

# SPORTS / METRO

## Youth Golfers Compete in National Event



Future Portland Youth Golf Association member Timmie Foreman (first row, from left) with current members Daniel Snoey, Gaston DeLaTorre, and Gerritt Chambers, along with current members Colby Worrell (back row, from left), Lucas Snoey and Ty Chambers. Not pictured are team members Alexandra Uduk and Justin Stiles.

The Portland Youth Golf Association was well represented in October's Drive, the Chip and Putt Challenge held at Heron Lakes Golf Course.

The national event sponsored by The Golf Channel is a skills showcase for junior golfers of all ages. PYGA had nine participants in the event which had a total participation of approximately 45 youth from the Portland metro area.

Overall, PYGA won 11 medals. Justin Stiles finished in 3rd place overall in the 9-10 year old division. Daniel Snoey and Ty Chambers tied for 1st place in the 11-12 year old division, with Snoey winning in a putting tiebreaker. All of these young winners qualified for the regional competition held in Reno, Nev. on Oct. 5.

## Blazer Network Gives Up Channel Search

(AP)—Unable to find a spot on local cable television, it's game over for Paul Allen's Action Sports Cable Network.

The 24-hour regional sports network called it quits Monday — effective immediately.

The network was launched in 2001 with much fanfare. Plans called for the airing of at least 25 Portland Trail Blazers games along with select Portland Fire games and Seattle Seahawks preseason games.

But AT&T Broadband, Oregon's largest cable operator, refused to put the station on its basic cable lineup, citing the lack of compelling programming other than the Trail Blazers.

AT&T offered to put ASCN on its digital spectrum, an offer the Blazers refused due to the lack of digital cable subscribers.

The sides remained at an impasse, even waging a public relations war through a series of commercials urging fans to call each other's customer service department to complain.

ASCN was available through other cable operators, but only a few thousand homes in the Portland area could get it.

"Unfortunately, ASCN was never able to achieve sufficient distribution of its product to allow it to remain in business," ASCN vice president Harry Hutt said in a statement.

According to The Oregonian, Trail Blazers president Bob Whitsitt broke the news to employees at 2 p.m. The station was off the air by midnight.

"The Blazers' organization shares in the disappointment of our sister company, ASCN, shutting down its operations," Whitsitt said in a statement.

## Wells' Play Slowed By Instep Injury

(AP)—The Portland Trail Blazers are not playing as well as they had expected, losing their last two games. Part of the reason is that guard Bonzi Wells isn't playing as well as he did last year.

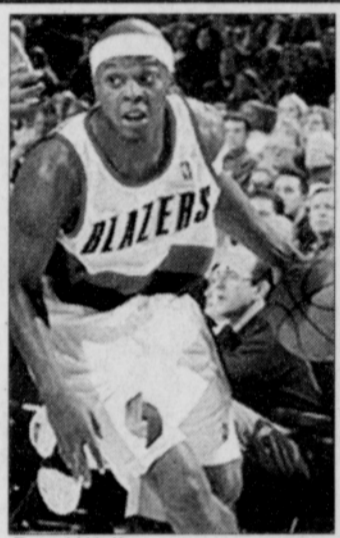
Wells, the team's second leading scorer last season with 17 points a game, is averaging only eight-point-five points a game this year while shooting

30 percent.

Why the change?

Wells has developed large blisters on his insteps. Against Sacramento, the pain forced him to retreat to the locker room, where the trainer applied padded insoles to his shoes.

Though the training staff says the blisters are healing, Wells still appears hobbled during games and sometimes walks gingerly.



Bonzi Wells

## Don King Loses Fight With Rival Promoter

(AP)—A Fort Lauderdale, Fla. jury refused Monday to award any money to Don King in his fight with rival promoter Bob Arum over rights to boxer Julio Cesar Chavez.

The six-member jury deliberated for three hours before rejecting claims that Arum's Las Vegas-

based Top Rank Inc. interfered with three agreements between King and Chavez.

Attorneys for King asked in closing arguments Monday that the jury find Arum liable for stealing Chavez and award King \$8 million in damages.

"I'm very happy with the jury verdict, obviously," Arum said.

King smiled when the verdict was read but was speechless only briefly.

King insisted Arum interfered with his fighter and said, "He'll be less inclined to do it again."

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