

SPORTS

Grant's Hopes Turn to Next Year

After completing spectacular season

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Grant's spectacular football season end Friday with a loss in the 6A state championship semifinals to Sheldon, 41-21 at PGE Park, but hopes for next year are high as the Generals will return 17 juniors and 14 sophomores.

In just three seasons at the northeast Portland school, Grant varsity football coach Diallo Lewis' teams are (27-7). With Lewis' system, the Generals are once again one of best in

Oregon.

"We're just trying to restore and bring that vibe back to Grant High School," says Coach Lewis. "Grant has the most state championships in the history of the state of Oregon and we want to make sure we continue to strive for excellence."

According to Oregon School Activities Association football championship records, Grant won state titles in 1943, 1945, 1946, 1949, 1950, and 1963.

The 2007 G-Men crushed Portland Interscholastic League opponents going undefeated (4-0). Overall Grant finished with a record of (10-2). Lewis's blueprint to building a winning program was executed by talented players like

Andre Broudous (QB/DB) 39 TD, 2,000 passing yards, 1,000 rushing yards, Paul McCoy (WR/DB) 10 TD, 800 receiving yards, and Bryan Butcher (WR/DB) a finalist for PIL Scholastic Athlete with a 3.7 GPA.

"Our goal is to help shape and mold the lives of our young men. We really emphasize academics first believing the stronger they are academically the better athletes they will be," says Coach Lewis.

With back to back PIL championships, Grant should make another strong run to capture the OSAA 6A State Championship next year.

"We just want to get to the point where we're competing for a state title each and every year," says Coach Lewis.

Badon to Play at Utah

Janita Badon, senior student-athlete at Jefferson High School has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Utah.

Badon is a first team all-league guard, returning player of the year in the Portland Interscholastic League, a first team all-tourney player and first team all state guard.

She was the No. 1 recruit for the nationally-ranked Utes.



Jefferson all-league guard Janita Badon signs a letter of Intent to play basketball at the University of Utah, surrounded by family, friends, and teammates.

Quilts Exhibit Honors Northwest History

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the community, including the Oregon Council for the Humanities' Chautauqua Series and the Smithsonian Resident Associates.

In her travels around Oregon and beyond, she always enjoys telling stories about Anderson. One in particular involved Anderson joining the Northwest Quilters organization. Anderson had been selling her quilts for \$5 a piece, a very low price at the time, even for the 1970s. The organization encouraged her to up her prices to \$30 or \$35. She did and never saw a decrease in demand for them despite

the higher price.

"Often as I've studied quilts and quilters, I've observed how quilts draw people together to share their lives, their needs and their passions around a quilt frame, at a sewing bee, at a quilt show or on longer exhibition," Cross said. "By exhibiting this woman's quilts in her Portland community, reading her story and seeing her photo, one can draw strength from the connected threads of her life."

There is an unofficial estimate that Anderson stitched about 300 quilts. For more information on the Anderson quilts or if you know of more quilts made by her, contact Mary Bywater Cross at 503-978-5228.

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