

# SPORTS

## Hangin' Tough

Quakers psyched for playoffs

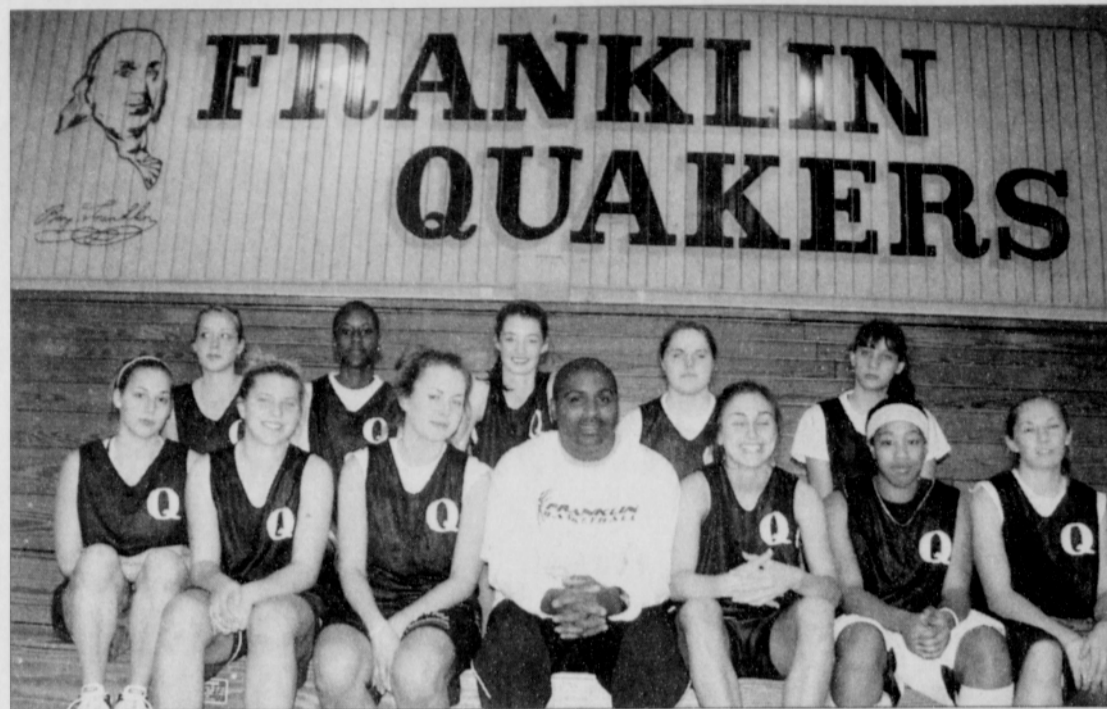
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Despite an inconsistent start to the season, Franklin's women's varsity basketball Coach Floyd Hall has high hopes for his team.

"So far the season's had its ups and downs. We beat some teams we never beat before and we lost to some teams we've never lost to before," he said.

His attitude is positive about the team's recent loss in a Seattle tournament against Franklin of Washington.

The Washington team, which is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the state, beat the Franklin Quakers by only ten points. Hall maintains a positive outlook



Girl's varsity Coach Floyd Hall with his Franklin Quakers.

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on the Quakers' season. "The tournament was an excellent experience," he said. "We played against some very high quality teams. It was just a great time."

Although Hall says academics is very important to him, so is a good time. He doesn't describe him-

self as a strict coach.

"We try to teach them the basics of basketball play. I don't try to dictate every situation or every little move they make. I believe they're in high school one time and I want them to have a good time," he said.

Poised for playoffs, the team is

currently 5-3 in league and 8-5 overall. The team hasn't reached playoffs in 12 years, and is playing to that goal.

"If we can pull it off, it'll be a great little story for the school," said Hall. "We're just keeping our fingers crossed."

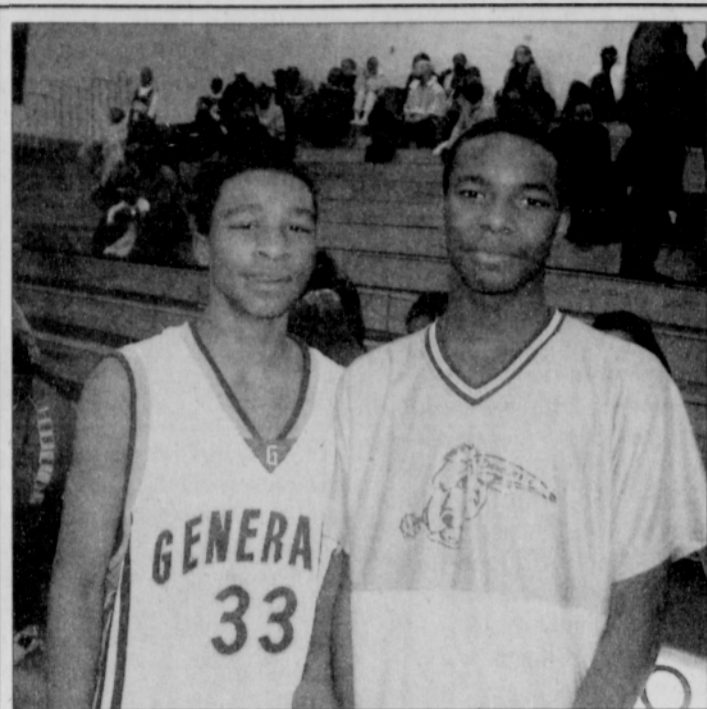


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## Brothers Meet on Opposing Teams

Hoops is all-in-the-family for brothers Daniel Collins (left), a freshman player for Grant High School, and Bentley Collins, a freshman player for Jefferson. They recently faced off at a game at Grant.

## Season Promising for Viks

The Viking track and field team plans to climb in the Big Sky Conference standings this year.

Head Coach Kebba Tolbert said the youth of this year's team could be the determining factor between an excellent year and a good year season.

The women's team is fairly well rounded in all events, with a lot of talent residing in sprints, hurdles, and jumps, allowing the team to crossover in a number of events.

Juniors Kerry-Ann Blackwood and Gayle Imran, sophomore Ashley Quay, freshman Antionette Payne are some of the competitors who will crossover for the Vikings.

Payne was a member of the Oregon 4A state champion-

ship team at Benson High School, individually placing third in the long jump and eighth in the triple jump. She also ran the leadoff leg of the state champion 4x100 meter relay team.

Senior Ena Shemi is one of the most prolific track athletes on the roster. The senior enters the season as a record-holder in eight events.

"Ena is one of our captains, and has been a leader for us at the Big Sky championships," said Tolbert. "She has won the Big Sky championship before, and there is no reason it won't happen again."

On the men's team, middle distance, long hurdles, and long sprints are projected to be strong events.



Ena Shemi

## Pats Await Steelers, Eagles Get Falcons

(AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles advanced to their fourth straight NFC championship game Sunday with a 27-14 romp past the inept Minnesota Vikings. They will also host their third conference title game in a row, a league record, when they meet Atlanta on Sunday. The Falcons routed St. Louis 47-17 on Saturday.

The AFC championship matchup is a rematch of a Halloween game in Pittsburgh, when the Steelers beat the New England Patriots. Judging by their play last weekend, the Patriots (15-2) seem ready for another Super Bowl trip, and the Steelers (16-1) seem lucky to be alive.

The Patriots advanced by taking apart Indianapolis 20-3 and Pittsburgh survived against the New York Jets 20-17 in overtime.

In October, Pittsburgh won 34-20 to end the Patriots' record 21-game winning streak. The Patriots beat the host Steelers in the 2001 AFC title game, then



New England Patriots wide receiver David Givens reacts after scoring a third quarter touchdown against the Indianapolis Colts on way to his team's AFC divisional playoff victory. (AP photo)

won their first of two Super Bowls met the Eagles (14-3) in the last three years.

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postseason two years ago, Philadelphia won a night game 20-6.

# 'Black Panthers 1968'



Historic photos showing entire families and multicultural crowds at a Black Panthers rally in 1968 are in radical contrast to mass media images at the time depicting the organization's members as thugs, criminals or dangerous subversives.

continued ▲ from Metro of their positions and actions," Snyder said. "However by bringing this work to Reed, we are certainly drawing attention to issues of social justice, race, poverty, edu-

cation and basic human rights." She suggests that no one would "disagree that the inequalities of our society have not been resolved since 1967, when the Panthers were founded. Social and political concerns have been the

focus of artistic practices for hundreds of years and this work should be seen in that context." Pirkle Jones will be giving a short slide lecture and talk at the southeast Portland college at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 9. There will be a

special reception outside the Cooley Gallery following the talk, with the gallery open late to viewing the exhibition.

For more information, visit <http://web.reed.edu/gallery> or call 503-777-7790.

## Rwanda: After the Struggle for Peace

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The bloodshed and property destruction of a decade ago has passed and the country is slowly returning to its former self. In centuries gone by, lush mountainous green forests were full of the haunting and feared mountain gorillas. Intelligent but private, they eluded human capture

for centuries through might, speed, and cunning. Today they are a threatened species.

National parks and reserves are helping to protect Rwanda's wildlife and mountain jungles. Luxurious resort complexes such as Lake Kivu are slowly restoring faith in tourism. The rainforests are also an international attraction. Unfortunately, the ongoing

struggle between Rwandan tribes has kept visitors from this region.

The restoration of the tourism industry is absolutely critical in helping Rwanda in obtaining much needed funds to combat poverty and health crises, such as the AIDS epidemic. More than a half a million men, women, and children in the country have HIV or AIDS.

With increased efforts on the part of the United Nations and local Rwandan security forces, the country is far safer than it was 10 years ago. This situation is continuing to improve. If you like to travel, put one of Rwanda's Wild Life Safaris on your list. It is an adventure of a lifetime and something you will never forget.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Metro  
Regional Parks and Greenspaces  
Public Access Facilities Design &  
Engineering at the Mt. Talbert Natural Area  
RFP#05-1129-PKS



The Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department of Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232-2736, is requesting proposals for Design and Engineering Services for Public Access Facilities at the Mt. Talbert Natural Area. Proposals should be addressed to the attention of Glenn Taylor, Regional Parks and Greenspaces, and are due no later than 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2005 in Metro's business offices at 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97236.

A non-mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held in Rooms 370 A and B at Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR, on February 1, 2005 from 10:00 am - noon.

Mt. Talbert Natural Area is located east of I-205 and south of SE Sunnyside Road with it proposed main entry located at SE 117 Avenue and Sunnyside Road in Clackamas County.

Metro is seeking a multi-disciplinary consulting team that possesses a combination of creative and technical expertise including: bridge engineering, parking lot and trail design; landscape architecture; signage; wetland delineation; and permitting, with professional experience on projects of a similar nature, and verifiable references from previous projects.

Details concerning the project and proposal are contained in the RFP 05-1129-PKS. Potential Proposers may obtain proposal documents by contacting Regional Parks and Greenspaces at 503-797-1870 or via our website at <http://www.metro-region.org/pssp.cfm?ProgServID=22>.

All information submitted by Proposers shall become public record and will be subject to disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Act, except those portions of the proposals for which Proposers request exception from disclosure consistent with Oregon law.

All proposals must conform to the RFP format and be complete including the use of any required forms. Metro may accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, or waive irregularities not affecting substantial rights if such action is deemed in the public interest.

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