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briefs

Hall of Famer K.C. Jones III

BOSTON – K.C. Jones, a Hall of Famer and a member of eight championship teams with the Boston Celtics, reportedly is suffering from prostate cancer. According to the "Boston Herald," Jones confirmed that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, but his prospects for a full recovery are excellent.

Super Bowl Date Set

NEW YORK – The Super Bowl will be played Feb. 3 and remain in New Orleans, allowing a normal playoff schedule. The announcement of a deal to switch dates with the National Association of Automobile Dealers ended weeks of talks caused by the postponement of a week of the NFL schedule by the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Jordan to Show Off on Prime Time

NEW YORK – Michael Jordan's first two games with the Washington Wizards will be televised by Turner Sports. The Wizards' season opener, at the New York Knicks on Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m., will air on TBS. Washington's next game, at the Atlanta Hawks on Nov. 1 at 8 p.m., will be on TNT. Turner also added three other Wizards regular-season games. NBC said it would add two Wizards games to its schedule.

King Moving Ruiz-Holyfield Bout to U.S.

Promoter Don King and HBO scrapped plans to stage the third fight between heavyweight titlist John Ruiz and Evander Holyfield on Nov. 24 in Beijing, China. Citing the State Department's advisory to be careful when traveling abroad following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, HBO – which bought rights to the fight for \$5 million – and King decided it was better to stay home. King said he is looking for a U.S. venue for the bout and is most interested in the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut.

Ndereba Breaks Marathon Record in Chicago

CHICAGO – Catherine Ndereba of Kenya easily won the Chicago Marathon, breaking the world record set just a week ago. She ran her race in 2 hours, 18 minutes, 47 seconds, beating the previous women's best by nearly a minute. Ben Kimondiu held off fellow Kenyan Paul Tergat in the final mile to win the men's race.

Blazer Preseason Tickets Now Available

Portland Trail Blazers fans can purchase tickets to exciting Blazers preseason action. Tickets will be available for all NBA preseason contests played at the Rose Garden through the Rose Quarter box office, with ticket prices starting as low as \$10.

Blazers fans will get their first chance to catch new head coach Maurice Cheeks and the Blazers in the Rose Garden on Oct. 17, when Western Conference rival Sacramento visits the Rose Garden. The Blazers host the Golden State Warriors on Oct. 23, and the new-look Memphis Grizzlies, featuring Shane Battier on Oct. 26.

Fans can purchase preseason game tickets over the phone with a major credit card by calling 1-800-4NBA-TIX. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.blazers.com. Tickets purchased at outlets, by phone or online may be subject to service charges. Blazers fans can continue to purchase season tickets and half season tickets by calling 503-797-9600.



Bonds Hits a Record 73 Homers

Barry Bonds hit his 73rd home run during the final game with the San Francisco Giants on Sunday. He broke Mark McGwire's record by slugging two homers on Friday night. With an .863 slugging percentage, Bonds surpassed the mark of .847 that Babe Ruth set in 1920.



Baseball Players Wanted for International Tournaments

The Coast to Coast Baseball Stars are now recruiting 11-18 year-old players from Oregon who would like the opportunity to represent the United States at overseas tournaments in Australia, Puerto Rico and Europe.

The tryout will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13 at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.


If selected, players have a chance to choose which country they would like to visit as they compete against some of the world's best teams, explore famous sights, and learn about a different culture.

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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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