

SPORTS

Giants Stun the World

With 'impossible' victory

(AP)—With a snowstorm of confetti and paper raining down from skyscrapers, star defensive

ants fans celebrated on Manhattan's streets and saluted their improbable champions.

"I still can't believe it," Strahan said as the team was leaving New Jersey to come to New York. "I'm

still in some kind of shock."

The Giants rode in floats and many players carried video cameras to record the moment, waving to the throngs and basking in the delighted screams. A huge cheer went up when MVP quarterback Eli Manning joined Strahan at the front of a float.

The float also carried Mayor Michael Bloomberg as well as the Vince Lombardi Trophy, which was well protected in Strahan's massive arms.

The parade, featuring 50 tons of confetti, came two days after the Giants upset New England 17-14 to end the Patriots' perfect season. Fans threw hats to the players, who signed them and threw them back.

Mehdi Machkour, a 26-year-old restaurant worker from Brooklyn, wasn't quite sure which two players signed his hat. The Morocco native is more of a soccer fan, but this day brought a big change.

"Now I love football," he said.

While it clearly was a day for a parade, it was also a day for politics. New York and the 23 other Super Tuesday states were holding primaries that could seal the fates of the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates.

Just south of City Hall, politics and the parade crossed paths as signs for Democratic candidate



David Tyree of the New York Giants celebrates his five-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter. The Giants wrote a chapter of National Football League history with an epic 17-14 upset of previously unbeaten New England on Sunday, denying the Patriots an unprecedented 19-0 championship run.

Barack Obama were surrounded by fans wearing Giants red, white and blue.

Crowds were 20 people deep at some places, and the presence of children showed that many considered the parade to be worth missing a day of school. Arlene Remy, 32, of Brooklyn, was with her son and three of his friends.

"They haven't won a Super Bowl since 1991 and I want to be a part of

history," she said.

Justice Rodriguez, 11, of Brooklyn, was up at 3 a.m. with his father and half-dozen friends to secure a spot along Broadway.

"I want to see Eli Manning," said the boy, who wore a No. 10 Manning shirt over a down jacket. His father, Juan Rodriguez, took the day off from his car-wash job.

"You never know when they'll win again," he said.




New York players Michael Strahan (left) and Eli Manning hold the Vince Lombardi trophy to celebrate during a Super Bowl parade in New York on Tuesday.

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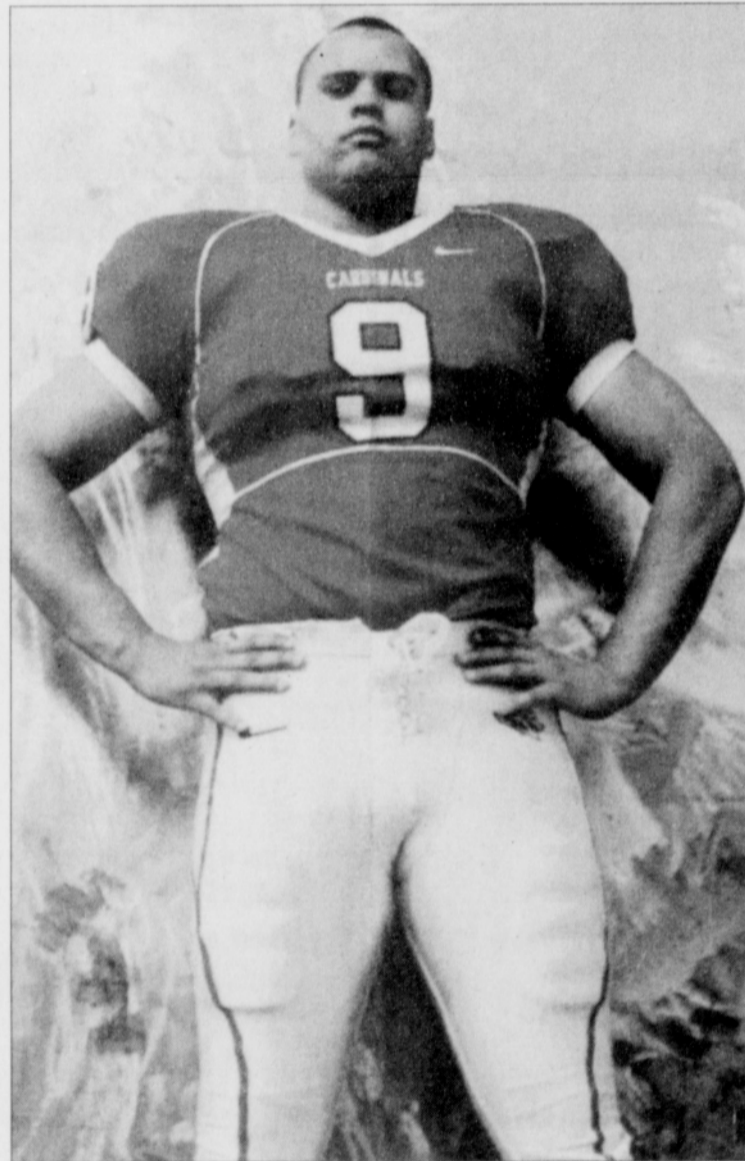


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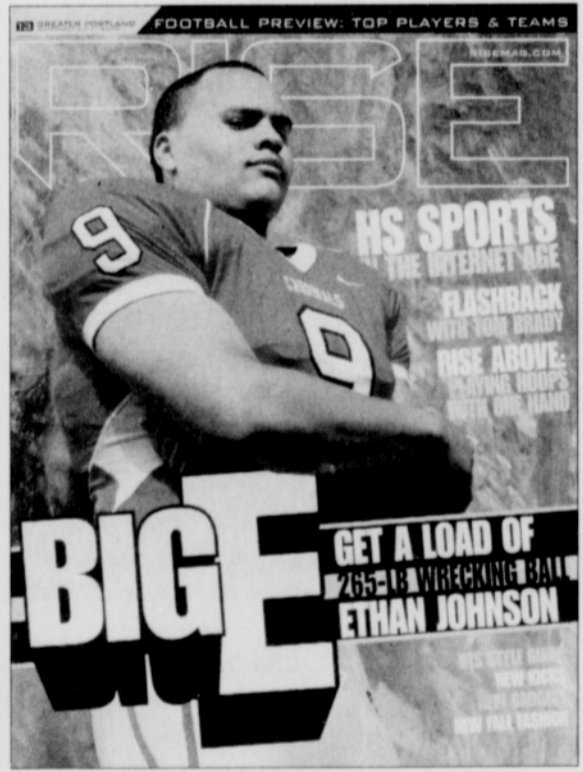
Ethan Johnson, an outstanding football player from Lincoln High School, recently won a full-ride scholarship to the university of Notre Dame.

Johnson, a multi-sport student athlete, has been active in the Black Student Union and is a hard-working member of the student body, maintaining a grade point average above a 3.0.

As a senior, he moved from defen-

sive tackle to defensive end, the position he expects to play in college. He received the Multnomah Athletic Club's Scholar Athlete Award in 2006 and played varsity track and field during his sophomore and junior years, participating in shot put, discus and javelin.

Johnson will be signing his letter of intent at a ceremony on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at noon in the Lincoln High gymnasium.



Portland star player Ethan Johnson makes the cover of "Rise," a high-school sports magazine.

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Roy Becomes All-Star

Blazers' first in seven years

(AP)—Portland Trail Blazers guard Brandon Roy, who has led his team's surprising resurgence, was named to the NBA All-Star game Thursday.

Western Conference coaches selected Roy, last season's NBA Rookie of the Year, as a reserve. Fans picked the All-Star starters.

"I still don't understand how much this means," Roy said. "Maybe I'll have to wait until I'm putting on the jersey and sitting in the locker room with Kobe and all those guys."

Roy is the first Portland player selected to the game since Rasheed Wallace in 2000 and 2001. He averages 19.3 points, 4.5 rebounds and 5.6 assists for the Blazers, who are 26-19 and have surpassed expectations after the loss of No. 1 draft



Brandon Roy

Roy has twice been the NBA's player of the week, with both honors coming during the 13-game winning streak.

"He gets it," coach Nate McMillan said. "He understands where this organization is at, where we need to go, and what it takes to get there."

"It's not about me," Roy said. "It's about what this team has done."

Los Angeles' Kobe Bryant and Denver's Allen Iverson will start in the backcourt for the West team on Feb. 17. They'll be joined by Houston center Yao Ming and forwards Carmelo Anthony of Denver and Tim Duncan of San Antonio.

Reserves named to the West team include Utah forward Carlos Boozer, Phoenix guard Steve Nash, Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki, New Orleans guard Chris Paul, Phoenix forward Amare Stoudemire and New Orleans forward David West.

pick Greg Oden to injury in the off-season.

The youngest team in the NBA opened the season 5-12 before reeling off a 13-game winning streak in December. The Blazers were not as hot in January, but managed to post consecutive winning months for the first time since 2004.