

# SPORTS

## FIGHT TEAM IN THE MAKING



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Fight Team Training Wear was developed with everyone in mind, athlete and non-athlete. Andrew Minsker of Portland, a former professional and amateur boxer, is the president and majority stockholder.

Although boxing had a big part in the development, every athlete has to fight in one way or another. Whether it's against the elements, the terrain, or another athlete, fighting, in one way or another is in every sport.

That's why there's Fight Team Training Wear, designers of the clothing, said.

They are made in simple colors, with rugged construction and strong graphics to combine for a line of serious, work and wear clothing.

Fight Team Training Wear was developed by Minsker, a two time National Boxing Champion and 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials Champion, for anyone who's ever had to fight against something to get something they want.

"So you won't fight, huh? We think you will," company officials said.

## 1994 OREGON STATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	- At Arizona State, Tempe, Ariz., 7 p.m.
Sept. 10	- Wyoming, at Corvallis, 1 p.m.
Sept. 17	- At Fresno State, Fresno, Calif., 7 p.m.
Sept. 24	- Bye
Oct. 1	- At Arizona, Tucson, Ariz., 7:07 p.m.
Oct. 8	- USC, at Corvallis, 2 p.m.
Oct. 15	- At UCLA, Pasadena, Calif., 7 p.m.
Oct. 22	- Stanford, at Corvallis, 1 p.m.
Oct. 29	- At Washington, Seattle, 12:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	- U. of Pacific, at Corvallis, 1 p.m.
Nov. 12	- Washington State, at Corvallis, 1 p.m.
Nov. 19	- Oregon, at Corvallis, 1 p.m.

All games are subject to time change. Special home games include Band Day on Oct. 8 and Homecoming on Oct. 22.

## BALLPARK FAVORITES



Ruth (left) and Robinson (right), two all-timers

"Who was your favorite baseball player of all time?" That's what pollsters for General Motors, the sponsor of the forthcoming PBS series Baseball, asked 60 prominent Americans, including a number of former baseball stars. The man mentioned most often was Jackie Robinson, with 8 votes--

followed by Joe DiMaggio and Stan Musial (6 votes each), then Babe Ruth and Ted Williams (4 each). Reggie Jackson, a member of baseball's Hall of Fame, voted for Robinson "because he gave the opportunity to play major league baseball, and for the image he portrayed."

Votes for Ruth came from Phil Rizzuto, a new Hall of Famer himself, and the actor Gregory Peck, "Not only did he save our great game from the disaster of the 'Black Sox' scandal, but he was the greatest player ever," Rizzuto declared.

Said Peck: "When I was a kid, he was still in his prime...The Babe was part of my life then, and in a way he still is."

Some of the other responses:

Former President George Bush picked Ruth's Yankee teammate, Lou Gehrig: "He was a great hitter, a gutsy first baseman, and he never missed a game. He was a decent human being and a team player as well as a leader."

Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D., Ill.) voted for Satchel Paige "because he triumphed over adversity." A victim of baseball's racial barrier, the legendary black pitcher didn't reach the major leagues until he was past his prime.

And Yogi Berra chose a fellow Hall of Famer--Joe Medwick, who starred for the Cardinals in St. Louis, where Yogi grew up: "He became my hero."

## KIDS N TENNIS SECURES CITY CONTRACT

BY DAN BELL

When one meets Donald Johnson you are impressed by the intensity of the man's personality.

Johnson, a teacher at Wilson High School, is also the moving force behind Kids N Tennis.

Johnson and his organization have recently secured a three year contract with the city of Portland to operate the St. Johns Racquet Center.

The evolution of Johnson's effort began in 1989. Johnson was driving in inner North/Northeast Portland by Irving Park and he noticed some youths playing tennis. He asked them if there were any summer tennis camps for them to participate. They said no. So Johnson told them he would investigate and if true, try to come back and provide them with lessons.

Consequently, Johnson went to the Portland Tennis Center and talked to the center's director Jim Flynn. Flynn stated that his staff of European Americans were afraid of the possible dangers of conducting classes where there was a known gang presence, i.e. the North/Northeast Portland area.

Johnson proposed that if he were successful at running a summer tennis camp would Flynn fund a tennis camp the following year.

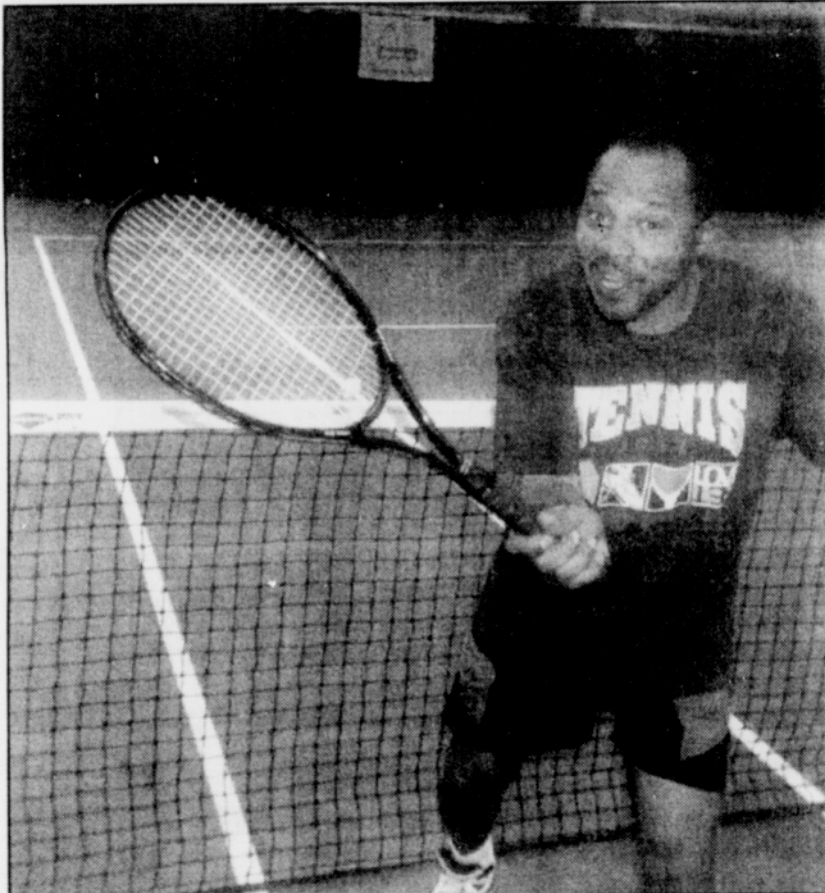
Johnson then proceeded to gather a couple of friends and put on a camp that year.

The next year Kids N Tennis camp was funded under the auspices of the city of Portland's Park Bureau. However in 1991, Flynn informed Johnson that he would not underwrite the Kids N Tennis due to budget cuts. At this time, Johnson and his associates elected to go independent and recruit their own funding.

After two years, Kids N Tennis decided that it would be in their best interest to become certified. Therefore they put their energies into writing grants to achieve this goal. In 1992, the city of Portland funded a grant for the staff to get their certification through the U.S. Professional Tennis Registry one of two organizations recognized by the U.S. Tennis Association.

Johnson selected the USPTR due to their standardized method of teaching, and Johnson was trying to establish a program from the ground up.

Next on the agenda was to get a federally recognized non-profit status. This took approximately 10 months. Accomplishing all this they



Donald Johnson teaches kids from the inner city how to play tennis. He recently received a city contract to run the St. Johns Racquet Center in North Portland.

were able to focus on what they do best provide a structured learning experience for youth.

That is for children of color to receive tennis lessons that were unavailable to them due to the prohibitive cost of the lessons, equipment and court fees.

By in large, most children who play tennis travel, play golf and may or may not belong to a club.

The idea is to expose children to some of these experiences and be committed to them for five years.

The success of Kids N Tennis has not been without controversy or adversity.

Difficulties started arising in 1992 after they had been certified.

Suddenly without prior notice it came to Johnson's attention that his program had been eliminated from the Portland tennis center's schedule.

Johnson, upon talking with Flynn, discovered that Flynn was in the process of replacing Kids N Tennis with a program called Let's R.A.P. (Recreation and Play). With this in mind, he eliminated the time available to Kids N Tennis. Negotiation with Flynn fell through. Flynn suggested that Johnson go to the Park Bureau administration. The end result of this confrontation was that Kids N Tennis was reinstated with the use of the tennis center on Saturday and Sunday. This arrangement worked until

Johnson's enrollment increased and he needed more time. By happenstance or design, the city eventually ended up with awarding St. John Racquet Center to Johnson and his Kid N Tennis crew this year.

Johnson complains that certain individuals have questioned whether Kids N Tennis was certified, registered with the state, if it indeed was

### One Stop Top 10 List

#### R&B

1. Troop
2. Drama
3. Changing Faces
4. Melvin Riley
5. Black Street
6. Kieth Sweat
7. Jamie Foxx
8. Gap Band
9. Prince
10. Boyz II Men

#### Rap

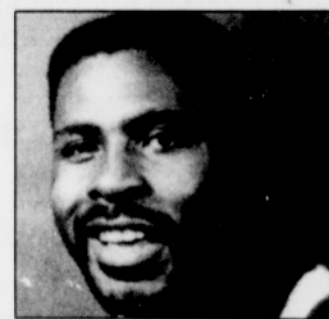
1. CBO
2. Da Brat
3. Above The Law
4. Big Mike
5. MC Eight
6. Marvelous M
7. KoKane
8. Public Enemy
9. Warren G
10. Nas

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### FEATURING

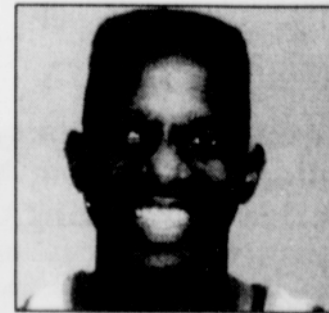
- A.C. Green
- Avery Johnson
- Buck Williams
- Scott Haskins
- David Wood
- Wayman Tisdale



Buck Williams



David Wood



A.C. Green

**SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10TH, 1994**  
TWO DYNAMIC NIGHTS OF HOPE  
MEMORIAL COLISEUM 7:00 FREE ADMISSION

- BASKETBALL DEMONSTRATIONS
- ATHLETES CHALLENGE TO THE CITY
- DYNAMIC MUSIC
- MESSAGE OF HOPE BY STEVE JAMISON