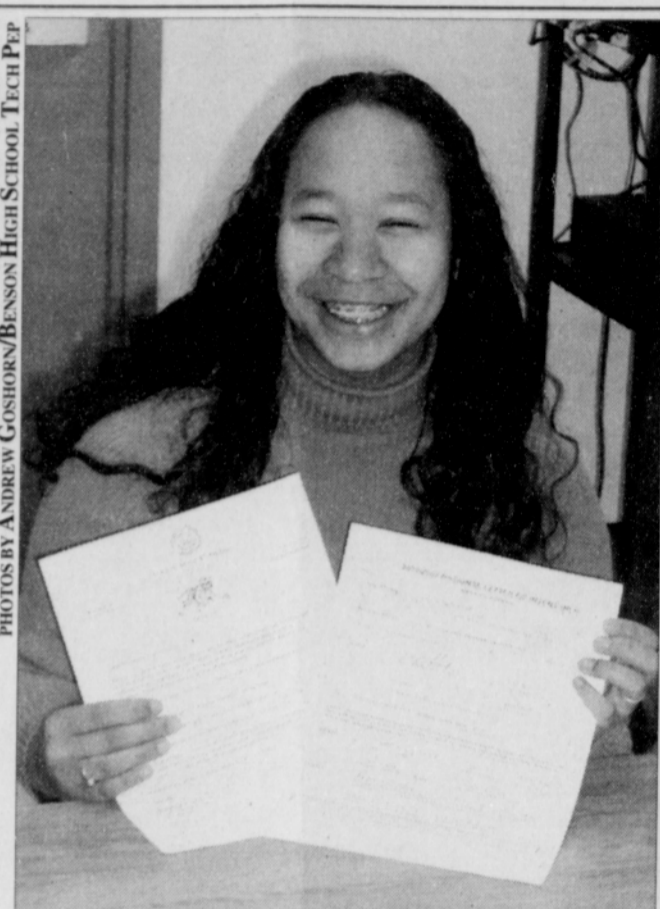




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Benson's Sharice Green signs a letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Reno.



Benson's Denetia Carline announces her intention to play volleyball at Jackson State University in Mississippi.

Benson Athletes Earn College Scholarships

Hard work has paid off for two Benson High School athletes who signed national letters of intent last week to continue their athletic careers.

Denetia Carline, an all-league setter, will play volleyball for Jackson State University in Mississippi.

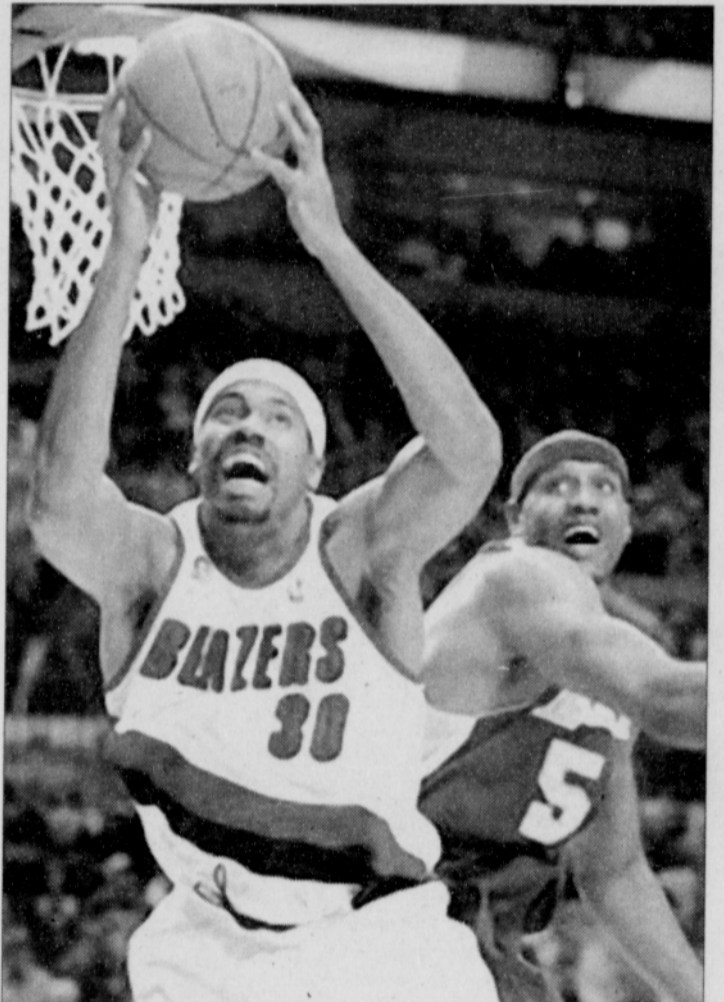
Sharice Green will play basketball for the University of Nevada Reno. The students attributed their success to the extra time and

work they put in the off seasons to help their teams. They also said maintaining good grades was an important factor in achieving the full athletic scholarships.

Others at Benson who have

signed college letters of intent include Andy Olemgbe and Zach Harris who will play football for Texas Southern, and Drew Dukeshire who will play football at Weber State.

Blazers Soar in Win Over Lakers



Rasheed Wallace grabs a rebound over Laker Samaki Walker during a double overtime win over Los Angeles. (AP photo)

(AP) - Bonzi Wells, scored 28 of his 33 points after halftime in the Blazers' 128-120 double-overtime victory over the Los Angeles Lakers Sunday.

Wells broke a 115-all tie early in the second overtime by intercepting Kobe Bryant's pass and dunking the ball.

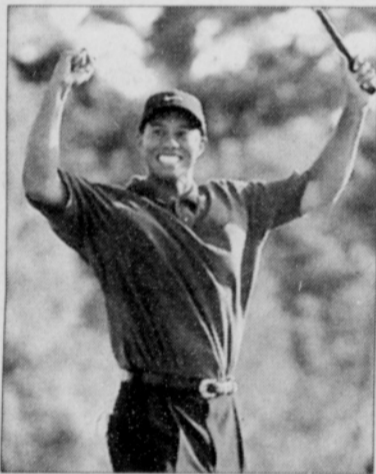
"It was one of those games," Wells said. "We had to pace ourselves and know we could beat them. We just never gave up."

Rasheed Wallace added 25 points and 13 rebounds, Damon Stoudamire had 18 points and 12

assists and Ruben Patterson had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Blazers, who had beaten the Lakers once in three tries this season - when Shaquille O'Neal was hurt.

"We've always known we could play with them," Blazer Coach Maurice Cheeks said. "It didn't take this win to prove to me about my team. I've always known the type of team we have."

The Blazers are locked into the sixth playoff position in the Western Conference and could face the Lakers in the first round of the playoffs.



Tiger Woods celebrates another Masters win.

Woods Repeats at Masters

Retief Goosen was playing for second. Phil Mickelson was happy with third.

Tiger Woods doesn't just beat the world's best. He intimidates them.

If any further proof is needed, just listen to those Woods beat on Sunday to win his second straight Masters.

"Give him a couple more years and I think Tiger will be even greater than Jack Nicklaus," Goosen said. "It's just a matter of time."

That's high praise coming from anyone. But Goosen is a U.S. Open champion who

was tied with Woods entering the final round and was supposed to be able to compete with him.

He couldn't, and later admitted that he played the back nine without any chance.

"After the front nine, I knew it was all over for me," Goosen said. "I just tried really hard for second."

Perhaps it was simple math. Woods had won all six major championships he led going into the final round and it wasn't hard to imagine him winning a seventh.

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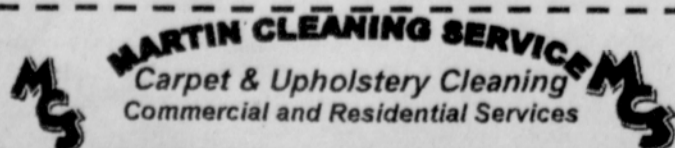
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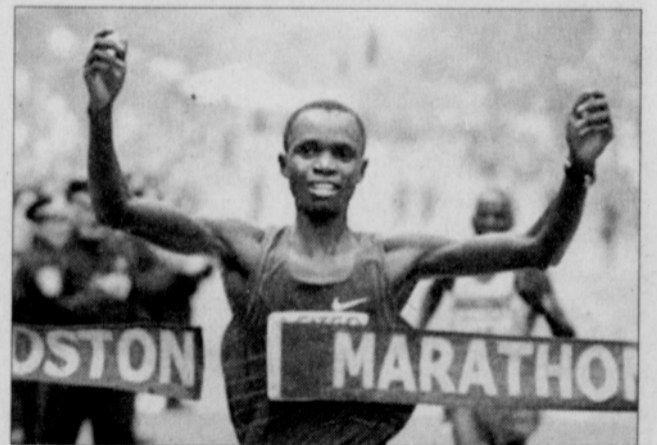
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Rop leads Kenyan sweep in Boston



Rodgers Rop of Kenya raises his arms as he breaks the tape to win the men's 106th Boston Marathon on Monday. (AP photo)

(AP) — Kenya reclaimed the Boston Marathon on Monday, sweeping the first four men's spots and the top two for the women.

Rodgers Rop held off Christopher Cheboiboch by three seconds to win in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 2 seconds. Margaret Okayo won the women's race in a course record 2:20:43, pulling away from two-time defending champion and world record-holder Catherine Ndereba in the final mile.

"I just feel proud when I hear that national anthem being played," Ndereba said after she embraced Okayo. "And if it was not for me, it's for Margaret."

Kenyan had won the men's race for a decade before Lee Bong-ju of South Korea ended the streak last

year. But the Kenyans were back in force, taking six of the top seven spots and nine of the top 13.

"The Kenyans are very happy. Last year, I was not happy," Rop said. "Before running, I said, 'We have to reclaim our title.' It's become a tradition in Kenya to win Boston, so I had to try my level best to win."

Fred Kiprop outsprinted Mbarak Hussein, the brother of three-time Boston champion Ibrahim Hussein, to finish third, 43 seconds behind the winner. Lee, the defending champion, was the top non-Kenyan again, but he was fifth after falling out of the lead pack by the 19-mile mark.

Keith Dowling, of Reston, Va., finished 15th and was the top American.

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