

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

FOOTBALL

Simmon Named Oklahoma Coach

Bob Simmon promised to turn things around as he took over as head football coach Friday for Oklahoma State University.

In agreeing to a five year contract which will pay \$110,000 a year, Simmon became the first in history as a black head coach in the Big Eight Conference. He replaces Pat Jones who resigned Nov. 22 after 11 years.

"I know how to win, and I'm going to win in the right way," said Simmon who was previously an assistant coach for Colorado. "This program is going to be known for integrity and this program is going to be known for honor."

The N.C.A.A. imposed sanctions against the Cowboys in 1988. Since that time they are 18-45-3 and in the midst of an 18 game Big Eight losing streak, dating back to 1992.

Youngtown Handles Boise State

Youngtown made it two years in a row as they defeated Boise State for the N.C.A.A. 1-AA crown this past Saturday in Huntington, West Virginia, 28-14.

Smothered by the defense and limited to 225 yards, 59 rushing, former P.S.U. Head Coach Pokey Allen had taken the Broncos from 3-8 last season to 11-3 this year.

BASKETBALL

Nelson Treated For Pneumonia

Don Nelson was released from the hospital after treatment for viral pneumonia. He hopes to return to coaching the Gold State Warriors by Jan. 1. Nelson, 56, spent four nights at the Summit Medical Center in Oakland, CA.

GOLF

Els Takes Walker Championship

Ernie Els shot a 2 under par 69 and never led by fewer than 5 strokes in winning the Johnnie Walker World Championship at Montego Bay, Jamaica. Els' share was \$550,000 for the win. Making his total earnings \$2.9 million for the year.

P.S.U. RAINDROP CLASSIC CHAMPS

BY DANNY BELL

The Vikings of Portland State posted three wins during the Raindrop classic to come away as champions Saturday night as they defeated a tough Seattle Pacific.

The Vikings took advantage of their experience and discipline as well as terrific inside game played by Kristi Smith.

Smith scored a tournament record 34 as Portland State held Seattle at bay most of the game. Seattle kept within striking distance most of the first half. They even tied the game of at the 8:12 mark of the first period, 24-34.

Elizabeth Fenner fouled Smith however with 7:45 in the first period and Smith sank both freethrows. P.S.U. never looked backed from that point.

Seattle seem to be psychologically effected by the constant pressure defense that the Vikings applied.

After the tie in the game at 24 a piece they appeared frustrated and started going more one on one. Seattle got good games from three of their players Nicole Trammel who also made the all tourney team she scored 21 points, and Debbie Miller who scored 20, Chantel Vison who came off the bench also scored 20 as well.

However on the P.S.U. squad the combination of P.J. Hall (25) Katie Rose (11) and Kristi Smith (34) was more than Seattle could handle, especially with their respective supporting cast.

P.J. Hall was selected Tournament most valuable player and Rose and Smith made the Tournament all-star squad.

"Our low post play couldn't stop Krist Smith, said Seattle Head coach Gordy Preshall." Smith has really good drop step and moves around the basket. Whenever we mad a move



P.J. Hall

P.J. Hall's outside shooting efficiency hurt us." Asked about P.S.U. discipline Preshall responded that "they reverse the ball well and made us play sidelineing to sideline. We are really a young team, and

this is one of those games you have to go through to mature - so that was a factor."

Both teams are in the Pacific West Conference and will meet each other twice during the regular season.

BENSON OVERWHELMS FRANKLIN

BY DANNY BELL

The highly touted Benson Techmen took their show on the P.I.L. road and came away with an impressive win over Franklin 34-84.

Benson defensive pressure visibly rattled the Quakers, combined with their overpowering quickness and overall size Franklin was never really in this one.

Benson started the game with suffocating and swarming defense. Jason Franklin especially was able to shut down Franklins leading scorer Shawn Lindsey (10), he block three of Lindsey's shots in the first half.

It didn't take long for the oppressive pressure of the Techmen's defense to take effect on the Quakers who continued to try to run with the much quicker Benson squad throughout the game.

The Tech scoring attack was led by Earl Clark and Jason Franklin who had 22 and 19 points respectively. Five Techmen tallied in double figure including Steve Stone off

the bench.

"We wanted to establish defense tonight" said Benson head coach Don Emry. "Some of our kids played football this year when Franklin beat us 52-0. So there was some rivalry there that was a factor."

I think that the P.I.L. will be as tough as any region in the state. I think the teams to look at are Jefferson, Wilson, and Cleveland."

Benson has 5 players coming in with two years of varsity experience - and it showed. Their ball handling was much more crisp and deliberate.

"Their a very talented basketball team, said Scott Acker head basketball coach for Franklin. Asked about Shawn Lindsey, he responded that "Shawn is usually our go to guy but he had some difficulties tonight."

They (Benson) should win the P.I.L. their team has a tremendous opportunity to win state.

I don't see anyone beating them unless they have a good big man to break their defensive pressure.

FIRST ANNUAL "DIAMOND WEEKEND" ANNOUNCED

The Portland State Baseball program is proud to announce plans for its First Annual "Diamond Weekend". New Head Baseball Coach Dave Dangler and his staff, along with all-star Harold Reynolds and Hall-of-Famer Rod Carew have put together a package of events that will appeal to fans of all ages.

On Friday, Jan. 20 Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Carew will be speaking at one or two, inner-city high schools here in Portland on a variety of themes.

On Saturday, morning, Jan. 21 at 9:00 a.m. the Portland State coaching staff, Rod Carew, Harold Reynolds, Major League Baseball players will be presenting the "Diamond Clinic" to be held at Portland State University. The weekend culminates Saturday evening with the "Diamond Dinner." The \$100.00 a plate gala event will feature Mr. Reynolds as Master of Ceremonies and Rod Carew as Guest of Honor. Other current and former Major League players and coaches will be in attendance also.



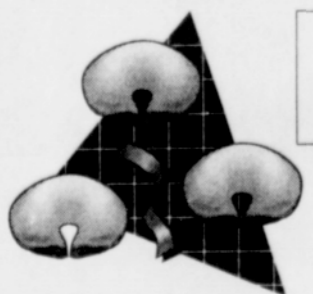
The 1994 Whitaker Warriors-Americans, a team comprised of young men in the northeast Portland community, just completed a sensational season at 9-1 this fall, losing only in the championship game in the Clark County Youth Football program. The team is coached by James Miller, Aleem Shabazz, Keith Perkins and Steve Carpenter.



Portland Rockies owner Jack Cain (right) and Matt Oquita, manager of Old Chicago restaurant in southeast Portland, show off the team's new cap. The Rockies will return professional baseball to Portland's Civic Stadium this spring.

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