

SPORTS/METRO

New Irving Park Courts Dedicated



Charles Jordan, director of Portland Parks and Recreation (center), oversees Thursday's dedication of newly refurbished courts at Irving Park in northeast Portland. Nike paid for the park upgrade as part of the company's 30th Anniversary Project, a donation that will pay for the resurfacing of all of the city's nearly 90 outdoor basketball courts.

PSU Wins The Season Opener

After a sluggish start, the Portland State Vikings righted the ship and took control of their season-opening game with Stephen F. Austin, winning 31-23 at PGE Park Saturday.

The Vikings went scoreless in the first period after turning

the ball over twice. But Justin Wood led two scoring drives during the second quarter, hitting Zach Foster for a 17-yard touchdown pass and Ryan Fuqua on a 19-yard scoring strike.

Wood completed 14 of 23

passes for 156 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

The Vikings have a bye next Saturday then host North Carolina A&T on Sept. 14 in the Vanport Invitational. Kickoff is 6:05 p.m. at PGE Park.

Rose Garden Bout Saturday

(AP) — Clinton Woods, who will fight Roy Jones Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Rose Garden for the WBC championship, is clearly the underdog.

Jones is considered the world's best pound for pound boxer. Woods is almost an unknown.

But Woods says people

shouldn't underestimate him. He says, "I'm not here to be beat by Roy Jones."

Woods, who is 30, has a record of 32-1. In preparation for his fight, he's set up training camp in a large room in the Oregon Convention Center. A full ring, punching bags, weights, and an antique exercise

bicycle fill the room.

Though the bout was originally discussed for England, where Woods is from, Woods says he knew that Jones would never fight out of the U.S. And for Woods, this will be his first fight in the U.S.

Big Fight is First in 40 Years

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champions - 12 — than anyone outside of Oscar De La Hoya, who leads the pack with 13.

"Never been to Portland," McKart said Monday after a training session at the Kronk Gym in Detroit.

From media reports, McKart will be facing Wright for the third time—he lost a controversial 12-round decision to Wright in the first defense of his World Boxing Organization title in May 1996 and a 12-round decision in a nontitle fight in September 2000. McKart (45-3) looked solid and toned during his workout at Kronk. He said he should have no problems making the 154-pound weight limit.

Trained by his father, Roy started boxing at the age of 10:

Weighing 69 pounds, he beat an 85-pound 14 year old in a youth boxing event at Pensacola Beach. He had a great amateur career: he won the U.S. Junior Olympics in 1984, the 1986 National Golden Gloves at 139 pounds, then moved up two weight divisions and won the National Golden Gloves again in 1987 at 156 pounds. And it doesn't stop there.

Roy Jones Jr.'s promotional company, Square Ring, Inc., has signed heavyweight prospect Kendrick Releford of Ft. Worth, Texas, to a promotional contract. Roy said, "I'm delighted to have a new prospect on board."

Now that you know what a world event this is for Portland. You might want to ask Roy Jones Jr. a question yourself. And you can. Get to know about his likes,

dislikes and other interest during chats on his website at www.royjonesjr.com.

For tickets, visit the Rose Quarter ticket office, call 503.224.4400 or buy online at www.rosequarter.com or www.ticketmaster.com. Portland's own Double Tee Entertainment presents the official Jones Jr. post-event after party at the Roseland Theatre. Jones has invited R and B artist David Hollister, who featured with Jones on his Body Head Entertainment first album "Round One". Along with the Jones camp, another invitation goes out to rapper DMX. For more information, call (503) 221-0288.

Youth Golfers Score Best Yet

The Portland Youth Golf Association held its 3rd annual Junior Championship on Aug. 8 at Heron Lakes Golf Course.

Team officials said with more than 45 competitors, this year's tournament was the best yet. A special thanks went out to the volunteers who helped make the competition successful.

The top finisher in the boys 18-hole championship was Kyle Wanke, followed by Vincent Johnson, Anthony Wik, Austin Olsen and Lucas Snoey.

Jenna Buchanan won the girls 18-hole championship, followed by Jenna Buchanan, Stephanie Solomon, Sara Joplin, and Stephanie Stiles.

In the boys 9-hole championship, first place went to Daniel Snoey, trailed by Clement Uduk, David Fong, Michael Cooper and Dominic Haynie.

Alexandra Uduk won the girls 9-hole championship, followed by Simone Walter and Brittany Brooks.

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