

SPORTS

Lights Coming to Area Fields

Cleveland, Marshall and Roosevelt to benefit

Portland Parks Commissioner Jim Francesconi and Portland Public Schools Athletic Director Greg Ross last week announced plans to light the sports fields at Cleveland, Marshall and Roosevelt High School.

Because these sports fields lack lights, their football and soccer teams must play their

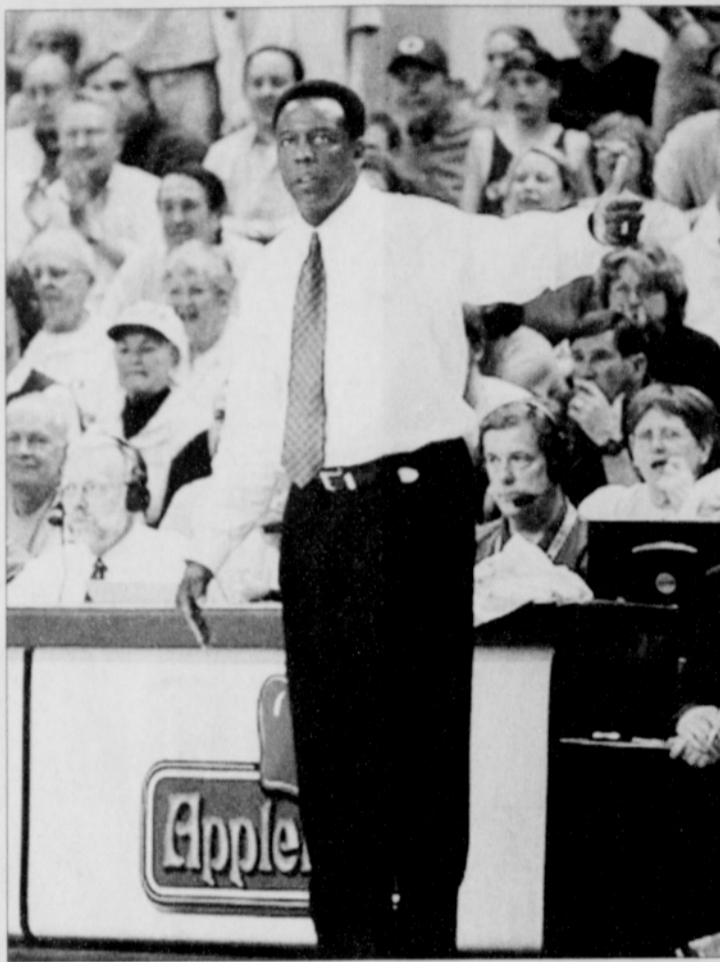
"home games" during the day or at other schools, leaving athletes, students and parents of these schools feeling like second class citizens and diminishing turnout at games.

The light poles have been purchased and will arrive soon, and members of the International

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48 have volunteered to do the electrical work for free.

Portland Public Schools Athletic Director Greg Ross credited Francesconi with supporting the project and finding partners and money to make it happen.

Joe Esmonde, Representative of IBEW - Local 48, said, "our electricians are part of the community and are proud to be able to give back by donating their services to this effort. We're especially proud to be giving back in a way that builds community, by encouraging students, parents and the community to come together and cheer the neighborhood team." The volunteer labor from IBEW is the equivalent of a \$100,000 donation to these three high schools and their communities.



Oregon Basketball Coach Ernie Kent is honored for his community service and leadership.

The Oregon Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has presented its annual Hope Award to University of Oregon

Basketball Coach Ernie Kent.

The award, the society's highest honor, celebrates an individual who exhibits outstanding philan-

Oregon Coach Earns Hope Award

Honored for public service

thropy, community service and leadership.

First as a player at Oregon and now as the school's head coach, Kent has shaped the community with his passion and professionalism, both on and off the court.

In addition to volunteer work with the MS Society, Kent is the local honorary chairman of the Children's Miracle Network and is active with the American Cancer Society and its Coaches Versus Cancer campaign. Additionally, he is a regular participant in Eugene-area activities during each February's Black History Month.

Kent has achieved some of the sport's highest coaching honors, including 2002 Pac-10 Conference Coach of the Year. Oregon has five post-season playoff appearances under Kent. In 2001-02, he led Oregon to its first outright league title in 63 years, winning 26 games and advancing to the Elite Eight for the first time since 1960. The next year he led them to their first Pac-10

Tournament title.

Most recently, Oregon made its second NIT Final Four appearance.

Oregon's success under Kent originates from the belief that he and his players can accomplish any goal working together. Kent founded the Self-Improvement Program, a groundbreaking program that has received nationwide attention. It puts the well being of his students at the forefront by helping athletes transition after graduation.

A 1977 graduate of Oregon with a degree in community service and public affairs, Kent helped lead the Ducks to a No. 8 ranking as a sophomore. He completed his collegiate career averaging 7.1 points and 1.8 rebounds while playing with the likes of Greg Ballard, Stu Jackson and Ron Lee.

Kent and his wife Dianna have three children: sons Marcus, 21, and Jordan, 19, who plays basketball and runs track for the Ducks, and daughter McKenzie, 18. All three are UO students.

Peninsula Wrestling Club

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The Peninsula Wrestling Club was founded and is operated by Roy Pittman, Thus its name has been dubbed "Pitts-men."

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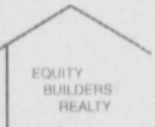
Bonds in Group with Ruth and Aaron

Barry Bonds swings on his 700th career home run in San Francisco Friday for career homer No. 700. Bonds joined an exclusive club - only Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron (755) have hit more homers - when he connected in the third inning against San Diego's Jake Peavy. (AP photo)



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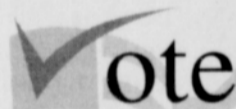


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Scouts Host Golf Marathon

The Cascade Pacific Council of Boy Scouts of America and golfers will take part in the 2nd Annual Golf Marathon, Monday, Oct. 11 at Langdon Farms Golf Club.

Over 40 players will hack, slice and putt their way through 100 and more holes of golf in one day to raise funds for scouting programs. The concept is simple; each participant golfs for free and has a goal to secure sponsors.

A personal goal of at least \$2,500 in sponsorships is set for

each golfer, and for their efforts each golfer receives a nice gift package.

Last year's first finisher was in the clubhouse in four hours and fifteen minutes.

It is amazing," said golfer Dennis Anderson, "but as you get going, you find a groove, spend less time addressing each shot, and actually see an improvement in your game."

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PSU at Home Saturday

The Portland State Vikings return home Saturday to host the 12th-ranked McNeese State Cowboys in a 6:05 p.m. kickoff at PGE Park.

McNeese State (2-1) comes to Portland having won the last three Southland Conference titles. PSU is coming off a 27-17 loss to 1-A Fresno State.

The Vikings lead the Big Sky Conference in rushing offense, scoring defense and total defense.

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