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Book to Focus on Historical Jefferson Team

Author reaches out for archival material

The author of a new book centered on the ground-breaking 1972 state champion Jefferson High men's basketball team is asking the public for their support in his research.

The historic re-telling of Jeff's 1971-72 season and its culmination with the title triumph over Baker High is set against the backdrop of Oregon's racial past and present. The book will include chapters on Portland's African American community, the Jefferson High Dancers, and the politics of 1972, such as the Model Cities program, Shirley Chisholm's historical run for President, and more.

As the first team comprised entirely of African Americans, playing an all-white team from Baker Oregon, the Jefferson team overcame myriad obstacles, Andrew Kaza, the author, told the Portland Observer.

"I'm hoping for some help on the research side in documenting that struggle - and the community pride that accompanied that accomplishment," Kaza said.

Anyone with first-hand memories, stories related to the subject matter and particularly any archival material from 1971-72 are urged to contact the author via e-mail at hgproject72@gmail.com. Film, photos, recordings, clippings or diary/journal notes from that time with relevance to the story are especially vital to capturing the history.



A city of Portland archive photo shows Jefferson High School basketball players during an all-star basketball game at Jefferson High School in 1972. A local author is reaching out for archival material for a book he is writing on team which won the 1971-72 state championship while comprised entirely of African American players against an all-white team from Baker City.



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Portland Trail Blazer CJ McCollum will rejoin teammates for the restart of the regular season with televised scrimmages beginning this week in Orlando, Fla.

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Three televised scrimmages involving the Portland Trail Blazers will take place over the next few days as the NBA begins its restart of the regular season from Orlando, Fla.

The games will be broadcast on NBC Sports Northwest, the official network of the Portland Trail Blazers and also aired on AM-620, the Deschutes Brewery Trail Blazers Radio Network, and streamed on NBCsportsnorthwest.com and MyTeams App.

The scrimmages will take place on Thursday, July 23 at 12:30 p.m.

vs. the Indiana Pacers, Sunday, July 26 at 3 p.m. vs. the Toronto Raptors, and Tuesday, July 28 at 3 p.m. vs. the Oklahoma City Thunder. Broadcast team of play-by-play announcer Jordan Kent, analyst Lamar Hurd and Courtside Reporter Brooke Olzendam will be broadcasting the action on TV, with Travis Demers and Michael Holton on the radio.

The restart of the regular season for the Blazers in Orlando begins on Friday, July 31 vs. Memphis Grizzlies at 1 p.m. on NBCSNW and the Trail Blazers Network.



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