

The Portland Observer

presents The 3rd Annual

Joyce Washington Classic

HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAMES

Joyce Washington Scholarship 2008 Girls All-Star Teams

Home Team (Gold)

Head Coach: Floyd Hall

PLAYER	HIGHSCHOOL
Janita Bodan	Jefferson
Nyasha Sims	Jefferson
Kristen Swim	Franklin
Tryisha Blake	Jefferson
Aliyah Green	Lincoln
Denaya Brazzle	Jefferson
Mikayla Elliott	Franklin
Bailee Jurgenson	Franklin
Amanda Anderson	Marshall
Shawndez Santiago	Marshall

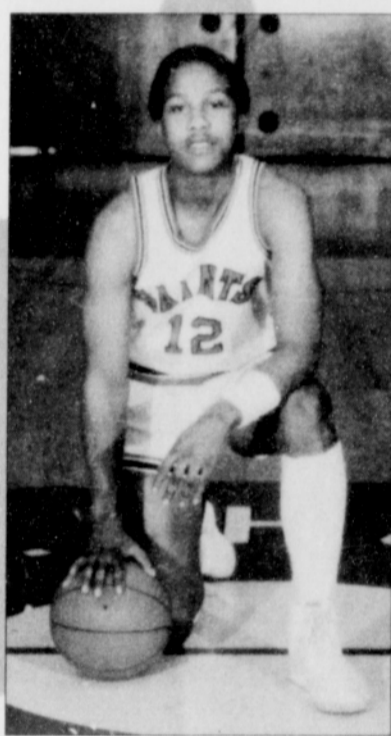
Visiting Team (Blue)

Head Coach: Michael Harper

PLAYER	HIGHSCHOOL
Diamond Ferguson	Benson
Kay Phosakham	Benson
Claire Groth	Cleveland
Abby McArthur	Wilson
Krystal Forthan	Grant
Razja Goodman	Cleveland
Mariah Ladd	St. Mary's
Shaquala West	Grant
Julie Ruddock	Wilson
Adrianna Saltzman	Wilson

Women's Coach of the Year:

Jefferson High School's Mike Bontemps



In memory of
Cory Neal Washington,
1965-1991

Joyce Washington Scholarship 2008 Boys All-Star Teams

Home Team (Gold)

Head Coach: Paul Kelly

PLAYERS	HIGHSCHOOL
Paul McCoy	Grant
Mike James	Grant
Cameron Jackson	Roosevelt
Mike Mosier	Grant
Jaques Kahey	Cleveland
Andre Broadous	Grant
Dominique Giles	Marshall
Titus Kolokolo	Roosevelt
Larry Ricards	Roosevelt
Dvari Harrison	Cleveland
Mitchell Beckwith	Marshall

Visiting Team (Blue)

Head Coach: Michael Holton

Assistant Coach: Mike Mangum

PLAYERS	HIGHSCHOOL
Ameer Shamsud-Din	Benson
Sean Gaines	Madison
Kalonji Paschal	Jefferson
Mario Gill	Wilson
Tyrone White	Jefferson
Anthony Golden	Madison
Jordan Black	Jefferson
Henry Williams Jr.	Jefferson
Jamar Johnson	Benson
Michael Holton Jr.	Sunset
Nathaniel Keilholtz	Franklin

Men's Coach of the Year: Marshall Haskins

Come see the best of high-school basketball players! Be there to support your school!
Includes members of Portland Public School's men's and women's teams!

Saturday, May 31, at SEI, 3920 N. Kerby, Portland

Tickets available at The Portland Observer (4747 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd.)
\$5 for adults, \$2 for kids (age 12 and under)

Doors open at 3 p.m. • Girls Classic at 4 p.m. • Boys Classic at 5:30 p.m.

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2008 Scion xB

Scion xB is Urban Utility

BY KATHLEEN CARR

Scion, from Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., recently unveiled the all-new 2008 xB urban utility vehicle. The xB was first introduced in 2003 and quickly the unique boxy-shape became iconic for the Scion brand.

Like the previous generation xB, the all-new 2008 model was styled with distinctiveness in mind. The new xB is indeed a bigger box, but it doesn't look so much like a box any more. And it isn't, as the increased length reduces the squareness. The styling is considerably improved. Plastic surgery on the chin has made a huge difference, and the other edges and angles are much softer, making the xB more attractive and less funny looking.

The new xB is 12 inches longer, on a wheelbase that's just 4 inches longer; this means bigger overhangs, which goes against the trend, as most new vehicles increase the wheelbase more than the length, efficient packaging that increases stability. The xB is 2.8 inches wider, though, and that adds stability. And the wheels have been in-

creased in size to 16 inches, allowing larger disc brakes, front and rear. The xB's brakes are very good.

The xB features electric power steering, which does away with belts, pulleys and fluid. It's quite nimble and fun to drive around town.

Believe it or not, the Scion xB sort of has the limo look going for it. Maybe even a gangster look, like a sedan from the '20s. It's that new roofline with the thick C-pillar that's located all the way at the back of the car, and the uninterrupted dark tinted windows. The roof-to-floor B-pillar is hidden between the doors, covered by parts of the black frames around the windows. The optional rear spoiler, as on our test xB, extends the roofline even more. The bigger box provides an increase in cargo capacity.

The interior feels as changed as the exterior looks. There are no gauges directly in front of the driver, which is a bit weird; but the row of four of them on the dashboard just to the right of the steering wheel makes up for it, because they're good. The digital speedometer is excellent, with big numbers that are, like the clock, eminently read-



Specifications: 2.4-Liter, 18-valve, 158-hp @ 162 lb-ft. torque, 4-cylinder engine; 4-speed sequential automatic transmission; 22-City 28-Highway MPG; \$23,377. MSRP

able. The xB seats five. The front seats recline almost fully, and the 60/40 rear seats drop flat with one easy pull of a lever. Charcoal is the only color for the fabric seats, which are comfortable and well bolstered, al-

though they're shapeless and light on padding in the rear.

Standard features which include A/C, power doorlocks and windows, satellite-ready stereo with CD player and iPod integration, four wheel anti-lock disc brakes and traction

control, all for a paltry base price of only \$16,270.

Then of course there are the options and aftermarket accessories which read longer than a five-year-old's Christmas wish list. Upgraded Pioneer stereo system, front

headrest DVD players, 19-inch wheels, cold air induction kit, carbon-fiber doo-dads, chromed whozee-whatzees and lowering springs don't even put a dent in the exhausting list of what's available; as on our loaded xB.

The 2008 xB is some 500 pounds heavier than its predecessor and has a larger engine—the 158-horsepower 2.4-liter double overhead cam 4 cylinder that's also in Scion's scooty tC coupe. The xB now gets to 60 mph in 7.8 seconds.

Sure, the 2008 xB feels peppier than its predecessor, especially on hilly roads. The new powerplant, with peak torque of 162 lb-ft at 4000 rpm, moves the car along with more verve, even if the xB still doesn't qualify as a sporty ride.

But I still heard the buzzy 4 cylinder when it was hard pressed, such as in passing maneuvers.

Safety gets a big upgrade with the addition of side-mounted airbags for front-seat passengers and curtain airbags for front and rear seats for the first time.

Whether you are young and have a desire to express yourself with a unique, but practical set of wheels, or simply a young-at-heart empty nester that is tired of emptying your pockets at the pumps for a big honking SUV you no longer need, the 2008 Scion xB might just be the answer you are looking for. Live2BSquare.