fremont). Age groups are 15-18 yrs & 18-up. Registration forms are available at the VanGrack Store located 1516 NE Broadway (between Kitchen Kaboodle and Starbuck's coffee). \$25.00 fee per 3 man/woman team. Registration deadline is August 31, 1992. Tip off is at 12:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place teams in each division.

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## SkyBox International Announces USA Basketball Collector Card Series

Research Triangle Park, NC -- SkyBox International has released USA Basketball Collectors Cards -- the only trading card series solely dedicated to the 1992 USA Men's National Basketball Team. To promote the unique set, USA Basketball star Magic Johnson and his son Andre are being featured in a highly visible television advertising campaign.

"SkyBox International is pulling out all the stops because this is the greatest team ever assembled," said Johnson, who was recently signed as a corporate spokesperson by the company. "The 1992 USA Men Basketball Team is sure to capture the attention of all Americans this summer."

The 110-card series includes nine player profile cards of each of the first 10 NBA players named to the team, two cards of each coach, and two checklists. The set, which is the first-ever full bleed basketball card, also has a "Magic On" subset which represent Johnson's thoughts on his teammates.

As a special bonus, foil packs include randomly inserted cards autographed by Johnson and USA Basketball teammate David Robinson, as well as a USA Basketball Team photo on the first-ever "plastic" trading card.

The nine card subsets showcase different aspects of each player's career. The categories include: NBA Update, NBA Rookie, Game Strategy, NBA Best Game, Off The Court, NBA

Playoffs, NBA All-Star Record, and NBA Shooting. The ninth category is personalized to highlight their special talent.

To promote the card line, SkyBox is to implement its most aggressive advertising campaign to date between June and August. A television commercial starring Johnson, and the debut of his son Andre, hit the airwaves in June. The light-hearted spot features the father and son trading USA Basketball Collector Cards to complete the best team ever assembled. The spot humorously ends with Andre telling Magic that he will start John Stockton and sit Magic on the bench.

"The commercial truly brings out magic's youthful charisma and conveys the fun aspects of collecting USA Basketball Collector Cards," said Frank O'Connell, President of SkyBox International. "The chemistry between Magic and Andre is magical. Even though this is Andre's TV debut, we are all amazed with his star-like qualities."

In addition to Johnson, the other players featured in the USA Basketball Collector Card Series are: Charles Barkley (Phoenix Suns); Larry Bird (Boston Celtics); Patrick Ewing (New York Knicks); Michael Jordan (Chicago Bulls); Karl Malone (Utah Jazz); Chris Mullin (Golden State Warriors); Scottie Pippen (Chicago Bulls); David Robinson (San Antonio Spurs); and John Stockton (Utah Jazz).

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### Lemil Speed

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Lemil came to PCC Cascade to enter the Portland Teacher Program, which is designed to increase the number of minority teachers in elementary schools.



For Lemil, it was a major career change. He had worked in the fast food and clothing businesses; spent 16 years in banking and 8 years in the Air Force.

"I hadn't been in a classroom in ten years," Lemil says. "But I was ready to learn. It was time to get down to work."

Lemil has now moved on to PSU, from which he will graduate in 1993. He would like to teach fourth- and fifth-graders. "The people at PCC Cascade made it easier," Lemil reports. "That one little extra word of encouragement can make all the difference."

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## Local Cable Network To Rebroadcast Urban League Dinner Program with Speech by Sen. Cleo Fields

Paragon Cable and TCI Cablevision will rebroadcast a tape of the Urban League of Portland's Annual Dinner several times in coming weeks. The dinner, titled "A Celebration of Youth," featured an inspirational keynote address by Louisiana State Senator Cleo Fields.

"We are pleased to be able to air this program for those in the community who could not attend," said Urban

League President Dr. Darryl Tukufu. "We have had many calls from parents and groups wanting to know when young people could hear Senator Field's speech. His address offers youth some good advice in language they can relate to."

The two-hour program will air on Channel 30 on both Paragon and TCI cable systems at the following times: Saturday, August 29 at 8:30 pm and Saturday, September 5 at 8:30 p.m.

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