

SPORTS

You The Fans

In and around the Portland Metropolitan area, people are finding themselves having at least one thing in common with total strangers—they're fans of the Portland Trail Blazers.

With the recent Blazer success, the team has acquired many new fans along the way. And being the only show in town, Blazer fans, new and old, ride the emotional roller coaster as the Blazers win or lose.

Many Blazer fans don't get to watch an actual game live at the Memorial Coliseum, but many listen to the radio or watch the game on television. Bringing people together socially through a common bond such as the Trailblazers is a great social virtue of our diverse community.

What do the Blazers mean to you? Entertainment, tall people making too much money, top notch basketball, or just something to read about in the morning paper. There are many levels of Blazers fanatics throughout the city and there are many critics. Some say Blazer cable cost too much, there's not enough games on television, or the ra-

dio isn't the same without Bill Schonaly, but being a Blazers fan takes patience.

Sometimes the team may be struggling, you might have to work and miss a big game because of work or because of other obligations, but the Blazers do appreciate their fan support. Being the only Professional sports in town, brings a strong support throughout the community and always gets people together watching games.

"I think our fans have been our backbone for a longtime," said All-Star guard Clyde Drexler. "Being the backbone of this team and the way they support it is just phenomenal, they're our strength and inspiration."

For some players such as Kevin Duckworth, a fan is only good when he is pulling for his team. According to Duckworth the only good fan is one who doesn't give up on his or her respective team.

"I prefer a fan that sticks with his team through thick and thin, you know the hard and good times," said the serious Duckworth. "None of these two faces who go back and forth."

The fans can be a valuable tool on your home court, from the yelling and screaming while the opponent is trying to set up a play, to giving the home team an emotional lift during a crucial point of the game. Although the Blazer fans are some of the best, fans all around the league keep the home court advantage alive.

"Our fans mean a lot, it hypes you up," said Seattle Supersonics point guard Gary Payton. "They get loud and might cause a turnover or they might get nervous and miss a big shot."

And what does Payton say about the little fans who look up to him? "I was growing up at one time and would have wanted a professional athlete to come up to me and give me advice and support," said Payton. "I think they really get a lot out of us."

It seems from talking with the players, that they don't just think of fans as someone who pays their check, but as someone who supports what they are doing. The Blazers are part of our city and proud to represent it. The Blazers have fans too, they're fans of their fans.

Free Basketball Clinics For Girls!



photo by Veronica Green

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

On Saturday, January 16 and Sunday, January 23, the Portland Saints Women's Basketball Team, in conjunction with the City of Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation, will put on free basketball clinics for girls. The clinics will be held at the Fernwood Middle School Gymnasium at 1915 N. E. 33rd Avenue at 12:30 p.m., and will run until 3:00 p.m. All goldenball teams and coaches are welcome.

About the Saints
The Portland Saints is a women's AAU team that plays the top colleges in the West. The Saints was created to provide opportunities for women to continue to play basketball at a higher level after college.

Sporting a 75% winning percentage, the Saints want to promote women's and girls' basketball.

Aims and Objectives
The Saints want to provide positive role models for young girls. Their goal is to show young girls the importance of

education and how athletics can provide avenues for them. Their desire is to be mentors for young girls, and hopefully, the clinics will provide them the opportunity.

Registration
Registration will be held Saturday, January 16 for Session 1, and Saturday, January 23 for Session 2.

Schedule
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. -- Registration, 1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. -- Introduction, 1:15 p.m. - 1:25 p.m. -- Warm-ups (demonstration by Saints), 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. -- Stations (fundamentals), and 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. -- Contests & Games

Registration Fee
None (free)
Camp Directors
Jeff Gamble/Angie Harris
Camp Instructors
Saints Players and Coaches
Meet the Saints (name, college, and occupation):
Wendy Butler, Warner Pacific Col-

lege, Cert. Swim. Ins.; Vicki Channel, Portland State U, Nike Sales Dept.; Becky Conrad, Weber State U., This year will serve as missionary for Mormon Church; Diana DeYoung (Co-Captain), Warner Pacific College, Pre-Med student & Lab Asst.; Angie Harris, So. Oregon State Coll., Teacher/King School; Shelley Hand, Idaho State University, Federal Express; Sandra Howell, Warner Pacific College, Nursing school student; Courtnae Jackson, Mt. Hood Comm. Coll., Far West Fed. Bank; Miriam Jenkins (Co-Captain), Carroll College, Special Ed. Teacher/Robert Gray School; Laurie Northrop (First Team All-American), Portland State U., Student; Alisa Robinson (sister of Trail Blazer Cliff Robinson), Canisius College, Pursuing career of working with abused children; Robbyn Slade, University of Colorado, News Director at KMXI Radio

Appropriate Dress: Shorts or sweats and tennis shoes.
I would like to see a big turnout of our young girls in our community.

ATTENTION SPORTS FANS!

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Day	Time	Channel
Monday	8:30 p.m.	30 & 38 (live)
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	38 (replay)
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	38 (replay)
Thursday	11:30 a.m.	30 (replay)
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	38 (replay)
Friday	9:30 a.m.	38 (replay)
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	38 (replay)

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Cosmetic Surgery Center Seminar

The Cosmetic Surgery Center will present an evening seminar on Wednesday, February 10, 1993 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. It will be held in the Main Auditorium of Woodland Park Hospital, located in the Gateway area of Portland. While there is no charge for the seminar, please pre-register by calling 257-5588 as seating is limited.

The evening will begin with a presentation of body cosmetic and reconstructive surgery by Dr. Gregory Roduner. Dr. Roduner will discuss breast surgery, including augmentations, reductions, lifts, and reconstructions. Dr. Roduner will update the controversy surrounding breast augmentations, in-

cluding his experience performing augmentations. He will also discuss liposuction, tummy tucks, and mini tucks.

D. Gary Delorit will continue with a discussion of facial cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. He will show facelifts and adjunctive procedures such as dermabrasion, liposuction, and chin augmentation. His presentation will also include eyelid surgery (blepharoplasty), eyebrow lifts, nasal surgery, and ear pinning (otoplasty).

The physicians will use "before and after" slides to illustrate the presentations and will answer audience questions.

Seven Reclaimed Portland Homes Available For Ownership At PDC's Homestead Open House

Seven homes in Portland neighborhoods will be offered to lower-income residents at the upcoming Portland Homestead Open House on Sunday, January 24, 1993, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Portland Development Commission administers the Portland Homestead Program, which provides home ownership opportunities to those who otherwise might not be able to afford their own home. The program provides a significant tool to help the City reclaim vacant and abandoned housing, while encouraging neighborhood preservation, revitalization and stability.

Through the Portland Homestead Program, PDC acquires vacant homes in need of repair and transfers them to qualified Homesteaders. In turn, Homesteaders agree to make necessary repairs before moving in, accept a low-interest PDC home repair loan and live in the house for at least three years. There is no down payment involved in becoming a Homesteader.

Homesteaders pay a one-time charge for taxes and insurance of \$500. Monthly payments on the home repair and acquisition loans average \$375,

including taxes and insurance.

Each of the homes to be offered January 24 will be open between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Potential homesteaders must visit each home in which they are interested to be considered for ownership. PDC will hold a random drawing for each home and will notify those whose names are selected. PDC advisors addresses of the homes being offered are:

- 115 N. Russett St. - 2 bedroom
- 8759 N. Wilbur Ave. - 4 bedroom
- 9945 N. Ivanhoe St. - 2 bedroom
- 5250 N.E. 25th Ave. - 2 bedroom
- 1332 N.E. Highland St. - 2 bedroom
- 4924 N.E. Rodney Ave. - 4 bedroom
- 5243 N.E. 29th Ave. - 2 bedroom

Individuals interested in being added to the mailing list for Homestead Program offerings should call PDC's Neighborhood Housing Preservation Office at 823-3422 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Portland Development Commission is the City's agency for urban renewal, housing and economic development.

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NAACP Executive Director Issues Statement On Tampa Racial Assault Case

Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director/CEO, NAACP, issued the following statement on the Tampa racial assault case:

The heinous racial assault on Christopher Wilson in the Tampa, Fla., area has shocked the nation's conscience, reminding all of us of the basic viciousness underlying racism.

The arrest of the three suspects helps ease the tensions produced by the horrible crime, and we would urge that if prosecution is deemed appropriate, it be pursued with the greatest speed and vigor. It seems clear that by any definition, this was a race hate crime and must be treated as such.

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