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Youth Baseball Clinic Saturday

The Police Activities League of Greater Portland, which serves youth Portland, Sherwood and the Gresham Area, is sponsoring a baseball clinic for boys and girls, ages 10-13, on Saturday, March 10, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Madison High School.

Registration forms are available at PAL, 449 N.E. Emerson, the PAL Youth Center, 424 N.E. 172nd, or the Portland Public School Police Office, 501 N. Dixon.

Registration fee is \$20 for the general public and includes a membership in the PAL Youth Center through June 2001. Some scholarships are also available.

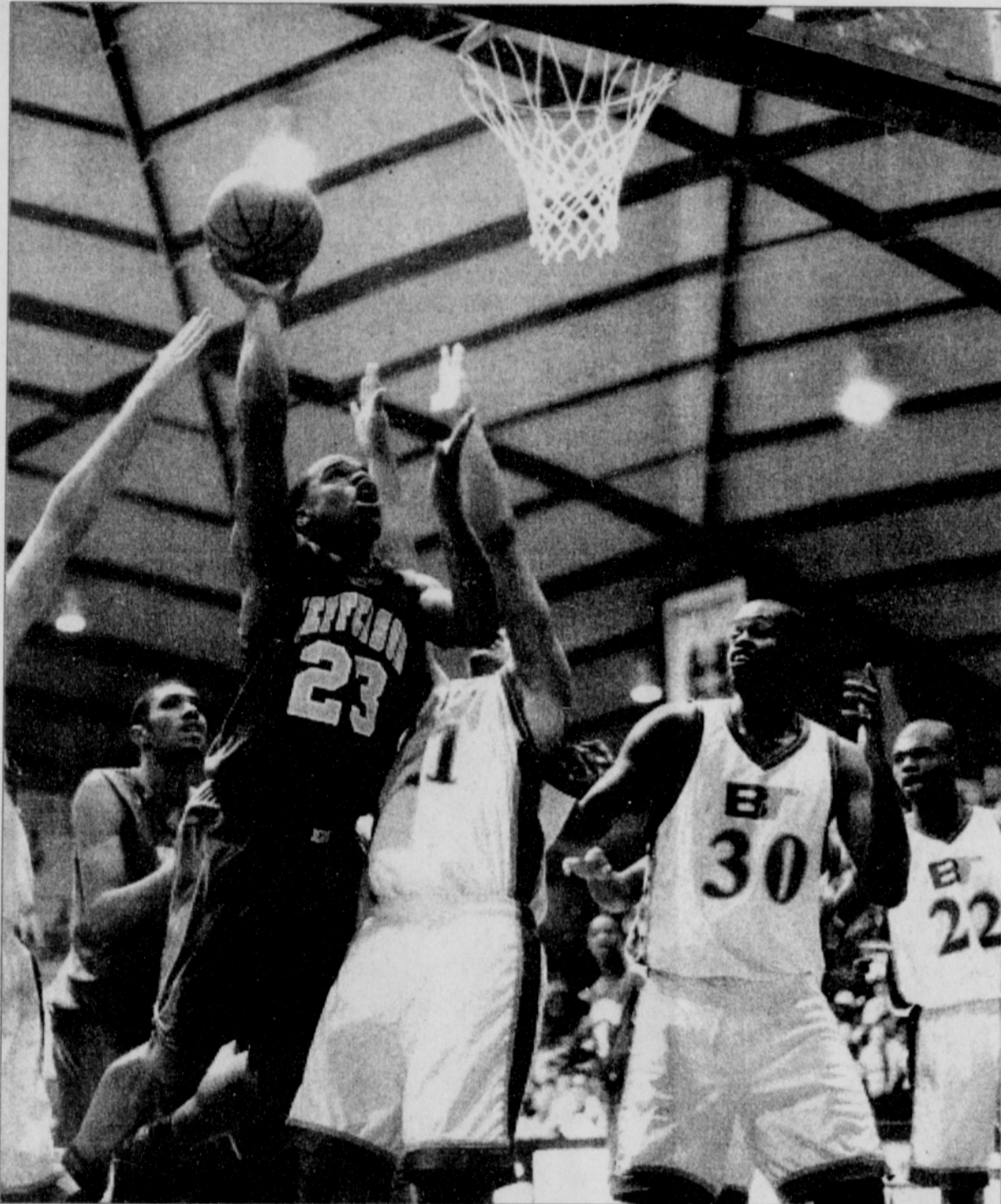
The PAL Baseball Clinic, which is a cooperative partnership between local enforcement organizations, Jugs Baseball Supplier and Big League Chew, is designed to teach and reinforce basic baseball fundamentals.

Instructors at the clinic include police officers, ex-minor league players and former college athletes, including Don-Lovell (formerly with the Cleveland Indians and Portland Beavers), Mike Fazzolari, Portland School Police Sgt. Jim Simms, Portland Police Bureau Officers Chad Stoner and John Blair, and numerous community volunteers.

"This will be our fifth year of offering a quality clinic which emphasizes baseball fundamentals and skills building, said PAL Community relations coordinator Linda M. Munsey.

"We encourage girls as well as boys to join us for a fun-filled Saturday, and youth who participated in prior years have told us how the clinic helped them get a jump start for their spring season," Munsey said.

PAL is non-profit, juvenile crime prevention program providing opportunities to thousands of youth per year thanks to generous supporters who provide time and money. For more information, please contact PAL at 503-823-0250.



Jefferson Top Seed in Boys 4A Title Bid

Jefferson all-American Michael Lee (left), in a recent game against Benson, is expected to help the Democrats defend their state title this week in the Boys Class 4A Basketball Tournament. Jefferson is seeded number one in the championship series with its first game at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday against No. 16 McMinnville.

(Photo by David Giezyng/Portland Observer)

Fire Acquires Kristin Folkl From Minnesota

The Portland fire have acquired forward Kristin Folkl and the 12th overall pick in the 2001 WNBA Draft in exchange for guard Lynn Pride and center Michele Van Gorp.

A 6-2 forward out of Stanford, Folkl averaged 7.6 points, 4.8 rebounds, 2.1 assists, 450 FG and 26.4 minutes, playing in all 32 games of the 2000 season. A solid contributor throughout last season, she led the team in blocks, ranked second re-

bounds, and third in scoring with the Lynx while establishing a franchise-high .11 defensive rebounds and notching 2 double-doubles.

"Acquiring Kristin is an incredible opportunity for our team," said Head Coach/General Manager Linda Hargrove "She already has the versatility to score in the post, rebound, and step out and shoot the three, but is also continuing to develop her game as she gains more experience in this league."

Oregon City Girls Win 4A Championship

Pioneers Stop Crater to win 7th Title in 10 Years

(AP) - With all the titles Oregon City has been busy winning over the years, the Pioneers hardly had the time to add up their victories. But Saturday, when the Pioneers beat Crater 48-30 for their seventh championship in 10 years, there was another number that stuck out: 500.

"Nobody knew it was the 500th win for us," Oregon City coach Brad Smith said of hitting the milestone. "Nobody took the time to add them up."

That's because adding the Pioneers' wins up isn't nearly as easy adding up their losses. In the past 10 years, Oregon City (26-1) has been one of the most dominant teams not only in the state, but in the country.

Lisa Faulkner scored 11 points to lead Oregon City to its first title since 1998, as Crater lost in the championship game for the third time in four years.

"This was very special because the kids earned it," Smith said. "They really weren't the best players all-around, but they worked on what they did best and stayed away from their weaknesses."

Oregon City used tough defense to wear down Crater's six-player rotation. Smith and co-coach Carl Tinsley

dipped deep into their bench in the second quarter, while Crater stayed mainly with its starters.

Jody McLeod led Crater (25-2) with 14 points.

The Pioneers took a 22-15 halftime lead after Faulkner and Lacey Mills each hit a pair of 3-pointers in the first half. Oregon City then broke the game open in the third quarter. Kelli Spencer, who finished with seven points and seven rebounds, scored three points to start a 14-2 run that put Oregon City up 36-17 with 47 seconds left in the quarter. Faulkner had four straight in the run.

Kerra Wodarski's steal and layup pushed the Pioneers' advantage to 42-23 with 4:46 left in the game, and when Alison Groves hit a free throw to make it 46-28 with 2:38 left, both coaches began to empty their benches.

Crater's Amy Denson, who finished the tournament second in scoring and rebounding, was held two points and six rebounds on 0-for-10 shooting.

The Pioneers held their four tournament opponents to an average of 30 points, half of what Crater, the tournament's top scoring team, had averaged coming into the championship game.

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