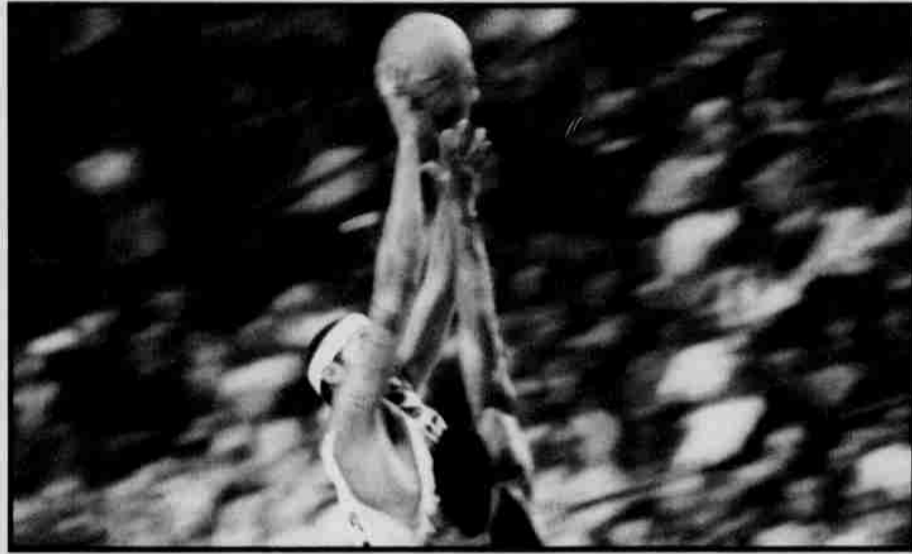


One Fan At A Time - Blazer Mania



Explosive — Volatile Portland Power Forward Rasheed Wallace (above shooting over Antoine Davis) led the Blazers to victory over the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday, March 13 at the Rose Garden. Wallace, from the University of North Carolina, scored at will in the second half to lead Portland to the win.

Clutch — Exciting Blazer Small Forward Bonzi Wells (top left), back from a one game suspension the night before, scored key baskets in the game with the Raptors. More importantly, Wells played solid defense on Toronto superstar Vince Carter.

Streak Shooter — One of the newest Portland Trail Blazers this season is the versatile and athletic Derek Anderson (left). Anderson, who finished the game with 18 points and seven assists, played an intense game against Toronto helping to lead Portland to the win with his sharp shooting and sweet passing.



Photos by Brent Merrill

Visiting Superstar — Toronto All-Star Vince Carter visited Portland and ended up getting hammered by the Trail Blazers in a 125-103 loss. Carter, who led the Raptors with 21 points, said he was embarrassed by the loss.



Sportin' — Cristina Lara, Ali Holsclaw, and Janel Lara recently attended a Portland Trail Blazers' basketball game at the Rose Garden with Tribal Youth Education Specialist Dustin Harmon and Peer Mentor Lawney Havranek (far right). Tickets to the game were provided courtesy of the Tribal Youth Social Services Program, which aims to promote positive behavior in youth.



Photos by Petra Tinda

Big Time Fans — Tribal members Diana Robertson, Ali Holsclaw, Janel and Cristina Lara (left to right) react during the Trail Blazers 109-103 victory over the L.A. Clippers. Trail Blazers point guard Scottie Pippen was the high scorer for the evening with 24 points. Holsclaw was a Tribal Royalty Princess, and Cristina and Janel are both known for their achievements in local sports.



Willamina Spring High School Sports Get Un

■ Young Tribal members will play a key role in all three-spring sports

By Ron Karten

TRACK

"We had some pretty good athletes (last year)," said Willamina Track Coach Chris Rankin, "but we weren't very deep. Both (boys and girls) finished fourth in district." This year, some of the senior leadership is gone, among them, Kelsey Richardson in pole vault and high jump and Kira Davis in all the throwing events.

So the track team is again this year "a very young team. Last year, we were a kind of sophomore — freshman team with just a few seniors and juniors. This year, a few seniors

but a lot of underclassmen." Last year's freshman, though, "should be much improved," he said.

"We're hoping to do better at districts since we have a little more depth," said Rankin. "State (results) depends on our health and the breaks. We could finish pretty high with both teams."

Tribal member and jumper Alex Bishop is one of the exciting athletes to watch, according to Rankin. He also included in that select group, "all of the Zimbricks" (Tribal members Matt, Caitlin and Meghan), John Talmadge and Shalise Holsclaw. Talmadge went to state last year in the discus throw, and Holsclaw ran the 800-meter race at state as a freshman last year.

SOFTBALL

The girls' softball team made it to the state semi-finals last year. "It was a great season overall, and we thought we could have been in the state championship game," said coach Ron Caligure.

The Lady Bulldogs had beaten the ultimate State Champion Dayton Pirates twice during the season, but at state, Gold Beach defeated Willamina, and then Dayton defeated Gold Beach. Go figure.

Back this year are seniors Jessy Rosenberry at short stop, catcher Nikki Commerford and outfielder Leah Bazy. Junior Jessica Cruickshank is back in the outfield. Sophomore Caitlyn Chewning played second last year and will be

pitching this year. Junior Hilary Torres is back at third base. Torres could have the toughest spot to fill this year as she replaces Tribal member Cristina Lara, a team leader, at third base.

"It's going to be a tough season," said Caligure, "but if we get a few breaks here and there and the girls gel together, we could make the district playoffs."

First baseman Shalise Holsclaw is the first girl from the district to also compete in Track during the same season, said Caligure. "Sheridan does it. Dayton does it. It can be done and I wish a few more girls on the track team would come out and play softball."

BASEBALL

Willamina's baseball team fin-