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## Benson Rebounds

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ished in the top four of the 10-team PIL and qualified for the Class 4A state playoffs 24 times in 26 years through 2006. Tech played for the state title in 1998 and 2001, and finished fourth in 2005 and '06.

Only Jefferson, with 22 trips to the state playoffs, is close among schools at all classifications during the same period.

After playoff berths in 2007 and '08 at Class 6A, Benson went 3-16

in 2008-09 and finished last in the five-team PIL. Tech improved to 15-9 last year, but still missed the playoffs.

After a summer of continued progress, the Techmen are again connecting with the program's winning tradition.

"We know the last time the team won a title is 1990," says senior guard Andrew Andrews. "We think we can do it this year.

"Our practices have been pretty light so far, but we're starting to pick that up. Once we get more

consistent, we'll be ready."

Andrews, a 6-foot-2 guard, is a key to the team's success having improved the past year into a Pac-10 Conference signee. Andrews is headed to the University of Washington after playing at a prep school in New Hampshire next season.

Along with Andrews and Carter, a 5-11 guard, 6-4 junior Bryce White helps power the team's aggressive defense that's outscored its first six league opponents by an average of 17 points.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

BY CLIFF PHENNING

### Blazers Start Key Stretch

The Portland Trailblazers will get a good test of their overall strength in the coming week as they play the top teams in the NBA back-to-back at the Rose Garden. Portland plays host to Boston which sits atop the Eastern Conference on Thursday, then gets four days off before Western Conference-leading San Antonio visits. The Blazers then play at Northwest Division rival Denver, Feb. 2.

### Bragging Rights at PSU

A competition established this year between Portland State and Eastern Washington University

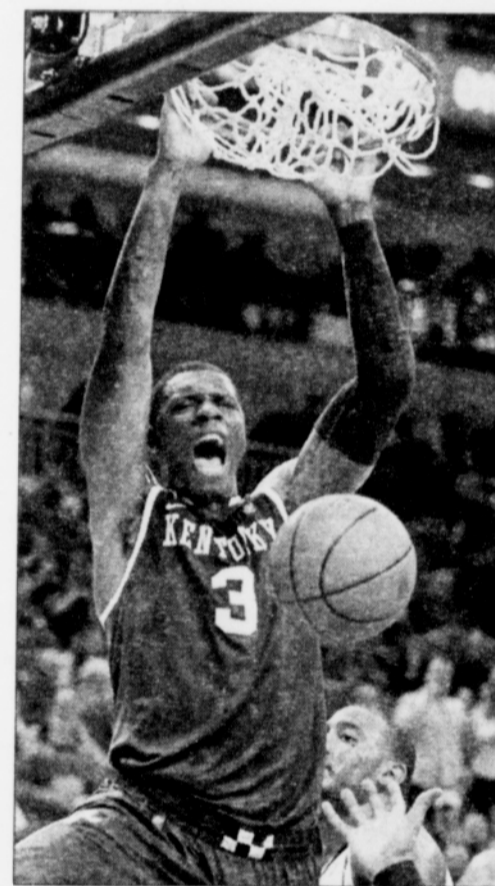
will be decided Thursday as the two schools play one another in men's and women's basketball. PSU is leading the Dam Cup series with a 7-6 advantage in winning games over their Big Sky Conference rival. The men play at EWU, while the PSU women are at home at the Stott Center.

### Williams Boosts Clackamas

Jefferson graduate Tarrence Williams is helping Clackamas Community College's wrestling team stay atop the National Junior College rankings this season. The Cougars are ranked No. 1 and recently won the national junior college dual meet title. Williams, who usually competes at 165 pounds, has signed a letter of intent to attend Oregon State next season.

### Scholarships Available

Applications for the Mac MacTarnahan Scholarship are being accepted through April 30 for high school seniors with athletic accomplishments. Up to six, \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded based on GPA, SAT score, athletic achievements and community involvement. Applications are available by contacting the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame at info@oregonsportshall.org.



### Terrence Jones Excels

Jefferson High graduate Terrence Jones scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds as the University of Kentucky men's basketball team beat South Carolina 67-58 Saturday and improved to 15-4 overall. Jones scored 35 points in a win over Auburn before 23,000 fans on Jan. 11 and was named Southeastern Conference Player of the Week. He leads the SEC in rebounding at 8.9 per game, is second in scoring at 18.3 per game and leads the conference in free throw attempts. Kentucky plays host to Georgia Saturday at 1 p.m. on ESPN.

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Major	10 - 12
Junior	13 - 14

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Proof of Address  
Doctor Insurance Information  
Player Fee

### Regular Sign-ups

\$64/T-Ball, \$74 All other levels

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### THURSDAYS at Boys and Girls Club

5250 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
January 27, February 10 and February 17  
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

### SATURDAYS at Peninsula Park

Community Center  
700 Rosa Parks Way  
January 29, February 12 and February 26  
12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Registration forms can be completed in advance by downloading from our website.

### Baseball Program

Level	Ages
T-Ball	5 - 6
Farm	7 - 8
Minor	8 - 10
Major	10 - 12
Junior	13 - 14

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