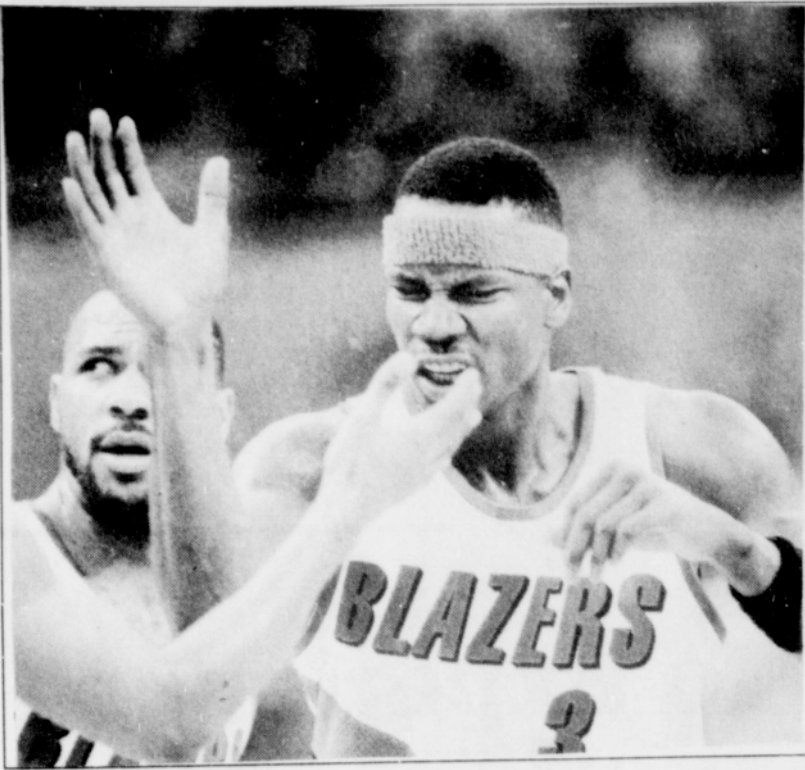


S P O R T S

Robinson NBAs Best Sixth Man



BY JOHN PHILLIPS

Cliff Robinson, the talented 6'10" forward of the Portland Trail Blazers was named the winner of NBA's Sixth Man Award.

Robinson received 89 of a possible 98 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters, three from each league city and 17 representing the national media.

Of the other nine votes, Anthony Mason of New York and ex-Blazer, Danny Ainge of Phoenix each receiving three, Dell Curry of Charlotte received two and the Suns Tom Chambers, one.

Robinson averaged 19.1 points, 6.6 rebounds and 1.99 blocks per game. He has played in all 328 games of the four-year career, a Trail Blazers record. They have won 50 plus games in each of Cliff's four years with Portland. He came off the bench in 70 of the teams 82 games this season. His 163 blocked shots, fourth best in team history, led the Blazers for the third consecutive season and moved him up to sixth place on Portland's All-time blocked shots list with 393. His Blocked shot total placed him ninth among all NBA players this season and second among forwards.

A native of Albion, New York, Robinson established career highs this season in points, blocks, field goals made, free throws made, minutes played, rebounds and assists. His scoring and rebounding numbers far outdistanced his previous career highs of 12.4 points and 5.1 rebounds, both set in 1991-92 season.

Robinson, 26, becomes only the second player to win the NBA's sixth man award after not being drafted in the first round.

Selected by Portland with the 36th overall pick in the 1989 NBA Draft, Robinson joins 1988-89 winner

Eddie Johnson in that elite group. Johnson was drafted by the Kansas City Kings with the 29th overall pick in 1981.

Cliff graduated as Connecticut's fourth all-time leading scorer with 1,664 points became the only player in Connecticut basketball history to score 600 or more points in two different seasons. He was third in the Big East Conference in scoring, 19.4 in conference games, and fifth in rebounding 7.2, that led to being named to the All-Big East second team in 1988-89. He led the Huskies in scoring three years in a row and in his senior year had 55 steals and 44 blocked shots.

Named to the NIT All-Tournament Team after leading the Huskies to the NIT championship in 1988 as he blocked nine Georgetown shots in the title game.

Robinson scored in double figures in 72 of 81 games over his last three years at the University of Connecticut. He was rated among the top 100 high school players in the nation by both Basketball Times and Basketball Weekly. As a senior at Riverside High School, Cliff averaged 22.3 points, 12 rebounds, 3.8 blocks, 3.2 assists and 2.9 steals per game. His sister Alisa, played basketball at Canisius College, and is now a member of the Portland Saints Women's AAU team.

Robinson is a big fan of the Buffalo Bills, enjoys music, video games and all sports. He majored in Human Development and Family Relations and would like to work with underprivileged children following his basketball career.

We at the Portland Observer would like to take our hats off to "Uncle Cliff" for having an outstanding year with the Portland Trail Blazers.

Former Boxer Proposes 'Violence' Tax On Boxing And Other Violent Forms Of Entertainment

Jose Torres Says Proceeds Would be Used for Anti-Violence Training in the Schools

A former world-champion boxer, who learned to control his own violent temper, has proposed that a "violence tax" be levied against all those who make a living from violence, including boxers.

Writing in this Sunday's PARADE magazine, Jose Torres, who became the first Hispanic world heavyweight champion in 1965, said the proposed tax would "include promoters, matchmakers and performers of boxing, wrestling, football and hockey."

"It would also include hunters, as well as producers, directors and actors involved in violent films. Writers, songwriters and singers whose work exploited violence for profit would not escape the tax. It would be used to help subsidize the anti-violence school agenda."

Torres, who retired from boxing in 1969, said he realized that the "emotional control so crucial to successful boxing was also crucial to dealing with the fury and rage tearing our cities apart." Recalling the rioting that occurred last summer following a shooting in Washington Heights, Torres said he thought of the violence tax at that time and also conceived these additional surges lions for controlling violence:

- Establish a national curriculum that seals with the understanding of



fear and violence, to be taught at all schools,

- Create new laws—and enforce the existing ones—to curtail the guns and drugs that are invading our towns;
- Punish firmly and consistently those found guilty of violent crimes*

Although he acknowledged that we will probably never eliminate the will to do violence from human nature, he said we can learn to control the hate and anger that takes it out of control. Torres, who grew up as a successful street fighter in Puerto Rico and became a boxer in the Army, said he learned years ago how to manage his own fear and rage.

"It is up to us—the grown-ups

Law Enforcement Officers Carry Special Olympics Torch In Oregon

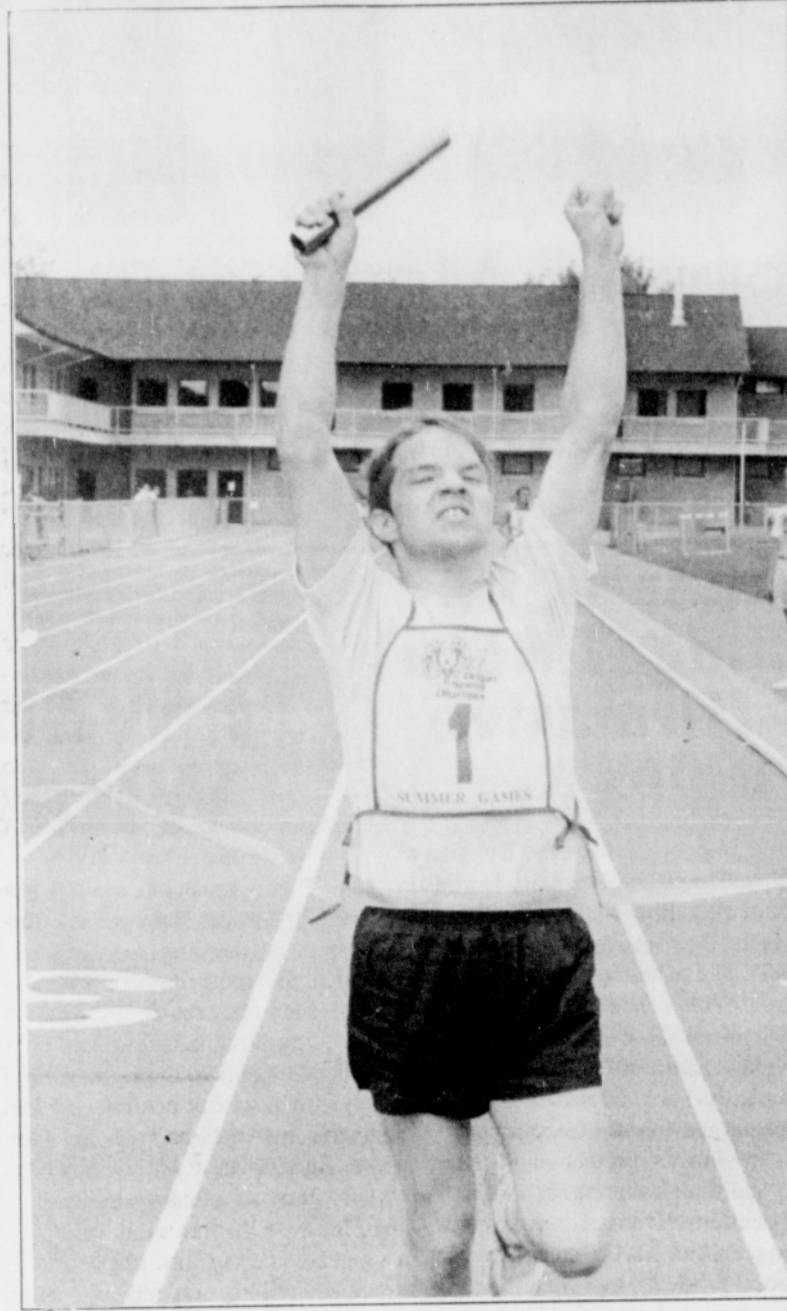
More than 700 Oregon officers carrying the Flame of Hope will criss-cross 1,000 miles of Oregon this month on their way to the Oregon Special Olympics Summer Games in Eugene. There the torch will be passed to a Special Olympics athlete who will light the ceremonial cauldron.

The 1993 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Oregon Special Olympics, comprised of nine legs—coast, southern, eastern, central, Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and Yamhill Counties, and the Willamette Valley—begins on May 15 in Pendleton and LaGrande and continues in other areas of the state until Opening Ceremonies of Summer Game.

Jim Soules, Chief of the Prineville Police Department and Sgt. Bruce Stecher, Oregon State Police, Prineville Outpost are co-chairs of the 1993 run. Honorary Chair of the 1993 Run is Neil Lomax, former Portland State University All-American and National Football League quarterback.

Stecher said "this is a unique grass roots opportunity for the Oregon law enforcement community to help people with mental retardation by raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics in Oregon." Lomax added "it is an incredible feeling to be part of this sports team. I hope all Oregonians will join me in supporting Special Olympics and Oregon Law Enforcement as together they strive to help more athletes with mental retardation reach their utmost potential."

The goal for this year's run is \$40,000 to help support the Summer Games. Principal sponsor of the Torch Run is Eagle Crest Resort in Central Oregon. Additional sponsors are Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oregon, Bridgetown Printing, Portland Police Special Contributions Committee, Portland Police Association, All Seasons RV and Marine, Country Danc-



ing USA, Federation of Oregon Parole and Probation officers, Kiwanis International—Caveman, Grants Pass and Sister Clubs, Lanclair and Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.

Special Olympics is the world's

largest provider of year-round sports training and competition for athletes with mental retardation. Oregon Special Olympics presently has over 5,200 athletes participating year-round in 16 sports.

What Do You Do When Your Homeboys Are Six Feet Deep?

(To My Brother Deep In The Game)

I hate having to write on these terms, but I guess it's better late than never. What's going on brother? What makes "Bloods or Crips" fighting words? Do you realize that our future as a black race is becoming dimmer everyday. I know you head about homie (Roylee Booker, Jr.). It's really not the same without him and we should all be tired of feeling that way. You tell me there's no future in working. You find money and power being deep in the game. Do you remember 10 years ago when "Bloods or Cuzz" was greeting up at the basketball courts? Now if you greet someone in that way, it could

mean your end and that's weak! Who gave us the right to rob someone of their life? The next generation needs fathers, leaders, and role models, not funerals to attend! We as a community should be tired of hearing on the news that a person you grew up with his gone because of some nonsense. Do you remember playing B-ball up at the park and everyone was cool with each other? Think about it. How many of those brothers are still living? How many got caught up in the game and the end result is them being six feet deep? But when our homie dies what can we do? Do we kill someone in

retaliation or do we let it pass? Retaliation won't bring back your homie. It just leaves someone else's homie dead. Before you pull a gun on a brother over a color or over something they said, think about what it accomplishes. The answer is nothing. Think about it. How can we fight the powers that be if we're are our own worst enemies.

(This entire article is dedicated to the memory of Roylee Booker Jr. [1976-1993]. A young brother who never changed over the years and was loved by many. You may be gone, but you are not forgotten. Dead or alive real partners stick together.)

Horizon Air Oregon Track Classic Brings Top Athletes To Portland

World-class athlete Can O'Brien, Tim Bright, Annette Peters and Lance Deal headline the fields for the 1993 Horizon Air Oregon Track classic. The 3rd annual international meet will be held on Saturday, May 22 at 4pm at Lewis & Clark College.

O'Brien, the world decathlon record holder, will run the 100 meter dash. Bright, the 1992 Olympic Trials pole vault champion, and Deal, the eight-place Olympic Games hammer thrower will head their event fields. Barcelona Olympian Peters will run the 3000 meter race.

More than three dozen Olympians and national champions are expected to compete in the 14-

event meet. Other top athletes scheduled to compete include Olympic bronze medalist Brian Diemer and Canadian record holder Graeme Fell in the 3000-meter steeplechase, national champions Matt Guisto and Brian Abshire in the 5000 meters, national champion Kevin Henderson in the 400-meter hurdles and Olympian and two-time national champion Mike Barnett in the javelin.

The 1992 meet included 26 Barcelona Olympians and featured U.S.-leading performances by Patu Sue Plumer in the 1500 (4:03.74) and Mark Croghan in the steeplechase (8:21.71)

Columbia Sportswear To Purchase Rivergate Parcel

Columbia Sportswear Company, the nation's largest outerwear manufacturer, plans to build a 150,000-square-foot distribution facility in the Port of Portland's Rivergate Industrial District to expand its growing warehousing and distribution operations in Portland.

The Port of Portland Commission today approved Columbia's request to purchase approximately 6.8 acres of land in Rivergate, together with an option to purchase an additional 6.4 acres adjacent to the new site. The targeted property is located on North Leadbetter Road, across from the Port's intermodal rail yard and Terminal 6 container facilities.

"The Port of Portland's mission is to provide the best possible market access for regional shippers, through both its transportation facilities and its developable real estate assets," said Terri Deskins, the Port's business development general manager. "Columbia Sportswear represents an important import/export customer to the Port, a major Portland-area employer, and a dominant force in the country's garment industry. The Port believes Columbia's new distribution facility will be well served in Rivergate, and its presence there will further enhance Portland as a leading transportation and distribution center on the West Coast."

According to Tim Boyle, Columbia's chief executive officer, the 55-year-old, Portland-based, family-owned company is growing at an average annual rate of 40 percent, requiring that it develop a new site very soon to relieve congestion in its primary distribution center (89,000 square feet) in Portland. In addition to its main facility, which will be sold, Columbia also has a smaller (25,000 square feet) Portland distribution operation to serve its four outlet stores, together with its Portland headquarters office (40,090 square feet). Boyle added that the new Rivergate location will provide Columbia with better access to Port's container facilities, which it uses principally to import finished goods from the Far East.

"Columbia Sportswear is moving forward with explosive growth, and this acquisition represents an expansion of our resources," stated Boyle. "The Rivergate area has tremendous potential. We're glad our success will help benefit the economic development of Portland."

Boyle estimated that Columbia will import up to 500 TEUs (20-foot equivalent container units) of finished product—worth approximately \$200 million—through the Port's Terminal 6 facilities in 1993. Columbia's products are distributed by truck, train and air to retailers locally and nationwide, including Nordstrom, Macy's, G.I. Joe's, REI, Herman's and Big 5, he said.

Columbia Sportswear employs 650 in the U.S., 350 of which are stationed in Portland. The company also works with 12 independent sales agencies in the United States; 12 distributors in Europe, Japan, South America, Australia and New Zealand; and a Columbia-owned distributor in Canada.

Columbia has also established sourcing offices in South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and Sri Lanka to oversee product availability and quality control.

The company has retained Shiels & Oblatz, of Portland, to serve as project manager for its new facility. VLMK Consulting Engineers, also of Portland, serve as the project's design and engineering team.

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