

SPORTS

All-Team Approach

Grant coach empowers players

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Grant High School's varsity boys' basketball coach has a lot to be proud of.

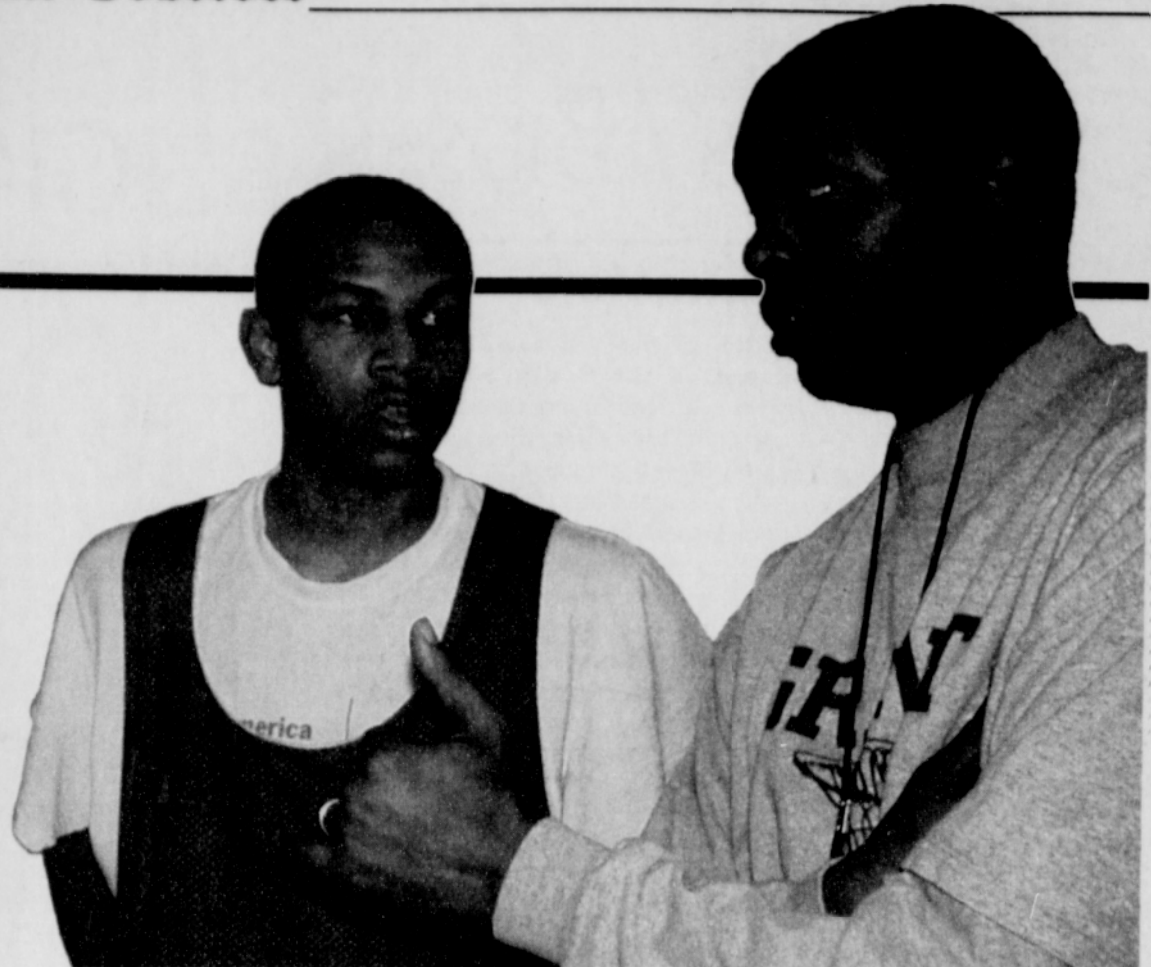
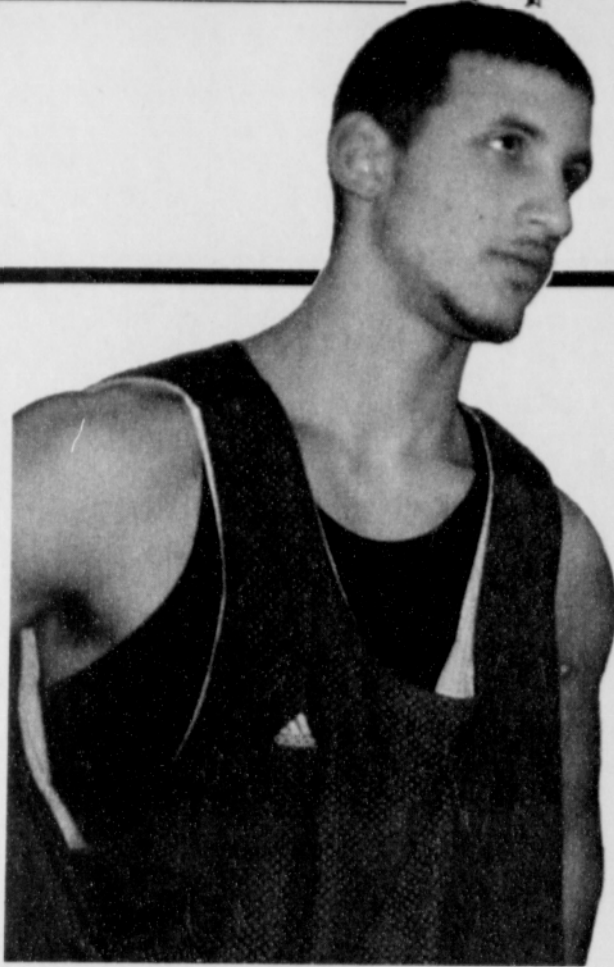
True, the team fell short of playing in the Class 4A Tournament after a 48-58 defeat to Redmond High School last week. Yet, Coach Tony Broadous extends his pride to his players, a 12-member team, who have trained really hard and stayed focused despite a trying year off the court.

The team's intensity landed Grant a standing as second in Portland Interscholastic League going into preliminary games last weekend.

Broadous came to Grant last year, after coaching at Roosevelt High School for 10 years.

An alum of Jefferson High School, Broadous played baseball, football and basketball, and was named Senior Athlete of the Year in 1985. He went on to play baseball and basketball at Lane Community College in Eugene and graduated from Oregon State University.

"Last year was the first year in six that Grant has been in the playoffs. We've made it to playoffs both times in my first two years. I'm pretty proud of that."



Grant High School Boys Basketball Coach Tony Broadous discusses a game plan with first team All-Star players Donnie Harrison-Davis (left) and Dominic Waters.

His coaching attitude is that every man makes up a team.

"I'm a big believer that you have 12 guys because you're a team. Everybody is important, from your first starter and lead scorer to your last guy who doesn't play that much," he said.

Broadous added, "We give thanks to God. We pray before each game and thank God for having the opportunity to play each game and God is pretty good to us."

Despite a solid pre-tournament record, the team was severely challenged by injuries and personal crisis.

Broadous himself, broke his wrist playing basketball in the beginning of the

season. Shortly after that, his sister had brain surgery.

Junior point guard Dominic Waters had an emergency appendectomy and another player's mother had emergency surgery. Combined with the death of a player's Grandmother, and another key player off the bench for a broken hand, Broadous said it was challenging to keep the emphasis on the game.

"It's been a season of ups and downs, off the court," said Broadous. "On the court, the guys have been able to play through different distractions, injuries and off court issues and continue to persevere."

Broadous says he talks to his team about

being the "total package."

"We talk a lot about being a solid player, a solid student and a solid person with high values and high character," he said.

The cumulative grade point average for the team is 3.2 out of 4.0 with six players on honor roll.

In Broadous' first year at Grant, eight of the nine seniors went on to college and this year, all six seniors on his team will be in college, with four on athletic scholarships and one on an academic scholarship.

Some notable players are being heavily recruited by colleges.

Senior Donnie Harrison-Davis and Waters were named first team all stars.

Broadous describes Ndamukong Suh as a "big time warrior." Suh, a junior center, is being recruited in football by schools across the country. He was named as second team all star this year.

Aaron Dickson, a senior, accepted a football scholarship to Portland State. Broadous says he demonstrates that total package with strengths in scoring, passing and picking up rebounds.

Nick Green, a 6 foot 7 inch senior forward, is an exciting player to follow for his dunks and block shots. He was given honorable mention for the all-star team.

Ryan Carroll, a sixth man off the bench, is a decisive, sharp shooter.

Baseball Coaches Clinic Saturday

Peninsula Little League and Jefferson High School are partnering with the Active and Old-Timers Baseball Association to hold a coaching clinic aimed at reviving the sport of baseball in north and northeast Portland.

The session for new and existing baseball coaches, sports program administrators and parents will be held Saturday, March 13 at

Jefferson High School's main gym, 5210 N. Kerby. It will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at noon. Participants can bring their personal baseball and softball gloves and bats to actively participate in hands-on techniques and practice.

"We need skilled and professional coaches who can create a venue of opportunities for

north and northeast Portland youth who aspire to become professional baseball players," said Art Larrance, Active and Old-Timers Baseball Association president.

Jefferson Baseball Coach Michael Mangum said the effort also is aimed at giving local kids a deterrent to gangs, drugs and other non-productive activities.

2004 PIL Basketball All-Stars

2004 PIL Boys

Player of the Year:
Brian Morris, Jefferson

Coaches of the Year:
Marshall Haskins, Jefferson and Tony Broadous, Grant

First team:
Germain Jordan-Brown, Wilson
Brian Morris, Jefferson
Dominic Waters, Grant
Andre Ferguson, Roosevelt
Donnie Harrison-Davis, Grant
Mac Hopson, Jefferson

Second team:
Bryan Martin, Benson
Jeremy Lathan, Benson
Cedric Burton, Jefferson
Cody Aker, Wilson
Ndamukong Suh, Grant
Omar Leary Lincoln

2004 PIL Girls

Player of the Year:
Brittney Davis, Jefferson

Coaches of the Year:
Floyd Hall, Franklin and Milt Adams, Jefferson

First team:
Brittney Davis, Jefferson
Hannah Oken-Berg, Lincoln
Toya Hill, Grant
Lauren Greif, Lincoln
Brea Douglas, Benson
Ericka Volker, Grant
Simone Jordan, Jefferson

Second team:
Amanda Boggan, Benson
Rosaunda Jackson, Benson
Katie Curtis, Cleveland
Joyce Oniah, Franklin
Amanda Peterson, Franklin
Shadae Smith, Jefferson
Whitney Barton, Wilson

Heartbreak for Jefferson Girls

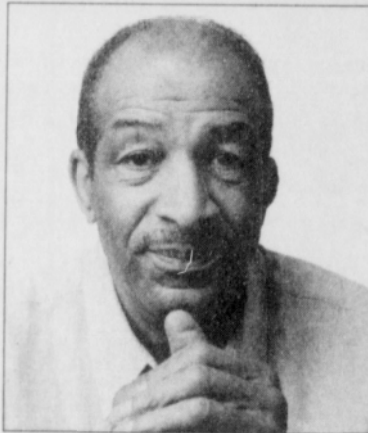
Jefferson High School was the only Portland Interscholastic League team to make it to the Class 4A Girls Basketball Tournament at

the University of Portland's Chiles Center.

But it was heartbreak for the Democrats. The team was crushed

in a 56-64 defeat to Sheldon last Thursday and in the Friday consolation game lost to Central Catholic, 63 to 69.

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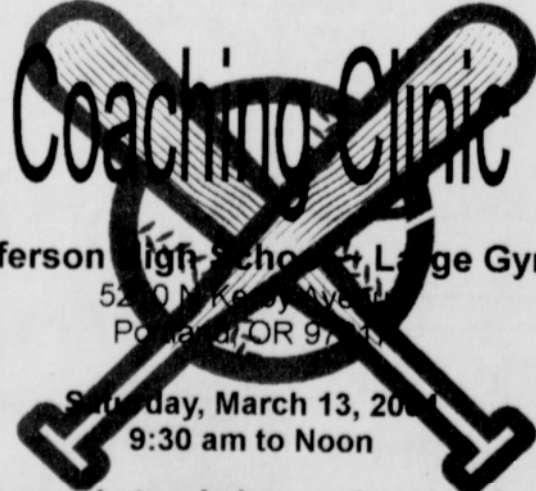
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Disappointment for PIL Teams

All four Portland Interscholastic League boys basketball teams were shut out of the 4A Tournament in Eugene after losses in preliminary games.

Wilson's 53-64 loss to South Eugene last Wednesday ended their hopes for a place in the tournament.

Jefferson defeated Bend, 74-47 in the first game of the preliminary tournament, but ultimately succumbed to Sunset on Saturday in a 66-68 loss.

Grant beat Central Valley Wednesday, 82-79, but lost to Redmond on Redmond's home court on Saturday, 48-58. It was anybody's game until the last quarter, when Central Valley rallied to put the game out of reach.

Benson's tournament aspirations ended last Wednesday when it lost to Lake Oswego, 39-43.