

# SPORTS BRIEFS

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## Mets Harnisch returns

New York Mets right-hander Pete Harnisch, who overcame a bout with depression and has not pitched since Opening Day, returns to the mound tonight to face the St. Louis Cardinals.

## Michael Johnson goes for gold at World Track Championships

Michael Johnson seeks his second straight world title and leads a large American contingent in the finals of the men's 400 meters at the World Track and Field Championships in Athens.

## Elway to undergo MRI on bicep today

Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway is scheduled to undergo an MRI today to determine the extent of an arm injury suffered in a preseason loss to the Miami Dolphins Monday night in Mexico City. Elway injured his right bicep while throwing a pass in the first quarter and did not return.

## Bears sign free agent Vince Buck

The Chicago Bears today signed free agent safety Vince Buck, who was waived by the New Orleans Saints in June 1996 and sat out last season. Buck appeared in 84 games from 1990-95 with the Saints, starting 64, and recording 354 tackles and 10 interceptions.

## Agassi faces tough test in Kuerten

Two-time defending champion Andre Agassi of the United States plays French Open champion and 10th seed Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil tonight in first-round action of the \$2.05 million ATP Championship, a Super 9 event in Cincinnati.

## Young guns in action Acura Classic tennis

Hard-hitting prodigies Anna Kournikova of Russia and Venus Williams of the United States battle their elders at the \$450,000 Acura Classic in Los Angeles.

## Mantilla reaches second round

Top seed Felix Mantilla of Spain narrowly defeated unseeded Richard Fromberg of Australia, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), today in an opening match at the \$475,000 San Marino International claycourt tournament in Italy. Mantilla has captured three ATP Tour titles in 1997, winning three of his last four events (Bologna, Gstaad, Umag), and will next meet the winner of an all-Italian match between wild card Omar Camporese and Davide Sanguinetti.



Red Baron planes descend

The colorful biplanes of the Red Baron Stearman Squadron, are flying this week at the Hillsboro Airport in a charity event to raise money for the Easter Seals Society of Oregon. Flights were on an invitation only basis, but viewing was free to the general public.



## Robinson gets cited for drugs

Less than 24 hours after police stopped his Humvee with a roadblock on the downtown Portland waterfront, NBA free agent Clifford Robinson worried about his image and wondered if it was really necessary for officers to take such extreme measures.

Robinson, in a telephone conference call with reporters Thursday, also said the small amount of marijuana found by police in the vehicle was not his. He told *The Oregonian* that it belonged to his brother, Torey.

"If you look and see how wide that Hummer is, the marijuana was found in the passenger door armrest," Robinson said. "If it was mine, I don't see why I would put it all the way over there."

Police cited Robinson for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana because it was found in his vehicle.

Robinson was driving. His brother and two friends were riding inside. Police said they used a "high-risk" strategy to stop the Humvee on Wednesday evening after receiving reports that a man in the vehicle had

a gun. Police discovered four paintball guns in the Humvee.

"We have information we have to go on and, for the officers' safety and for the safety of the public, we have to do that stop by the numbers," Portland police spokesman Lt. Cliff Madison said.

Just two weeks ago, a Portland police officer was shot to death while chasing an assault suspect.

"I understand that a police officer was shot, and I feel bad for his partners and for his family," Robinson said. "But at the same time, they shouldn't treat me like I'm getting ready to pull a gun on someone when that's the last thing on my mind. The only gun I own is a paintball gun."

Robinson said police ordered him and the other three to hold up their hands and slowly back out of the vehicle. They were told to lie down on the ground and were handcuffed.

Madison said officers did not know it was Robinson until he got out of the vehicle, and it wouldn't have made any difference if they had known.

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