# SPORTS

# Local Teams Enter Tourneys

#### Lincoln, Benson, and Roosevelt advance

The boys' basketball teams from Lincoln, Benson and Roosevelt all played their way into their respective state tournaments which begin this week.

Lincoln beat Sheldon of Eugene 59-44 Friday and will play Central Catholic at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 at the Rose Garden in the quarterfinals of the Class 6A tournament.

Benson reached the Class 5A tournament with a 65-54 win over visiting Pendleton Friday and will play Mountain View of Bend in the quarterfinals at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 at the Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene. The boys and girls finals are set for Saturday night.

Roosevelt was scheduled to open play in the 4A tourney in Corvallis on Tuesday. The Roughriders reached the tournament for the second time in four years, having played in the class 5A final in 2007.

Jefferson, the 5A champion the past three years, had its season end Friday when it lost at Milwaukie.

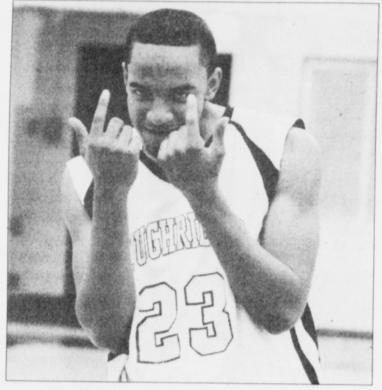


PHOTO BY CLIFF PFENNING/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER Roosevelt junior Juwan Feliciano showcases his excitement during the Roughriders' 65-54 playoff win over Sweet Home Friday.

### **Coach Signs Contract Extension**

#### Keeps McMillan in Portland through 2013

The Portland Trail Blazers signed Head Coach Nate McMillan to a two-year contract extension, it was announced Tuesday by General Manager Rich Cho.

"With his NBA and USA Basketball track record, Nate has established himself as one of the premier minds in the game of basketball," said Cho. "What Nate has accomplished in the last few years is truly remarkable and getting his contract extended was a top priority for the franchise and me."

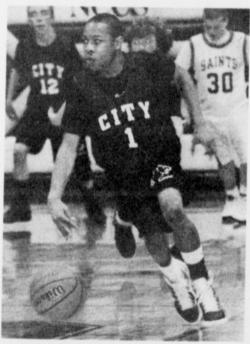
sixth year with the Trail Blazers after signing with the team prior to the 2005-06 season. He has a 234-239 (.495) record with the Trail Blazers and a 446-422 (.514) overall mark in 11 NBA seasons with Portland and Seattle. He is the second longest tenured Trail Blazers head coach behind only Jack Ramsay.



Nate McMillan

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to finish what we started." McMillan, 46, is currently in his said McMillan. "Portland is home for me now and I greatly appreciate the bond between the fans and this basketball team. It's a very special place to be and it's the only place I want to be.

> "I want to thank all the support that I've been shown along the way, especially that of our owner, Mr. Allen, who time and time again demonstrates his commitment to this franchise and winning basketball. I also want to thank Larry Miller, Rich Cho, my coaching staff and everyone in the Trail Blazers family as we continue on this journey of bringing another championship to Portland," McMillan said.



Saadiq Calhoun

## Outstanding **Season Again**

Saadiq Calhoun, an 8th grader at City Christian School, has had an outstanding basketball season, helping lead her junior high team to the playoffs for the second year.

As a seventh grader, Saadiq helped lead the Lions to the Metro Christian Junior High League Championship game. This year, Saadiq averaged a league high 34 points per game while leading the Lions to the semi-finals of the league playoffs. Saadiq also holds a league record for scoring 42 points in a regular season game.

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