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**Jordan Ready for Challenge**

WASHINGTON—Michael Jordan finally explained his comeback decision in detail, saying his desire to play again was too strong to ignore. "It's an itch that still needs to be scratched here," said Jordan, who will return with the NBA's Washington Wizards.

**Pak Coasts to Five-Stroke LPGA Victory**

MOBILE, Ala.—Se Ri Pak shot a 1-under 71 to record a five-stroke victory at the AFLAC Champions. The win was Pak's fifth this season on the LPGA Tour. Lorie Kand finished second at 11-under 277, two strokes ahead of third-place Grace Park.

**Hopkins is Undisputed Middleweight Champ**

NEW YORK—Bernard Hopkins stopped previously unbeaten Felix Trinidad in the 12<sup>th</sup> round at Madison Square Garden to claim the undisputed middleweight crown. The defeat had to be a bitter one for Trinidad, who won his first 40 fights, 33 by knockout, and at times seemed invincible. Hopkins' victory was a bit one-sided as the 36-year-old dominated the last final six rounds.

**Iverson to Miss 4-6 Weeks**

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson, the NBA's MVP, and Aaron McKie, the league's Sixth Man of the Year, both had surgery and will be out at least a month. Iverson is expected to miss 4-6 weeks after an arthroscopic procedure on his right elbow, while McKie had a similar procedure on his right shoulder, and will be out 6-8 weeks.

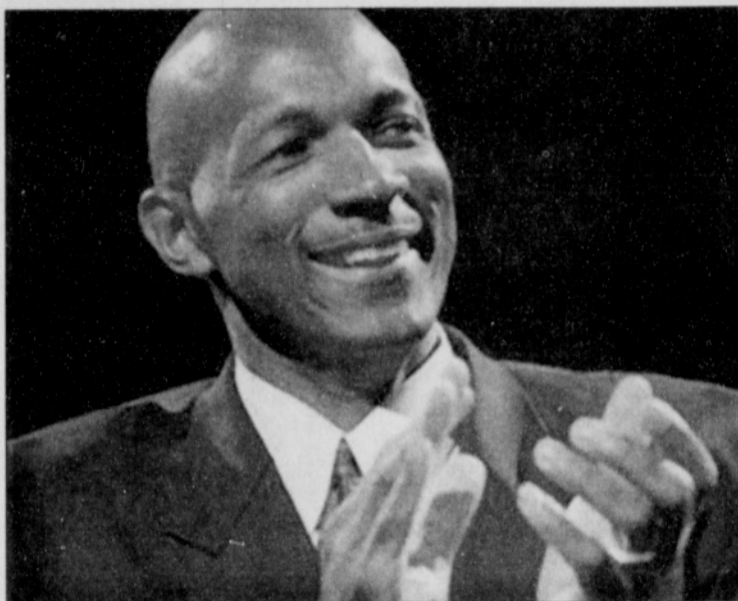
**A&T Renamed to Jordan University**

GREENSBORO, N.C.—Officials from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University announced that the university is changing its name to Jordan University. The name change is a result of an undisclosed financial and in-kind contribution from Jordan Brand, Michael Jordan's line of sports inspired footwear and apparel.

**Drug Report on Tour de France Riders**

PARIS — Though nearly one-third of this year's Tour de France riders failed drug tests, all but one cyclist had medical reasons to use the substances. The government said 44 of the 128 riders tested positive. The findings were published by the Council to Prevent and Fight Doping. One case involved EPO, a banned performance-enhancer. The other riders will be asked to show they had approval. If they cannot provide medical documents to the drug council or the French Cycling Federation, they could be banned from competing in France.

**Drexler Lands NBA Office Job**



Clyde Drexler

DENVER—Former Portland Trail Blazers star Clyde Drexler has been hired as an aide to Denver Nuggets general manager Kiki Vandeweghe.

Team officials say Drexler will perform various front office duties and help with player develop-

ment. Drexler and Vandeweghe were teammates on the Trail Blazers from 1984 to 1989.

Drexler retired as a player in 1998 before coaching the University of Houston for two seasons. He has no previous coaching or front office experience in the N-B-A.

**Peninsula Little League Sets Agenda**

Peninsula Little League is seeking parent and community volunteers to help with the 2002 Little League season.

Board positions and team coaching positions are available.

Those interested are asked to submit a statement of interest, expressing your qualifications, no later than Friday, Oct. 19 to Peninsula Little League, P.O. Box 11581; Portland, OR 97211.

Applications are available at the Peninsula Community Center, 700 N. Portland Blvd.

The club also invites interested parties to its annual board meeting on Monday, Oct. 29, 6 p.m. at the Northeast Precinct, 449 N.E. Emerson.

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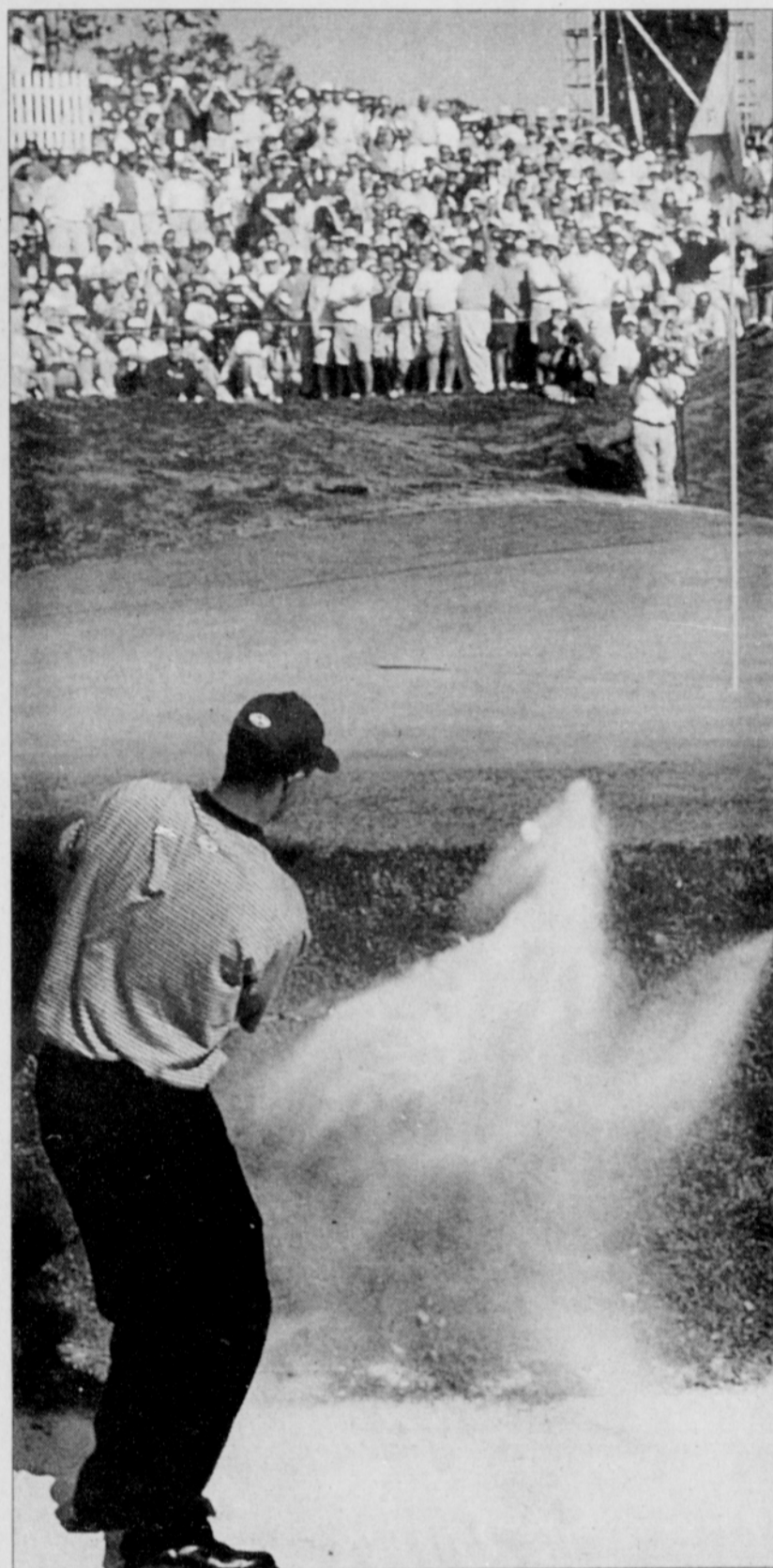
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**Jefferson High Hosts Golf Challenge**



Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course, home of Tiger Woods' 3rd and final Amateur Golf Championship will play host to Jefferson High's School of Champions Golf Challenge on Friday, Oct. 12th at 9 a.m. Finish your season off with "braggin' rights." There will be 18-holes of golf, including a continental breakfast, lunch and a Nike package for \$120 per person. There's still room for a sponsor's package.

For more information, call Marshall Haskins, Athletic Director of Jefferson High School at 503-916-5180, ext. 511.

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