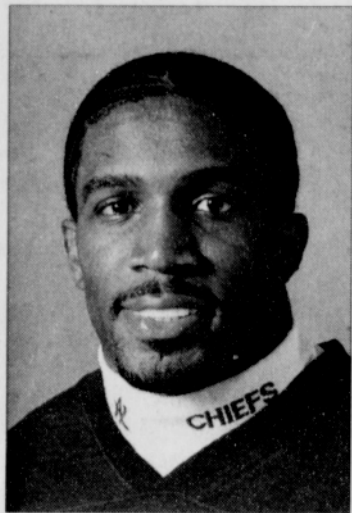


# SPORTS / METRO

## Holmes Offensive Player of the Year



Priest Holmes

Priest Holmes accomplished in 14 games what many players can't in two full seasons. His reward: The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player of the Year award.

The dynamic running back for the Kansas City Chiefs was on pace to shatter several NFL records before a deep hip bruise sidelined him for the final two games of 2002. Still, Holmes set 10 team records, including 1,615 yards rushing and 21 TDs. He also had three scores as a receiver, and the 24 TDs were two short of Marshall Faulk's league mark.

Holmes' 2,287 yards from scrimmage fell 142 short of Faulk's NFL record. And in 383 touches, Holmes had only one fumble.

Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil researched Holmes' total yards from scrimmage and found it was the most ever in a 14-game span.

"After I missed the last two games, I wasn't even thinking about any honors or awards or anything," Holmes admitted Thursday after receiving 20 1/2 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters who cover the league. "I really appreciate this."

"But I'm grateful to my offensive line and coaches more than anything for what they did for me."

## JEFFERSON SHINES IN MLK TOURNAMENT

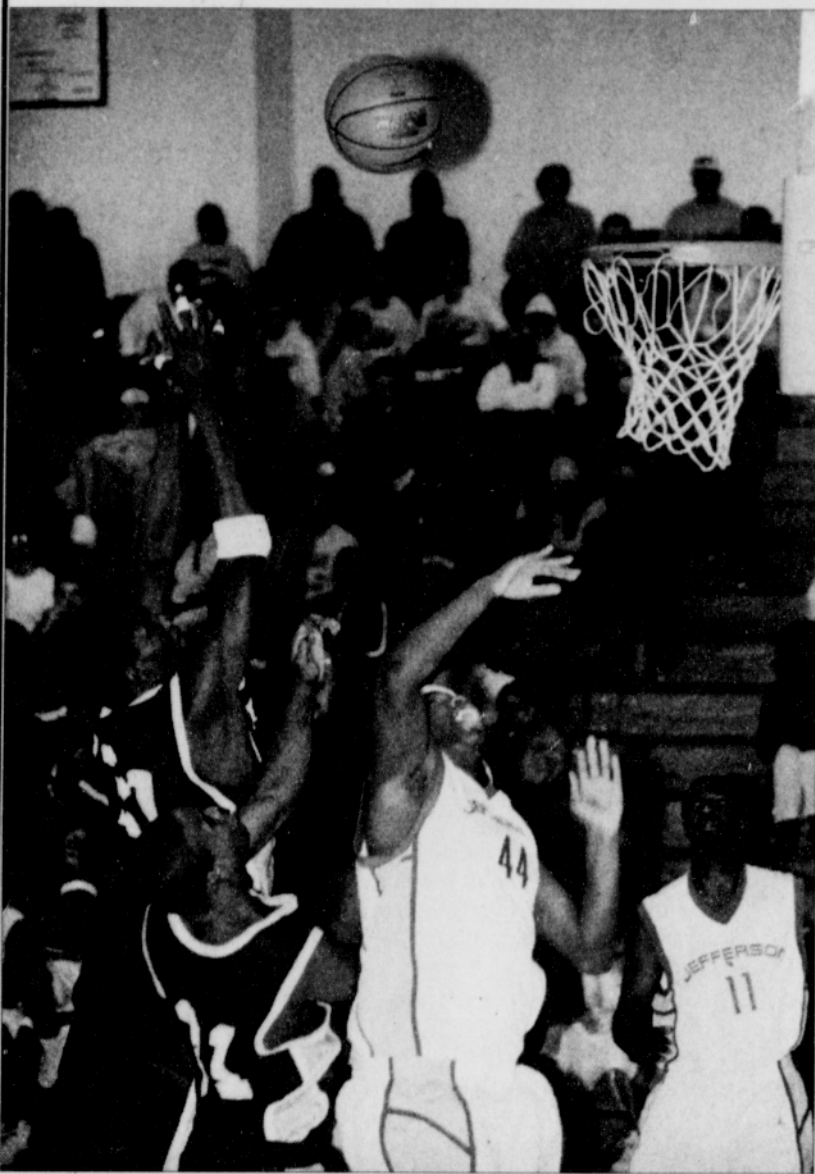
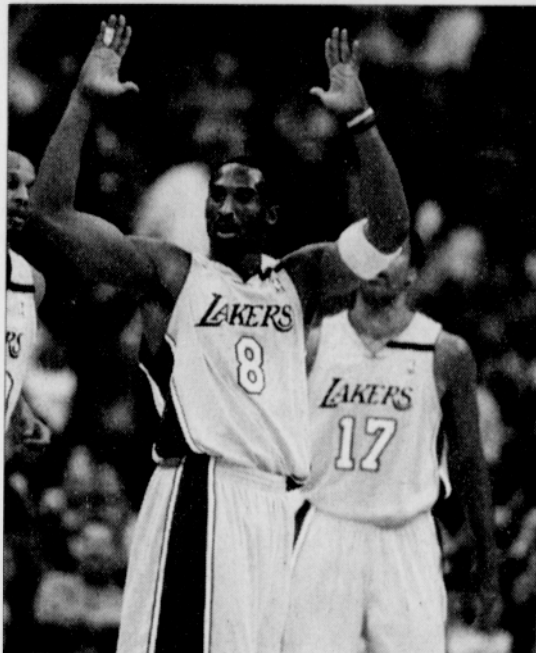


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Senior Center Ray Peterson goes up for a rebound late in the game against Mt. Zion Christian Academy at Saturday night's first Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational at Jefferson High. The Jefferson boys won the match 70 to 63. Mt. Zion was recently ranked in the top 10 nationally according to a USA Today poll.

## Kobe Bryant Breaks 3-Point Record



(AP) — Kobe Bryant acknowledged it was the game of a lifetime - at least as an adult. Bryant made an NBA-record 12 shots from 3-point range, including nine straight, in scoring 45 points on Jan. 7 as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Seattle SuperSonics 119-98.

When asked if he had ever had a such a game, Bryant replied: "Maybe one time when I was 7 years old. I got 63 points. I was playing against kids who were 14, in Italy."

Bryant, who had never made more than five 3-pointers in an NBA game, broke Dennis Scott's record of 11 with 6:58 to play.

The 24-year-old Bryant shot 12-of-18 from beyond the arc and 16-of-28 overall. He made 11 3-pointers in the second and third quarters, when he scored all but seven of his points.

His nine straight 3-pointers is also an NBA single-game record.

Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant reacts to his sixth 3-point basket during the first half Jan. 7 against the Seattle SuperSonics in LA.

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## Globetrotters Pledge Support for PIL

The Harlem Globetrotters is pledging \$1 of each ticket sold this month for their upcoming Feb 15 Portland appearance to the "Save Spring Sports" campaign, organized by the Portland Interscholastic League.

"The Harlem Globetrotters embodies the concept of athletic opportunity. So we want to do our part to make sure Portland area students continue to have the opportunity to learn, play and compete," said Kelly Lovell, the Globetrotters' senior marketing director. "The Harlem Globetrotters Portland Show typically attracts between 12,000 and 14,000 fans, so we see a big potential here to help save Spring Sports."

The Globetrotters show at noon in the Rose Garden on Feb. 15 is part of the team's 2002-2003 "Reclaiming the Game" North American Tour.

Most tickets are \$11-\$22, plus applicable service charges.

"The Harlem Globetrotters have been creating unforgettable experiences through our mad skills, dazzling athleticism and quality family entertainment for generations," said Globetrotters Owner and Chairman Mannie Jackson. "This season's show will be even more exciting and a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to create new, memorable experiences together."

Groups should call 503-963-4400 for group discounts.

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(Serving the Youth of Inner North & Northeast Portland)

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9 am - Noon

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February 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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