

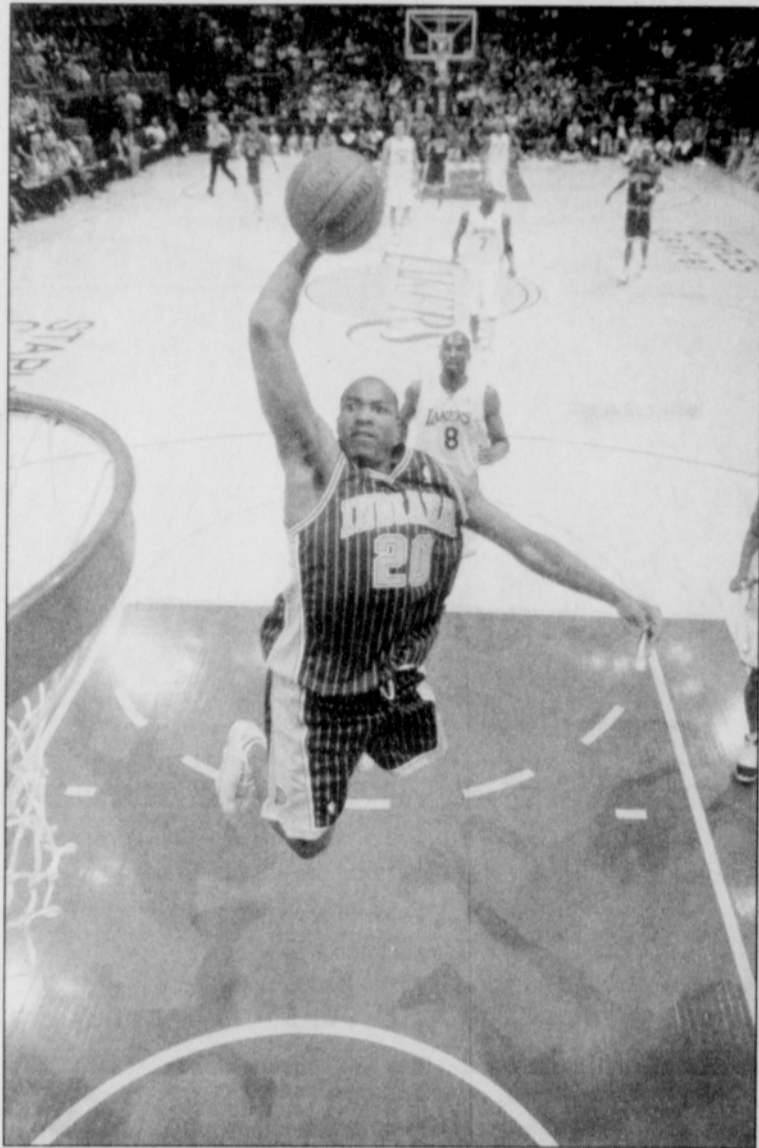
SPORTS

Jones Challenges Youth

New spokesman for alternative high school

NBA star and University of Oregon graduate Freddy Jones has agreed to be the spokesperson for the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program (OYCP), the only statewide alternative school for high school dropouts. "The Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program provides education and life-skills training for high school dropouts who want to become productive and responsible adults," said Jones, a guard with the Indiana Pacers and a graduate of Gresham High School. "I am pleased to represent the program because it provides the structure and educational opportunity for at-risk youth to succeed." Jones, the Pacer's 2002 first-round draft choice and the 2004 NBA Sprite Rising Star Slam Dunk Champion, was chosen to be a spokesperson for the program after students in a recent OYCP class identified him as an Oregonian teens admired and respected.

"Freddy Jones is an excellent role model who values hard work and education which are at the core of our program," said COL Mike Caldwell, deputy director for state affairs at the Oregon National Guard. "We are delighted to be associated with Freddy and very pleased and appreciative that he has agreed to represent our Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program." Cadets work through a two-phase 17-month curriculum, beginning with an intensive five-and-one-half month residential program during



Freddy Jones has been named spokesperson for the Oregon National Guard youth challenge program.

which they develop life-coping skills, perform community service work and attend academic classes leading to a high school diploma, GED, or recovery of as many as 11 high school credits. In the 2004-05 season, Jones averaged 10.6 points per game, including a career high 31-point performance against the Orlando Magic.

During his senior season at Oregon, he averaged 18.6 points and 5.4 rebounds per game as the Ducks went 26-9 and won their first outright PAC-10 conference title in 63 years. Details about the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program are available at www.oypc.com or 541-317-9623.

Trail Blazers Open Season on Road

The Portland Trail Blazers will open the 2005-06 NBA Regular Season with a two game road trip beginning Wednesday, Nov. 2 at Minnesota. Following a game Nov. 4 at Denver.

The Trail Blazers will open their home portion of the schedule by hosting the Atlanta Hawks Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Rose Garden.

In the second year of the NBA's six-division format, the Trail Blazers will play four Western Conference teams only three times. They will face the Memphis Grizzlies and the Sacramento Kings once each at home, and twice each on the road and the Houston Rockets and LA Clippers twice each at home

and once on the road. Every other Western Conference foe will visit the Rose Garden twice while hosting the Trail Blazers twice. As in

past seasons, the team will face all 15 Eastern Conference teams twice, once at home and once on the road.

Son of UCLA Great at UP

Rasheed Hazzard, the new full-time assistant coach for the University of Portland men's basketball team, is the son of former UCLA great Walt Hazzard.

Rasheed played four years at The George Washington University from 1995-98 and was most recently the head coach at Venice High School in Los Angeles.

He also served as a head coach and director of the Walt Hazzard All-Stars from 2001-05. With contributions from former college and NBA players such as University of Portland alum Darwin Cook, his function was to prepare student-athletes for the athletic and academic demands of a major Division I program.

Hazzard received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from The George Washington University in June of 1998, after helping the Colonials to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances during his four-year career.

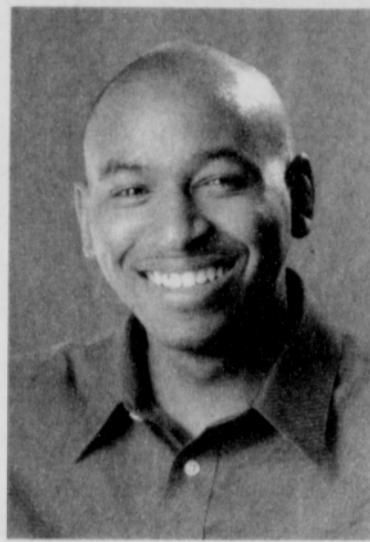
Following his graduation, he founded a program to assist at-risk youth interested in pursuing an opportunity to play high school sports, and achieve the skills, physical conditioning and academic preparation to be successful.

Basketball Assistant Helps PSU

Former University of Washington basketball player and Tacoma native Curtis Allen is a driving force at Portland State University this fall.

Allen was hired by PSU Coach Ken Bone, an assistant coach for the Huskies in the last two years Allen played for the Seattle school from 2000 to 2004.

"Curtis is a quality person with great character and someone I am excited to have on our staff," said Bone. "Since we've been around each other for a few years he understands and has the ability to communicate and teach the philosophies and



Curtis Allen

strategies I believe in. Because of his personality, work ethic and passion for the game, I believe he will be very successful in the coaching profession."

Allen competed in 117 games for the Huskies, starting in 51. He was the most accurate free throw shooter in University of Washington history, making 202 of 233 for an .867 mark. Allen also made 151 career three-point field goals to rank second in that category. He was eighth all-time in assists (286) and tenth in steals (99).

Vikings on a Roll With 45-0 Shutout

Junior quarterback Sawyer Smith threw five TD passes as Portland State rolled to a 45-0 win over Northern Arizona in a Big Sky Conference game Saturday evening, in front of 7,243 at PGE Park.

With the win, the Vikings took over sole possession of first place in the Big Sky, improving to 5-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

Senior running back and Walter Payton Award candidate Joe Rubin added 131 yards rushing as Portland State out-gained Northern Arizona 410-273 on the evening. Rubin is the national leader in rushing at the 1-AA level. He has 1,273 yards for the season.



Joe Rubin

Sophomore free safety Jordan Senn registered seven tackles to lead the Viking defense.

Portland State will return to action this weekend when the Vikings travel to Missoula, Mont. to face the No. 9 Montana Grizzlies.

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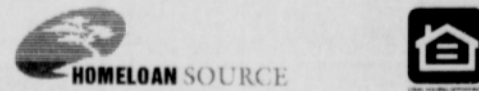
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