

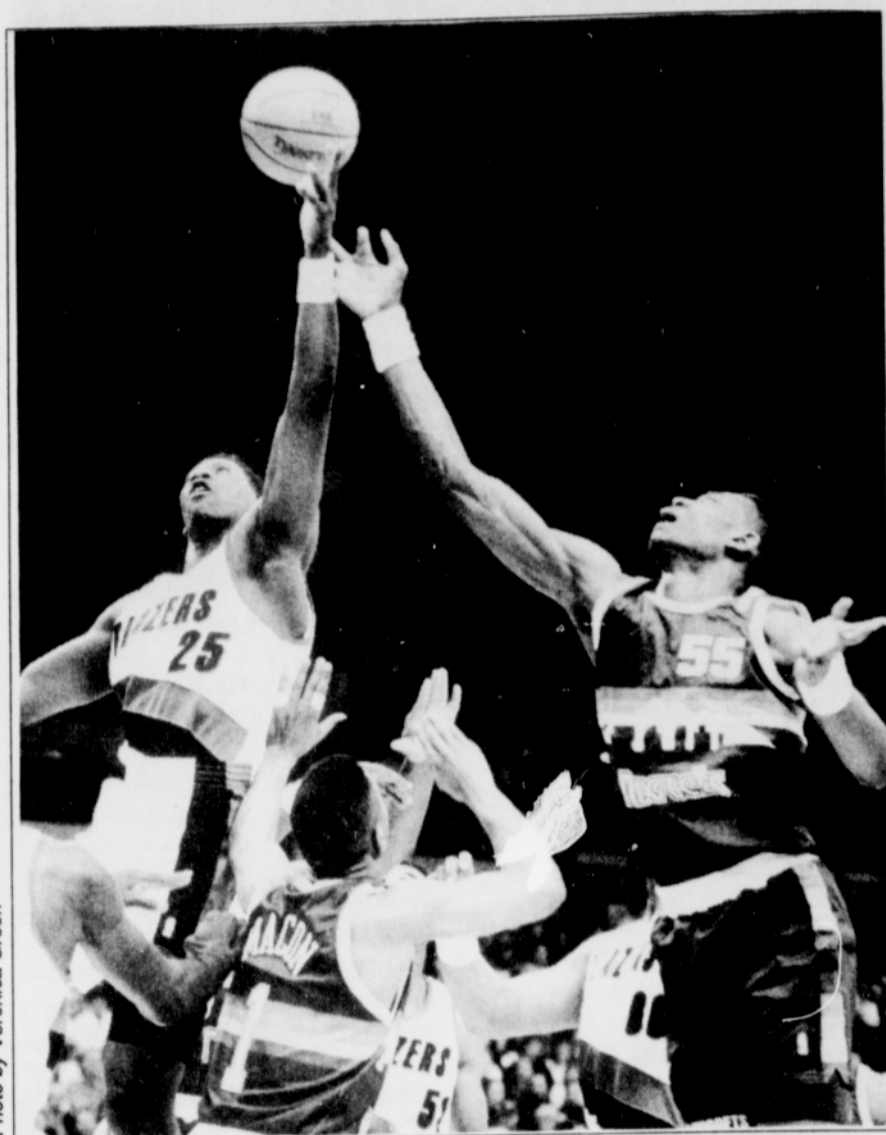
# SPORTS

## CITY CHAMPIONS



Jefferson's 7th and 8th grade Pop Warner football team captured the city Championship by crushing Franklin 46-0 last Saturday Night at Walker Stadium. Congratulations Jefferson.

## Blazers Open To Showtime



BY ERIC NOON

The 1992-93 Portland Trailblazer campaign commenced in true Blazermania style Sunday night. From the dropping of the Western Conference Championship banner, to the spotlighted introductions of players new and old, the Blazers shined throughout their convincing 123-104 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

The pre-game atmosphere in the Blazer locker room was one of confidence and anxiety to get 23rd season underway. Most noticeably excited was Blazer guru Harry Glickman. Glickman made it a point to reach out and shake hands with every player while encouraging them on their season ahead. He also made it apparent that the championship ring on his finger was within their grasp if they played up to pre-season expectations.

Out in the arena, the Blazer fans poured in early, not only to get a fresh look at the newest players, but also to get a look at the season opening special, "Blazer Trail," on the replay screen overhead.

The Blazers started things off in familiar fashion with Terry Porter hitting a 10 ft. baseline jumper to give the Blazer's a lead they would never relinquish. Clyde Drexler then hit a three pointer and a couple of free throws, and the team was off and running.

Kevin Duckworth, looking strong after an off-season workout program, was a focal part of the Blazer offense in the first quarter. With the look a man with a mission, Duckworth put moves on Denver center Dikembe Mutombo with two sweet Duck hooks that seemed to have both Mutombo and the Blazer faithful riled up.

The aggressive play by Duckworth and the rest of the Blazers seemed to set the tempo for the rest of the game. In the opening quarter the Blazer defense held the Nuggets to 17% shooting and forced seven turnovers while shooting 52% themselves.

The Blazer bench contributed significantly in the victory with Mario Elie and Rod Strickland getting big minutes.

"Rick had a great substitution pattern tonight," Clyde Drexler said.

Blazer Head Coach Rick Adelman looks to be going with a nine or ten man rotation with Rookie Tracy Murray cracking the line-up based on his outside shooting. Although rookies Reggie Smith and Dave Johnson don't expect to see much playing time, they did see limited action in Sunday's game.

That's not to say that they didn't sometime play like rookie. The crowd roared for the rookies to shoot whenever they touched the ball and a reluctant Smith got his first taste of crowd pressure when he threw up an air ball that left the Blazer bench rolling.

Recent Blazer additions Mario Elie and Rod Strickland felt at home in their first ever Blazer game. How did they feel during the opening introductions?

"It felt good, it pumped me up for the game, and was something I never really experienced," Elie said.

"Mario saw those lights and thought he was in Hollywood," Jerome Kersey said.

For Mario it probably was Hollywood, considering he has played professionally in Portugal, Argentina, and Ireland.

Although the Blazers made many changes throughout the off season, the upgrade in versatility with key acquisitions on the bench seems to outweigh the fact that Cliff Robinson is growing his hair back.

Although the verdict is still out on if Blazers can come together and make a serious run at the NBA Championship, but if the first game is any indication of the way things are headed, the Blazers just might be the team to beat.

## Athletes Compete In Olympics

At least 1,000 athletes with mental retardation are participating in the 1992 Oregon Special Olympics "Fall Classics", November 21-22 at the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation Center in Beaverton.

The games--featuring aquatics, soccer, long-distance running & walking, roller skating and bowling--are the culmination of twelve weeks of training for these dedicated individuals.

Opening ceremonies for the 1992 "Fall Classics" is 8:30 a.m., Saturday, November 21 Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation Center, SW 158th & Walker Road, Beaverton. The Blue Lake Chorus (ranked number 14 in the world) will entertain the crowd at this event.

Aquatics, soccer and long-distance & walking are being held throughout the weekend at the Recreation Center.

Roller skating begins 8 a.m., Saturday, at Hillsboro Skate World, 4395 Witch Hazel Road, Hillsboro. Bowling is contested Saturday and Sunday at Brunswick Sunset Lanes, 12770 SW Walker Road, Beaverton.

"More competitors than ever are participating in the "Fall classics." They are enthusiastic and excited to have the opportunity to show the results of their training," said Ken Dale, Executive Director of Oregon Special Olympics.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to hold our aquatics events at the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation Center which is one of the finest facilities in the state," Dale added.

Special Olympics is the world largest provider of year round sports training and competition for athletes with mental retardation ages five and above.

### 1992 Portland Interscholastic League Standings

Pl.	Team	Win	Loss
1	Jefferson	7	2
1	Marshall	7	2
3	Wilson	6	3
4	Benson	5	4
5	Cleveland	4	5
5	Franklin	4	5
8	Grant	3	6
8	Madison	3	6
10	Lincoln	2	7

### ADVERTISE IN THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

### Rookie Of The Year In Portland

Lyn St. James, named "Rookie of the Year" in her first attempt at the Indianapolis 500 will be in Portland on Saturday, November 14, from 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. at the Multnomah Athletic Club for the Oregon Women's Sports Conference. St. James will be addressing the attendees at the luncheon keynote speech entitled, "Racing to the Top."

The goal of the Oregon Women's Sports conference is to bring together women who are involved in sports (coaches, administrators, journalists, businesswomen, athletes, legislators) for the purpose of creating a statewide network to influence the future of women's sports in Oregon.

## 1992-93 P.I.L. WRESTLING SCHEDULE

### JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL "Democrats" Wrestling

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
Dec 3	Jefferson Tourney	4:00	Home
Dec 10	Benson Tourney	4:00	Away
Dec 19	Classic Tourney	7:00 AM	Away
Jan 5	Columbia River	6:30	Home
Jan 7	Cleveland	6:30	Away
Jan 12	Lincoln	6:30	Away
Jan 14	Franklin	6:30	Away
Jan 21	Grant	6:30	Away
Jan 28	Marshall	6:30	Home
Feb 4	Roosevelt	6:30	Home
Feb 12	Milwaukee	4:00	Away
Feb 18	Benson	6:30	Home
Feb 23	Wilson	6:30	Home
Feb 25	Madison	6:30	Away
Mar 4	District Tourney		
Mar 11	State Tourney		

### GRANT HIGH SCHOOL "Generals" Wrestling

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
Dec 5	Centennial Tourney	10:00	Away
Dec 9	Sandy Tourney	4:00	Away
Dec 19	Glencoe Tourney	10:00	Away
Jan 7	Franklin	6:30	Home
Jan 12	Grant Tourney	6:30	Home
Jan 14	Madison	6:30	Away
Jan 21	Jefferson	6:30	Home
Feb 2	Cleveland	6:30	Away
Feb 4	Marshall	6:30	Home
Feb 9	Roosevelt	6:30	Home
Feb 11	Aloha	6:30	Home
Feb 18	Wilson	6:30	Away
Feb 23	Benson	6:30	Away
Feb 25	Lincoln	6:30	Away
Mar 4	District Tourney		
Mar 11	State Tourney		

### ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL "Rough Riders" Wrestling

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
Dec 3	Roosevelt Tourney	4:00	Home
Dec 10	Madison Tourney	4:00	Away
Dec 17	Franklin	6:30	Home
Jan 5	Mt. View	6:30	Home
Jan 8	Hood River Tourney	6:30	Away
Jan 12	Marshall	6:30	Home
Jan 21	Benson	6:30	Away
Feb 4	Jefferson	6:30	Away
Feb 9	Grant	6:30	Away
Feb 18	Madison	6:30	Franklin
Feb 18	Roosevelt	7:30	Franklin
Feb 19	McMinnville Tourney	4:00	Away
Feb 23	Cleveland	6:30	Home
Mar 4	District Tourney		
Mar 11	State Tourney		

### BENSON HIGH SCHOOL "Techmen" Wrestling

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
Dec 3	Marshall Tourney	4:00	Away
Dec 10	Benson Tourney	4:00	Home
Dec 17	Gresham	6:30	Home
Jan 7	Wilson	6:30	Away
Jan 14	Cleveland	6:30	Home
Jan 16	Aloha Tourney	8:00	Away
Jan 21	Roosevelt	6:30	Home
Jan 28	Madison	6:30	Away
Feb 2	Franklin	6:30	Home
Feb 4	Lincoln	6:30	Away
Feb 11	Marshall	6:30	Home
Feb 13	Beaverton Tourney	8:00	Away
Feb 18	Jefferson	6:30	Away
Feb 23	Grant	6:30	Home
Mar 4	District Tourney		
Mar 11	State Tourney		

## Jeff Wins, Jeff Wins!

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

The Jefferson High School football team are the Portland Interscholastic League champs after a come from behind 24-20 win over Franklin. The win gave the Democrats a 7-2 season record, and the number one seed from the PIL.

Other PIL teams to make the state playoffs is second seed Marshall, who bombed Grant 58-6. Wilson won third seed honors after handing Lincoln a 21-7 loss. The fourth and final seed Benson, whipped Cleveland 40-6.

In the only other PIL game played on Friday, the Roosevelt Roughriders ended their season on a winning note by defeating Madison 19-6.

This is the second year that Jefferson has finished co-PIL football champs. Last year Wilson shared the honors with the Democrats. Because Jefferson beat Marshall in an earlier meeting this season, the Demos get the

nod over the Minutemen.

The win over Franklin was not an easy one for Jefferson. On going into the fourth quarter, the Demos found themselves behind 20-18, and it took a heaven-sent fumble which was recovered by Hakeem McCallister to set up the winning score--a 28-yard pass from quarterback Mark Burke to Joe Robertson.

Jefferson hasn't won an outright PIL football championship since 1969. Because of what Coach Mark Pinder has been able to do with the Demos in the last few years, look for more bright things from Jefferson.

Another team that is up and coming in the PIL is Roosevelt. The Roughriders won more games this year than they have in over five years. Some say that coaching does not make a difference, Coach Jim McDickins has made a world of difference on the north Portland campus.