# **SPORTS**

### **Benson Girls Are Still Rolling**

week-75 to 32 over Marshall and 55 to points and upped it record to 6-5. 28 over Cleveland. Center Mfann Udaka scored 21 points in the win to Roosevelt 52-46 and beating Cleve- Friday the Trojans just got by Grant over Marshall. Forward Kim Green land 45-40. Campbell again led 75-73 as Derrick Geas had 18 points. had a season high of 16 points against Roosevelt with 25 big points., and The Generals were led by the Obthe Warriors.

16 points. Again it was Fergusen with 2 records. 18 points in the win over the 24 points in tech 61-24 win over Madi- the Warriors.

P.I.L.

Basketball

Scores

for Boys

Benson had two easy wins last 47-23 behind Jennifer Stout's nine Trojans' got 17 points from Tyron

Melanie Rose led the Quakers with 12 server "Player of the Week, K J Wilson stayed one full game be- points. Michelle McDade's 12 points Dawkins' 20 points. hind Benson with two wins over led the win over Cleveland. The War-Roosevelt, 55-44 and 53-36 over Grant. riors Julie Grahn scored 25 points in a proved to 5-4 with wins over Lincoln Rachel Fergusen's 15 points paced losing effort. Both Benson and Wilthe Trojans over the Rough Riders, son won two games last week to stay who were led by Amonda Campbell's tied for the lead in the P.I.L. with 8 and

Benson beat Marshall 75-69 on Generals. Jefferson won one and lost Thursday is Richy Briggs scored 23 one last week. The loss came from points for the techmen. Rob Buen led Lincoln 57-52 in overtime. Jennifer the Minutemen with 21. Tech came Wilson led the Cardinals with 10 back the next night to win in overtime points. This weeks Observer "Player at Cleveland 67-66. Jeff Nailar was high 27 points from Brandon Maye in of the Week", Kenoris Blackman the high scorer for Benson with 21 a 111-63 beating of Franklin. The scored 23 points. Blackman also added points. Jamain Branch scored 22 for Quakers were again led by Nate Wil-

Lincoln also won over Marshall after beating Roosevelt 81-46. The over Roosevelt 76-51.

Jan. 29, 1993

Boys

Grant76, Madison 53

Wilson 81, Roosevelt 46

Cleveland 111, Franklin 63

Benson 75, Marshall 69

Jefferson 75, Lincoln 40

Manlove. While the Rough Riders Franklin is also at 6-5 after losing were led by David Feris' 13 points. On

> In other games Jefferson im-75-40 and over Madison 92-60. The Demos were led by Mitchell Jackson, 27 points and Denmark Reid with 23 points. Joel Greene was the high man for the Senators with 17 points.

Grant beat Madison 76-53, as Dawkins again 'ed the way with 16 points. Tim Conklin's 19 points led the Senators. Cleveland got a season liams, who scored 18 points. Williams Wilson kept pace with Benson had 19 points that led his teams win

Jan. 30, 1993

Boys Jefferson 92, Madison 60 Benson 67, Cleveland 66, OT Marshall 44, Lincoln 33 Wilson 75, Grant 73

Franklin, Roosevelt 51

### An Open Letter To Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Super Bowl XXVII - No-Freedom-Bowl"

Dear Dr. King:

minority hiring. In New York City, (Nigra Fun League). directors of 3 player unions met to

turning over in his grave.

excitement and recreation to fulfill players will be given their freedom

their lives. During those times, the since Superbowl XXVII is over, sound "The more things change, the plantations were divided into two di- familiar? The sad part of this scenario, more they remain the same." On visions, NFC South and AFC North. the players actually think they are free. Monday, January 18th, the nation cel- The NFC was known as the Negro ebrated your 64th birthday. Dr. King, Farm Conference and AFC was the sional sports, which many say is a in 1947 Jackie Robinson integrated African Farm Conference. All the play-reflection of our society, Dr. King, Major League baseball, in 1952, Earl ers were Black, and the owners, gen- your dream is still alive. But it is on a Lloyd became professional basketball's eral managers, coaches and team doc-life support system, thanks to the events first Black to play in an NBA game. In tors were all white. The players car-marking your birthday and President 1989, Al Davis became the first NFL ried the colors of the plantations on to Clinton's inaugural in Washington, owner to hire a Black Coach, when he the playing field, in the plantation D. C., which should have brought a hired Art Shell. Now 46 years after verses plantation ball games. Some of smile to your face, when our new Presi-Jackie Robinson, we found Jesse Jack- those players were such great athletes, dent Bill Clinton reached out and son in Dallas meeting with baseball they were given their freedom, after hugged all of America's people, giv-

The NBA is 75% Black, of the 27 fornia, the NFC met again for pro felt the urge to celebrate. teams, there are only 5 Black head football's biggest prize, the NFL chamcoaches, 3 hired in the last month. The pionship. Three centuries later, there belated Birthday Martin. NFL is 62% Black, has only 2 Black has been little change in the decision coaches. Dr. King, would you believe making and power structure of the that Major League baseball is only NFL. The team owners and general 17% Black, Jackie Robinson must be managers are still all white. "The are the field of play for thousands of the National Football Conference, AFC New-Observer in the D.C. area. Black athletes, at the professional stands for American Football Conferlabor, decided there was a need for ers, over free agency. As a result some port.

Despite the racial strife in profesowners, to express concerns about playing for the NFL championship ing us all a reason to dream again. What a great day and way to celebrate Dr. King, 25 years ago you gave your birthday, by keeping hope alive. I discuss ways to encourage minority your life in an effort to free your find it ironic, that our new President is job advancement, that in itself is a sad people, but the struggle for freedom from a little town in Arkansas called commentary on behalf of professional continues today. The Super Bowl "Hope." Dr. King, I must confess, this XXVII was played in Pasadena, Cali- is the first time since your death, I have

Someday we will all be free, Happy

Sincerely, Harold Bell

Inside Sports

(Harold Bell has a sports talk show more things change, the more they on WUST-FM Radio in Washington, Sports arenas around the country remain the same." The NFC is now D.C. and writes for the Washington

Harold has been a very close friend sports level. History reports as early as ence and NFL, the National Football of mine for many years and I wanted the 17th century, that we were League. The names have changed, but the readers of the Portland Observer to America's first professional athletes. the game remains the same. The best see his Talents. He is a very gifted The plantation owners who had be- example: A recent settled labor dis- speaker and writer, and I'd like to come fat and rich as a result of slave pute between team owners and play- thank him for his many years of sup-

John Phillips, Portland Observer

## **HighSchool Basketball Highlites**

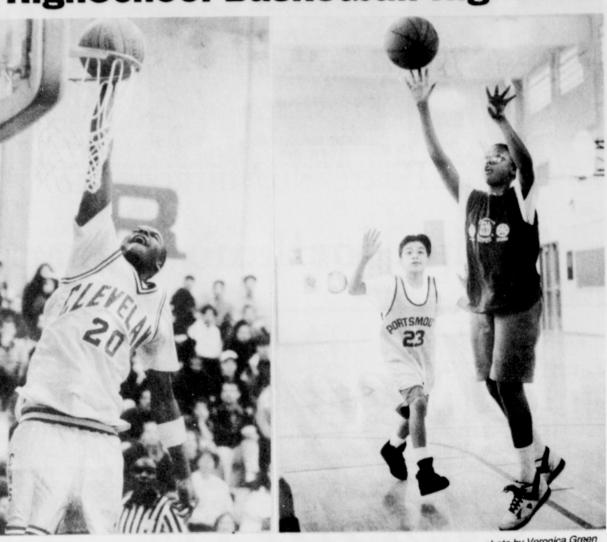


photo by Veronica Green

Left - #20 Brandon Moye for Cleveland goes up for the slam dunk during last Friday's match up with Benson. Benson beat Cleveland in overtime 67-66.

Right - It was a fierce competitive battle between Tubman and Portsmouth last Saturday with Tubman winning 48-43. Smooth shooting forward Kendall Smith sank about four long range shots to help his team win.

**Observer Male Athlete Of The Week** 



K.J. Dawkins **Grant High School** 

**Observer Female** Athlete Of The Week



Kenoris Blackman Jefferson High School



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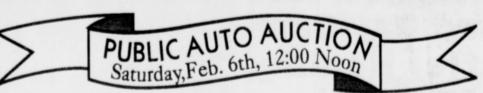


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