

# Metro/Sports

## Portland Observer's 4A all-state basketball

### Class 4A Girls All-State team

**Player of the Year:** Kara Braxton, Westview  
**Coach of the Year:** Mark Neffendorf, Westview

**First Team**  
 Kara Braxton Westview 6'5" Jr.  
 Betsy Boardman Beaverton 6'1" Sr.  
 Hollye Holbrook Ore. City 6'3" Sr.  
 Brooklyn Lorenzen Cr. Valley 5'5" Sr.  
 Sarah Hedgepeth Springfield 6'0" Sr.

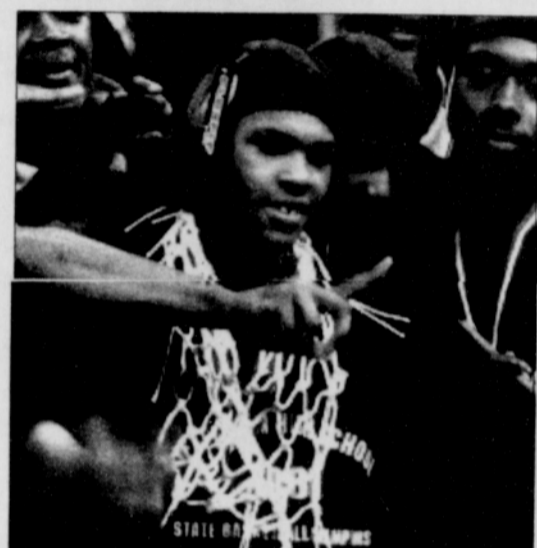
**Second Team**  
 Jackie Woods Ashland 6'0" Jr.  
 Jaci McCormack Lake Oswego 5'10" Sr.  
 Andrea Armstrong North Bend 6'2" Sr.  
 Camille Woodfield La Grande 5'11" Sr.  
 Stephanie Burnham Wilson 6'2" Sr.

**Third Team**  
 Carrie Buckner Cr. Valley 5'8" Sr.  
 Chelsea Wagner Springfield 5'10" Jr.  
 Corrine Wong Clackamas 5'9" Sr.  
 Jenn Chesney Newberg 6'0" Sr.  
 Da'Love Woods St. Mary's 5'4" Sr.

**Honorable Mention**  
 Amy Denson Crater 6'0" So.  
 Buffy Hummell Oregon City 5'6" Sr.  
 Kate Story Lake Oswego 6'0" Sr.  
 Heidi Buehler Tigard 5'6" Sr.  
 Sarah Keeler Pendleton 6'3" Sr.  
 Sarah Pool Crater 5'6" So.  
 Jenny Pippa Ashland 5'4" Sr.  
 Jenny Shettlers Wilson 6'3" Sr.  
 Angie Wells Westview 5'11" Jr.  
 Kayla Steen St. Mary's 5'7" Sr.



Portland Observer's class 4A boys Coach of the Year, Marshall Haskins



Portland Observer's Class 4A boys Player of the Year, Brandon Brooks

### Class 4A Boys All-State team

**Player of the Year:** Brandon Brooks, Jefferson  
**Coach of the Year:** Marshall Haskins, Jefferson

**First Team**  
 Blake Stepp South Eugene 6'4" Sr.  
 Brandon Brooks Jefferson 6'0" Sr.  
 Brian Michaelson Jesuit 6'4" Sr.  
 Robert Day Benson 6'5" Sr.  
 Salim Stoudamire Lake Oswego 6'1" Jr.

**Second Team**  
 Jon Tinnon Jefferson 6'8" Sr.  
 Shilo Rowland McNary 6'5" Sr.  
 Colby Summer Mtn. View 6'6" Sr.  
 Brandon Gill Gresham 5'10" Sr.  
 Anton Jarrell Jefferson 6'6" Sr.

**Third Team**  
 Jared Abell Crook County 6'6" Sr.  
 Mitch Meeuwssen Forest Grove 6'3" Sr.  
 Mike McGrain Jesuit 6'3" Jr.  
 Brett Elliott Lake Oswego 6'4" Sr.  
 David Brautigam Tualatin 6'6" Sr.

**Honorable Mention**  
 Ian Elseth Grants Pass 6'7" Jr.  
 Aaron Miles Jefferson 6'1" Jr.  
 Joey McCollum West Linn 5'10" Sr.  
 Michael Lee Jefferson 6'2" Sr.  
 Marshal Hartman Westview 6'6" So.  
 Bill Swancutt Sprague 6'4" Jr.  
 Michael Kuebler South Salem 6'3" Sr.  
 Bryce Loftin Beaverton 6'1" Sr.  
 Nick Rouhier Eagle Point 5'11" Sr.  
 Brad Bahler Dallas 5'10" Sr.

## Always on Sunday: Woods is close to lead

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Tiger Woods played the final 34 holes at Bay Hill without a bogey

Start counting. Tiger Woods' winning streak on the PGA Tour is at one after a powerful performance in the Bay Hill Invitational. He never trailed during the final 36 holes, didn't make a bogey for the last 34 holes and breezed to a four-shot victory over Davis Love III.

Whether he gets as high as six consecutive victories — or beyond — is unlikely. But that's not the streak that best defines his dominance.

The depth on the PGA Tour is such that any number of 140 players is capable of winning every week. So why is it Woods seems to be the only player in the hunt every Sunday?

"He's playing everybody's 'A' game every week," Love said Sunday after his third loss to Woods in as many head-to-head showdowns since November.

"Ernie Els could have just as easily shot 18 under here if he'd have played well," Love added. "I might go and shoot 15 under next week and win. But he's been doing it week after week after week after week. I think that's the difference."

In his last 16 tournaments, Woods has won 10 times. The reason behind such a staggering statistic is the number of times he puts himself into position.

Consider what Woods has done the past year, which covers 18 stroke-play events on the PGA Tour: He has finished out of the top 10 only twice. He has not finished lower than 18th.

He has had at least a share of the 54-hole lead in half those tournaments.

His worst deficit going into the final round was eight strokes back in the Nelson Classic. Even there, he was tied for the lead on the back nine Saturday before dropping a couple of shots and then taking quadruple-bogey 7 on the 17th hole at Las Colinas.

"That's where you always want to be, and that's one of the reason why I changed my golf swing in '97, is that I felt like I couldn't be in contention every time I teed it up with the swing I used to have," Woods said. "Now, it's a little different."

## De La Hoya given WBC belt

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Oscar De La Hoya plans to work on his New Year's resolution when he fights unbeaten Shane Mosley. The only loss of his career actually was a blessing in disguise, De La Hoya said.

He built an early lead against Felix Trinidad in their fight last September, but De La Hoya danced and didn't throw enough punches in the later rounds, allowing to Trinidad to win the decision.

"At 12:01 of the new century, I thought, 'Hey, what were you doing? Wake up and smell the coffee and fight the way you used to fight,'" De La Hoya said. "I'm going to stick to my game plan, just keep going straight ahead."

In his only fight this year, De La Hoya knocked out Derrell Coley in the seventh round of their Feb. 26 bout in New York.

De La Hoya and Mosley were at a news conference Monday at Staples Center, where their June 17 bout will be held.

De La Hoya was presented the WBC welterweight championship belt the sanctioning body reclaimed from Trinidad, but De La Hoya isn't ready to consider it his just yet.

"On June 17, this belt goes along with the title," De La Hoya said. "The best man will win it."

When Trinidad moved up to super welterweight and did not defend his 147-pound title, the WBC stripped him of the belt.

Mauricio Sulaiman, son of WBC president Jose Sulaiman, presented the belt to De La Hoya.

Smiling, De La Hoya and Mosley staged a playful tug-of-war over the belt.

"I'm ready to go on and take the WBC belt away from Oscar," said Mosley, 34-0, with 32 knockouts. "That belt right there is mine."

De La Hoya is a product of East Los Angeles, and now lives in Whittier. Mosley lives in Pomona, and the two natives of the Los Angeles area have fought before, meeting in the junior Golden Gloves several times when they were around 10 or 11 years old. No one seems to know how many times they were matched as youths, although one longtime boxing observer said Mosley beat De La

Hoya each time.

De La Hoya, 27, said he had no recollection of the bouts.

Mosley, whose \$4.5 million plus a percentage of pay-per-view will be his largest paycheck, thanked De La Hoya.

"A lot of people said he wouldn't fight me, that he would move up or something," Mosley, 28, said. "But he proved he wanted to take this fight, and I thank him for that."

De La Hoya, 32-1 with 26 knockouts, will get \$8 million plus a percentage

from TV.

California's 5 percent tax on boxing and wrestling shows would mean a bill of \$400,000 for a sellout crowd of 20,000 at the arena, in addition to \$240,000 for the city tax. Staples officials are seeking a state tax cap of \$50,000 on the fight, such as the cap in place in New York.

"Nothing has happened on that yet, but we are working with (state Assembly Speaker) Antonio Villaraigosa," Staples Center president Tim Leiweke said.

## Deion getting close to playing form

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Deion Sanders is ready to show what he's got.

After hobbling through the first few weeks of spring training, the outfielder is ready to start playing games and show the Cincinnati Reds where he stands after two years away from baseball.

He played in an intrasquad game over

the weekend and surprised general manager Jim Bowden with his progress from arthroscopic knee surgery in January.

"It was very impressive for his first time out," Bowden said. "Obviously, he swung the bat extremely well. Obviously, he isn't running like he normally can, but he's a lot closer than where I thought he'd be."

Sanders hasn't played baseball since

he left the Reds in 1997 to play cornerback full time for the Dallas Cowboys. He signed a nonguaranteed minor league contract with the Reds and is trying to win a spot on the opening day roster.

"He's got a way to go, but he has three weeks to get there," Bowden said. "He has a chance to create some problems for us, which is a good kind of problem for us to have."

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