

# SPORTS

## AROUND THE WORLD OF SPORTS

By JOHN PHILLIPS

Hall of Famer Julius "Doctor J" Erving has signed a multi-year contract to serve as a studio analyst for N.B.A. Broadcasts on N.B.C. Television.

Erving will join former player Bill Walton and Basketball Columnist Peter Vecsey on The "Insiders" segments. Doctor J replaces Quinn Buckner, who left after last season to become head coach of The Dallas Mavericks.

Ex-Portland Trail Blazers Mychal Thompson was one of the last to beat out Erving for his spot on The Insiders. I think Thompson would be much better in that seat in place of Erving or Walton. Erving is to layed back and Walton is very over rated....

Remember the old guys playing in the legends game during the NBA All-Star game weekend. Well not anymore!

Schick Razors and Blades has been named as the exclusive sponsor of the first ever schick rookie game during The National Basketball Association's All-Star weekend at

Minneapolis.

The inaugural game will be played on Saturday, February 12th, and will tip off Turner Network Television's national coverage of All-Star Saturday. also featured that day are the Slam-Dunk Championship, which is sponsored by Gatorade, and The Long Distance Shootout, sponsored by A-T-T.

First year NBA players will be selected for the Rookie Game before the NBA's Eastern and Western All-Star teams are announced. Rookies selected to play in the All-Star Game will not play in the Rookie Game.

I think this is one of the best moves the NBA has made in years. The legends game lost a lot over the years. The Rookie Game will bring a lot of run to The All-star Weekend....

USA Track and Field is changing its system for distributing prize money to athletes. The TacTrust system that was established in 1981 is being replaced by a new licensing system Under TacTrust. Prize money was placed into a trust account for the individual athlete and money with-

drawn from the account was monitored by USA Track and Field. USA Track and Field is replacing TacTrust with the new direct payment license through which athletes can receive money directly.

Any U.S. Citizen or Resident Alien who is eligible to compete internationally can apply for the program, providing the athlete has no remaining college eligibility. A credit card style license will be issued to all qualified applicants which can be used throughout the athlete's career....

The Portland Trail Blazers, with a 7-5 record, 60 on a six game, ten day road trip. They play Miami, Orlando, Boston, Washington, Cleveland and Minnesota. With the starting line-up The Blazers have been using, don't look for a winning road Trip.

The Blazers must get Rod Strickland in the starting line-up as soon as possible if they want a winning season. Terry Porter will help The Blazers out more by coming off the bench. He is a good shooter, but more from the two guard spot.

## AAA Oregon Offers Winter Driving Potpourri

A poorly maintained automobile combined with sleet, snow and ice can be a recipe for trouble, AAA Oregon warns. Skidding, difficult starts, and trouble seeing or being seen can result when basic automobile maintenance is neglected. The following suggestions will help sweeten the winter driving season.

### TREASURE CHEST

Some important items to carry in the car during winter are: a bag or bucket of sand, salt or cat litter; small snow shovel; combination ice-scraper and snow brush; flashlight; blanket; flares or reflective triangles; rages or paper towels; first-aid kit; spray de-icer; and motor club membership card.

### A VISIBLE DIFFERENCE

Danger must be seen to be avoided. Driving with a snow-covered windshield, windows, side-view mirrors or lights invites an accident. Clear Window, mirrors and lights invites an accident. Clear windows, mirrors and lights with an ice scraper, brush, or spray de-icer. Make certain windshield wipers and defrosters are in good working order and that washer

reservoirs are filled with no-freeze windshield washer fluid.

### AIR IT OUT

Don't let frigid temperatures tempt you into starting your car in a closed garage or idling your engine for long periods with the windows closed. Carbon monoxide, present in exhaust fumes, is almost impossible to detect and can be fatal when breathed in a confined area.

### ANTIFREEZE

Make certain cooling system antifreeze is mixed with an equal portion of water for maximum protection. Flush and refill the cooling system every two years. Adding fuel system antifreeze to the gas tank will help prevent frozen gaslines. Be aware gasoline antifreeze may cause an engine to run rough if water is present in the fuel tank. Keeping the gas tank at least half full also helps prevent freezing. Disposal of antifreeze should be done in an environmentally safe manner.

### KEY SOLUTION

Frozen door locks can be overcome by carefully heating the end of

a key with a match or lighter. A squirt of de-icer spray is another quick method. Pouring heated water on a frozen lock is not recommended.

### STILL GOING

Cold weather is tough on batteries. At 32 degrees, a battery is 35% weaker. Keeping battery terminals clean helps, but a load test performed by a qualified technician will help determine whether a car's battery is strong enough for winter starts.

### PRACTICE RUN

Using the car air conditioner for a few minutes every week this winter will keep the unit lubricated and keep vital parts from drying out.

### FINISH UP

Gravel, slush and grime are especially hard on a car's finish. To help prevent rust and paint damage, keep cars washed and waxed. A full or self-service car wash makes the job easier when temperatures are low.

Additional information is available at your local AAA Oregon office in brochure form: "How To Go On Ice and Snow" and "Get a Grip" for rainy conditions.

## Collegiate Athletic Scholarships Available

Over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be all state to qualify. Much of this money goes unused. A new publication with forms, sample letters and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. It takes them step by step through the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings.

For information on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a #10 self addressed, stamped envelope to the National Sports Foundation, 611A Willow Drive, P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 11th annual Fred Meyer/Blazers Youth Basketball Tournament is slated to begin January 9, 1994. Boys and girls in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades that are involved in a registered basketball league in Oregon or southwest Washington are eligible to participate in the competition.

Registration forms for the tournament must be postmarked by December 3, 1993, and can be found at all 46 Fred Meyer Sporting Goods departments, and the Trail Blazers office (700 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR 97232). The entry fee is \$40 per team. A team roster must be submitted with the application and entry fee. Teams cannot exceed 15 players.

This year's tournament includes two divisions: Classic I.E. Jr. Star, AAU and Community i.e. Golden Ball, CYO, YBA.

The tournament, a single-elimination event, will hold its preliminary rounds January 9, 16, and 23, 1994, in Portland. Two teams from each grade level in the Classic or Community division will advance to the championship games, which will be played prior to Blazers home games at Memorial Coliseum on January 30, February 3 and 8, 1994.

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For complete simulcast schedules and information, call 503-285-9144. Directions: take Delta Park Exit 306B from I-5. Off Track Wagering: Multnomah Greyhound Park, N.E. 223rd & Glisan, Portland; Howard Johnson's, near the Airport on 82nd Portland, Best Bet, Beaverton; Ocean Palace, Portland; China Garden, Cornelius.