

SPORTS

PIL Standings

	W	L
FRANKLIN	4	0
GRANT	4	0
BENSON	3	1
MADISON	3	1
JEFFERSON	2	2
WILSON	2	2
LINCOLN	1	3
MARSHALL	1	3
CLEVELAND	0	4
ROOSEVELT	0	4

Mark McGwire hit 58th home run

Mark McGwire hit his 58th home run, tying him for the most ever by a righthanded batter, in the sixth inning of the St. Louis Cardinals' season finale against Chicago on Sunday.

McGwire hit an 0-2 pitch from Steve Trachsel over the center field wall, a drive estimated at 414 feet, to lead off the sixth. It's the most homers by a righthanded hitter since Hank Greenberg hit 58 in 1938. Jimmie Foxx shares the record, hitting 58 in 1932.

McGwire pumped his fist in the air as he rounded first base. He acknowledged a sellout crowd of 46,065 when he made a curtain call, stepping into the dugout and waving.

McGwire has 24 home runs in two months with the Cardinals, who broke the team record with their 144th of the season.

Griffey finishes with 55 HR's

Ken Griffey Jr., who has 55 home runs, took himself out of the Seattle Mariners' lineup for the start of a season-ending three-game series against Oakland. It was the fifth game he's missed this season.

"Do I have a chance to break the record?" Griffey asked. "I've got six bombs to go and there ain't no way I'm going to break it."

By dropping out of the race to catch Maris, he said it was more important now to get some rest to get ready for next Wednesday night's AL playoff opener against Baltimore here.

"What do I keep telling everybody? The record's not important. What's important is getting the trophy with all the flags on it," he said.

"The fans may not understand it, but that's the way it is. It's a team. It's not a one-man show."

Manager Lou Piniella thought Griffey made a wise decision. "We're just going to give him a day off and give him a rest," he said. "Put it this way, I think he could use a day off."

Piniella said his All-Star center fielder could be back in the lineup against the Athletics Saturday and Sunday.

"We'll see what happens," he said. "We'll worry about that tomorrow."

Griffey said he doesn't care if McGwire finishes with more home runs than him. He will win the American League home title for the second time. He won his first AL crown with 40 in 111 games in 1994. He has 55 in 155 games this year.

"I don't measure my success by somebody else," he said. "I ain't worried about McGwire."

United States' Looses Ryder Cup challenge

Tiger Woods may have contributed only 1 1/2 points to the United States' losing Ryder Cup challenge but he said the emotion-charged weekend was an "awesome" experience.

The Masters champion and world number two once again displayed an Achilles heel in his failure to adjust to conditions alien to him — just as he had in the three majors since his triumph at Augusta in April.

He could muster only one win from his five matches to go with a half and three defeats, including a four and two singles thumping by Italian Costantino Rocca on Sunday.

"It's called golf. You can't always win. You can only hope you go away having given your all. I gave my all," he said.

"What I take away from this is that it was a chance for all of us to get really close, a bonding experience.

"I can't believe how great these guys are. It's awesome being part of a team instead of being alone out there.

"You try to beat their butt all year and now they're cheering for you out there. Eleven great guys and an awesome captain."

Woods lost three of the first five holes against Rocca but said the match got away from him finally at the ninth.

"I had a chance to win it because he was 20 feet away and I was five feet away but he made his putt and I missed mine and lost it," he said.

For a man who said at the start of the week that matchplay is his favourite form of golf it was a major disappointment.

"Matchplay is the epitome, one on one, you don't get the chance to do it very often. More emotions are involved — you have more ups and downs.

"You get momentum on your side, you can ride that wave, it's a great feeling. And vice versa you can get stomped on if the other guy gets hot."

On this occasion the other guy did get hot but Woods will be gunning for revenge on home ground in two years' time and all the better prepared for his experience here.

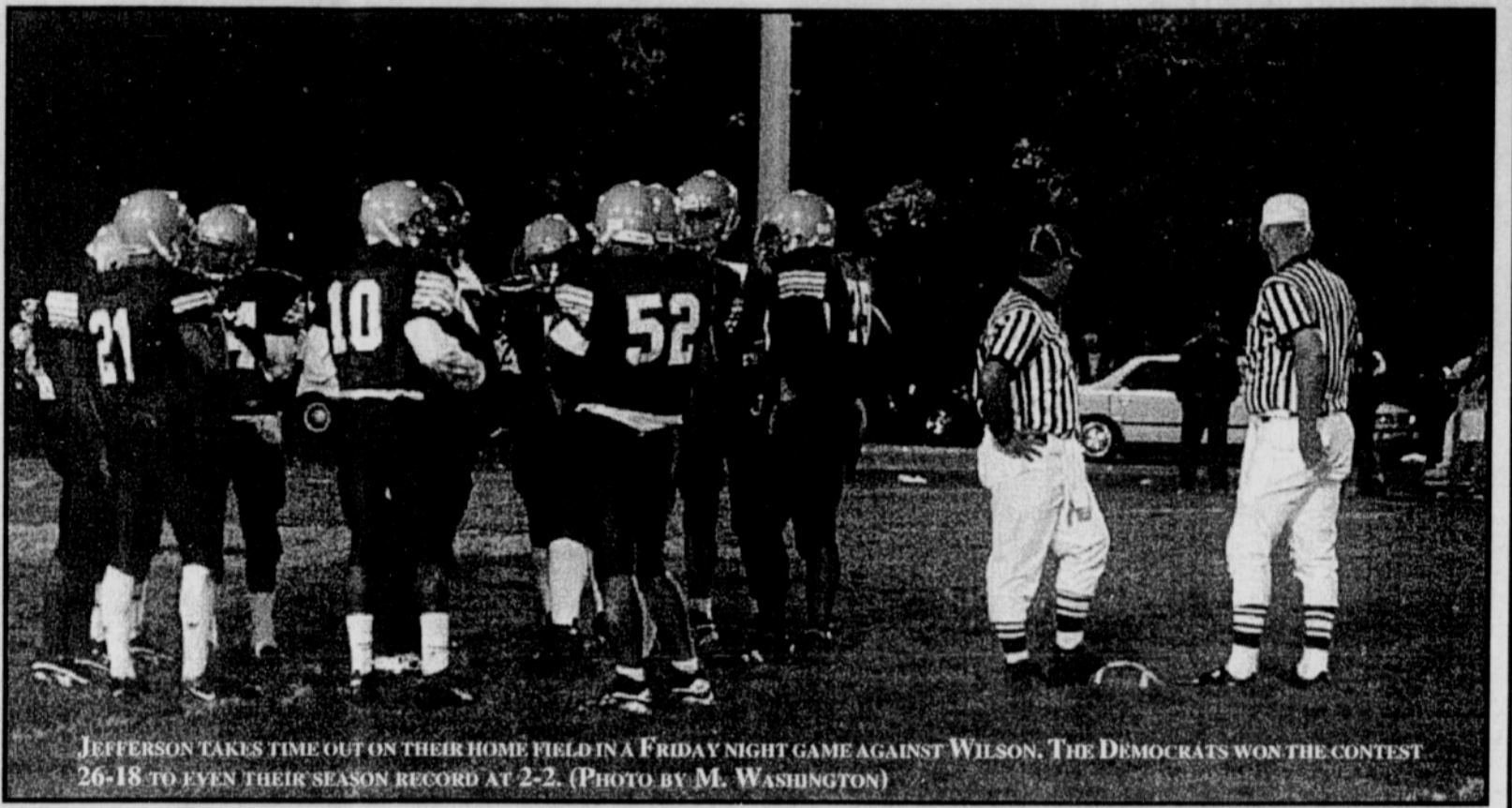
Alberta Park Improvements

Many of the master plan goals for Alberta Park have been implemented in the last year, thanks to funding from the 1994 bond measure and community involvement. The bond improvements are scheduled for completion this month.

Last year over 200 park neighbors and friends volunteered to help complete the construction of the soft surface walking trail around the perimeter of the park. The Community Treehouse, a non-profit coalition of neighborhood groups and public agencies, helped organize this successful event. Bond project improvements to Alberta Park include construction of a new restroom located in the center of the park, installation of new benches, and the construction of new path connections to park features with each other and with the perimeter sidewalk. The existing spiral slide was relocated at the site being prepared for the future playground.

A new playground was originally part of the planned bond project improvements. But contractor's bid came in well over budget and plans had to be scaled back. Parks & Recreation is exploring alternative funding or partnerships to help make the playground possible.

Mapping out the play



JEFFERSON TAKES TIME OUT ON THEIR HOME FIELD IN A FRIDAY NIGHT GAME AGAINST WILSON. THE DEMOCRATS WON THE CONTEST 26-18 TO EVEN THEIR SEASON RECORD AT 2-2. (PHOTO BY M. WASHINGTON)

Portland Trail Blazers sign Rasheed Wallace \$80 million

Portland Trail Blazers forward Rasheed Wallace, who was one of the NBA's most improved players last season, reportedly has agreed to a six-year contract extension worth \$75 million.

The Columbian, a newspaper in Vancouver, Washington, and KFXS Radio in Portland, Oregon are reporting that Wallace has agreed to the deal, the biggest in club history. It would surpass the seven-year, \$63 million package given this summer to free agent forward Brian Grant.

Citing an unidentified source close to the negotiations, the Columbian said the deal was worth between \$75 million and \$80 million. Telephone calls to the team were not immediately returned.

The Trail Blazers beat the October 1st deadline for re-signing members of the "Class of 1995," the first group of rookies who were subjected to the rookie salary scale. The 23-year-old Wallace was to make \$1.95 million this season, the last year of his original three-year contract, and would have become a free agent on

July 1st.

The 6-11 Wallace was third on the Trail Blazers with averages of 15.1 points and 6.8 rebounds last season, his first in Portland. He also was third in the NBA with a .558 field-goal percentage and averaged nearly a block per game.

The former North Carolina star finished third behind Miami Heat center Isaac Austin and Toronto Raptors guard Doug Christie in voting for Most Improved Player.

Wallace was selected fourth overall by the Washington Bullets in 1995 and had a turbulent rookie season. He averaged 10.1 points and 4.7 rebounds in 65 games. His season was shortened by a broken wrist and he also was charged with assault against a female companion.

Last summer, the Bullets dealt Wallace and guard Mitchell Butler to Portland for guard Rod Strickland and forward Harvey Grant.

Wallace would be the fourth member of the 1995 rookie class to sign an extension, joining Vancouver's Bryant Reeves, Utah's Greg Ostertag and Cleveland's Bobby Sura.

Trail Blazers hire Assistant coaches

Jim Eyen and Tony Brown have been hired as assistants for the Portland Trail Blazers, the team announced Friday.

Both have previous ties to Blazers coach Mike Dunleavy. Eyen was an assistant to Dunleavy with the Los Angeles Lakers and Milwaukee Bucks. Brown, a former NBA player, was a scout at Milwaukee when Dunleavy was coach and general manager.

Eyen and Brown join Elston Turner to fill out Dunleavy's Portland staff.

Eyen was a scout for the New York Knicks last season. Before that, he was an assistant for eight seasons with the Los Angeles Clippers, Lakers and Bucks.

Brown, a fourth-round draft pick by the New Jersey Nets in 1982 out of Arkansas, played seven seasons in the league. He was a scout for the Bucks the last three seasons.

The Blazers open training camp Oct. 3 at Linfield College in McMinnville.

Sun Devils Oregon 49 defeats OSU Stanford 58

Thanks to a quick, stifling defense, Arizona State's Pac-10 victory streak is alive at nine.

Robert Nycz kicked two second-half field goals and the 25th-ranked Sun Devils survived 14 penalties, three interceptions and a late fumble for a come-from-behind 13-10 victory over Oregon State on Saturday.

"Our defense really bailed us out today," redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Kealy said, "and they have all year. Our offense needs to put up more points, and a lot of that responsibility is on my shoulders. I haven't been getting the job done."

The defending Pac-10 champion Sun Devils (3-1) trailed 10-7 at half-time of their conference opener, the second year in a row that the Beavers had led Arizona State at the break.

Arizona State, coming off a 13-10 home loss to BYU, wasn't assured victory until J'Juan Cherry intercepted Tim Alexander's pass to stop a final Oregon State threat with 19 seconds to play.

No. 20 Stanford defeated Oregon 58-49 in a record-setting shootout Saturday night.

Hutchinson had scoring passes of 31 and 23 yards to Troy Walters, 80 yards to Damon Dunn and 9 yards to Jon Ritchie. Anthony Bookman had a 67-yard scoring run, Mike Mitchell scored on a 3-yard run, Kevin Miller added a pair of 33-yard field goals and the Cardinal got a late safety.

Hutchinson, who went 21-of-31 for 340 yards, threw for 246 yards and four touchdowns in the first half. He had just three scoring passes in three previous games this season for the Cardinal (3-1 overall, 2-0 Pac-10).

Jason Maas had five scoring passes for Oregon (3-1, 1-1), which had a six-game winning streak snapped. Maas had touchdown strikes of 66 and 47 yards to Pat Johnson, 4 yards to LaCorey Collins, 4 yards to Tony Hartley and 3 yards to A.J. Jelks.

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