

SPORTS

BENSON SAVES FACE FOR P.I.L.

BY JOHN PHILLIP

THE BENSON TECH BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM KEPT THE P.I.L. IN A POSITION TO HOLD THEIR HEADS UP AFTER TAKING FOURTH PLACE IN THE 4-A BOYS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT MEMORIAL COLISEUM LAST WEEK-END.

Benson entered the tournament with a 18-4 record and champs of The Portland Interscholastic league, won three games and lost one during the week long tournament.

In Tech's first game, they had a easy time with Reynolds out of The Mt. Hood Conference, 57-33. It was P.I.L. Player of The Year Jason Franklin with 11 points as did teammate Steven Stone, leading the way for Benson.

Next up was the state's number one team in South Medford. South jumped out to a 21-13 first quarter lead, and a 68-61 win. Chad Paris paced Medford with 24 points on 9 for 15 shooting from the field.

Franklin was again high point man for tech with 22. Earl Clark added 13 points and Jeff Naylor came up

with 11.

Benson played Hillsboro on Friday and came away with 76-53 victory on Tall Team from The Metro League. It was Franklin's 19 points and overall floor game that led Benson.

Clark and Naylor also came up Big again with 17 and 12 points. Steve Slotemaker, The 6'6" center for Hillsboro, led his team with 19 points.

Tech then had to play south Salem for a fourth place finish. They got a 57-47 win over south. Franklin had another Big night with 23 points. Clark added 10 points.

Wilson and Jefferson were the other P.I.L. school in the tournament. Wilson lost it's opening round game with Beaverton, 59-43.

Tyron Manlove scored 21 points for the Trojans, who shot on 13-43 from the field for the game.

The Democrats met Central Catholic, who ended up the state champs, and got beat 75-62. K'Zell Wesson was the main man for Jefferson with 17 and 38 rebounds. But it was the 27 points of Matt Santangelo

he did in The Demos. Brandon Hopson and Terrell Penny scored 11 and 10 points for The Demos.

Then it took overtime but Jefferson got by Grants Pass 71-63. Wesson scored 24 points this time as Jeff outscored Grants Pass 9-1 in the overtime period.

In the next game it was Wilson and Jeff meeting for the third time this season. The Trojans had won both game before, and again came away with a 69-68 victory in double overtime. Manlove scored 19 points to lead The Trojans. Leland Mayes helped out with 14 more for Wilson.

Wesson had a good day with 26 big points and a ton of rebounds for Jefferson. Penny scored 12 points for The Demos.

Wilson ended up with a 22-5 record on the year and Jefferson finished with 20-7 record.

The P.I.L. also did well by having three player of the All-Tournament Team.

Jason Franklin of Benson made the first team while Tyron Manlove of Wilson and K'Zell Wesson of Jefferson made the second team.

Charter Review Team Sought

The City of Vancouver is seeking 15 applicants to review the city's charter. Every five years the city is required to form a panel of residents to examine the charter and recommend to the city council any changes or amendments it believes should be put to a vote of the people. The city council then examines the recommendations and decides which suggestions should be put on the ballot.

The city's charter is a document that outlines the city's organization, responsibilities of the Mayor, council, manager and city departments. It also includes information on elections, nominations, initiatives, referendums and recalls.

The mayor and council will seek a balance in representation, from various parts of the city, age groups, gender, and ethnic background when filling these positions.

Applications are available in the Mayor's office at City Hall and will be accepted through April 8. Applicants must be city residents and registered voters. Contact Marie Day, 696-8211 for more information.

Spring Break Blossoms With Fun

Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department's Spring Break Program will keep children from kindergarten through fifth grade busy with activities at the Bagley Community Center, 4100 Plomondon St. The Spring Break Program runs Monday-Friday, April 4-8, from 7am to 6pm.

Activity highlights include roller blade and Clark County K-9 Team demonstrations, a storyteller, line dancing, swimming, volleyball, and a field trip to Multnomah Falls and Bonneville Dam.

Participants may sign-up for the: -7am to 6pm session for \$26.50 (\$23 in-city)

-8am to 5pm or 8:30pm session for \$23.50 (\$21 in-city)

-8am to 4pm or 9am to 5pm sessions for \$22 (\$19 in-city)

Prices are per session. The second child receives a 20 percent discount.

Registration for the Spring Break program is through the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department at Bagley Community Center. Call 696-8065 for more details.

Oregon Special Olympics to Offer Principles of Coaching Seminar at Various Sites Statewide

A six-hour "Principles of Coaching" course aimed at providing an hands-on overview of the basic strategies of coaching for application to any sport is being offered in a number of sites state-wide by Oregon Special Olympics during the months of March and April.

The course is suitable for all levels of coaching expertise -- from beginning to seasoned. While geared toward increasing volunteer coaching with Special Olympics, the course is open to any program (i.e., Y-ball, Little League, youth soccer, etc.)

The seminars will be conducted in a classroom setting, using slides, overheads and small group exercises.

The cost for the course is \$7 per person, including materials and lunch.

Topics include: coaching philosophies, coaching administration, coaching and sports psychology, sports instructional planning and injury prevention and safety. Pre-registration is encouraged. To register, call Jean Hansen at Oregon Special Olympics, 1-800-452-6079.

Dates, times and locations of Oregon Special Olympics' "Principles of Coaching" include the following: Roseburg YMCA, 1151 Stewart Parkway, Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Special Olympics is a year-round program of training and competition for people with mental retardation over the age of eight. For more information contact Oregon Special Olympics 503-248-0600 or 1-800-452-6079.

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HANDICAPPING CONTEST THIS WEEKEND

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Golden Gate			1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
Santa Anita			12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Portland Meadows Live					7:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Hollywood Greyhounds		4:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Phoenix Greyhounds		1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.



For information, call 285-9144. Directions: take the Delta Park Exit from I-5. Off Track Wagering: Multnomah Greyhound Park, N.E. 223rd & Glisan, Portland; Howard Johnson's, near the Airport, Portland; Best Bet, Beaverton; Ocean Palace, Portland; China Garden, Cornelius; Sherwood Inn, I-5 and Carman Drive.

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