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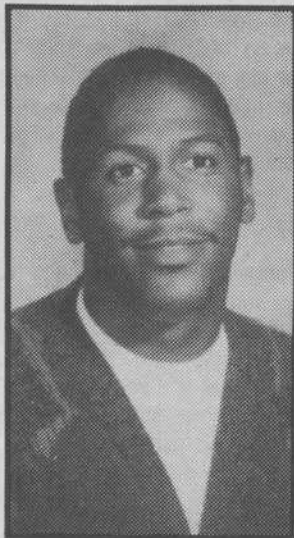
Larry Johnson Winner at Cashman Jr. High

By Bob Rogers
Sports Writer

Coach Larry Johnson, who graduated with honors at Northern Arizona University in 1981 and is currently credited with eight (8) years teaching experience in the Clark County School District, modestly speaks of the year when 10 star players (all players were stars in his view) excelled academically first with 8 out of 10 appearing on the honor roll during season and secondly of their exemplary athletic achievements that year. "My goal as a coach is every player must value academics first, because academic achievement cannot be taken from you whereas injury can result in the end of a career."

Incredibly, some teachers touch us and leave lasting values and principles with us. Coach Larry Johnson should be counted among those who have instilled the discipline needed to be academically and athletically prepared for life for these students!!!

Coach Larry Johnson's spirit existed in rare form as the Cashman Jr. High School Comancheros brilliantly raced through a 15/0



Larry Johnson

basketball season for 1986-87.

This dynamic team would emerge gallantly as the Clark County overall champions and bring enormous pride to Cashman Jr. High.

Coach Johnson demanded excellence both on and off the court. The earned respect and pride his players enjoy is exemplified long after the season has concluded. Incredibly, eight (8) out of ten of his players were on the honor roll. They were Rob Bartolo, 4.0; Jan Brooks, 3.3; Reggie Crockett, 3.1; Donald Fleming, 3.1; Gary Leavitt, 3.0; Ray Singletary, 3.3; Scott Rowsell, 3.0; and

Rafeal Romero Salas, 3.0.

Coach Johnson held a study hall daily before practice, prioritizing academics, instilling discipline, addressing curiosities and always demanding excellence. When asked to respond to the enormous success of the team, Coach Johnson replied, "I think they did a tremendous job. They're definitely one of the great basketball teams with 15 wins and no loss."

Since the great year of

1986-87, Johnson has had some good years and some bad, but overall his present record is well over 500 pct. In this time of teacher accountability and student achievement pressure, it is quite exhilarating to talk to students from the class of 1986-87, who speak so favorably of their head coach, both from an academic and athletic standpoint.

Coach Larry Johnson is a WINNER!!!

Coaches Look For Tighter Calls On Jordan

Michael Jordan is closing in on his fourth straight NBA scoring title and perhaps his second MVP trophy.

But there is a growing band of NBA coaches, mostly from the Central Division, who think Jordan gets more than equal treatment from the league's officials.

"The only thing that is making him tough right now is they're letting him carry the ball when he changes direction," Milwaukee's Del Harris said last week.

Coach Lennie Wilkens of Cleveland has also complained that he believes NBA officials allow Jordan too much freedom. Harris and Indiana's Dick Versace are



Michael Jordan

two others who have voiced similar concerns. Their contention is that Jordan is protected by vigilant referees

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Georgia Tech Player Found Dead

JONESBORO, Ga. - Anthony Sherrod, a former guard at Georgia Tech, has been found dead of a gunshot wound to the head in the driveway of an abandoned house.

Police and an investigator for the county medical examiner's office said it appeared Sherrod, 23, shot himself, but a final determination had not been made. A .357-caliber Magnum revolver was found beside the body, Clayton police Lt. Douglas Jewett said.

Academic counselor Bernie McGregor said Sherrod remained at Georgia Tech after his playing career ended, and was nine semester hours away from earning a degree in management.

Sherrod occasionally worked out with the Yellow Jackets last season, and attended a September tryout camp for the Atlanta Hawks but was not signed.

"I'm deeply saddened by Anthony's death," said Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins. "Anthony was a great kid and very well liked..."

Silver Streaks Draft Female Star

Jennifer Azzi, the women's college basketball player of the year from Stanford, was drafted in the fifth round of the World Basketball League college draft by the Las Vegas Silver Streaks. The 5-10 Azzi is the first woman ever drafted by the three-year-old, under 6-5 league.

SPORTS REVIEW

CFL Team High On Major Harris

VANCOUVER, British Columbia - The British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League liked what they saw in a workout by Major Harris and said they will pursue the former West Virginia quarterback.

Three Jackson State Players Killed in Wreck

SHUQUALAK, Miss. - Three Jackson State football players were killed early Monday when their car left a rural road near the east Mississippi town of Macon and slammed into a tree 90 feet from the highway, authorities said.

Noxubee County Coroner Willie R. Willie identified the victims as Casey A. Conner, 19, of Prairie Point, the driver; Charles Edward Ford, 20; and Mike Kimble, 22, both of Memphis, Tenn.

Runner's Suspension Lifted By TAC

INDIANAPOLIS - Andre Cason, the NCAA indoor 55-meter champion from Texas A&M, had his two-year suspension lifted by The Athletics Congress.

TAC, the governing body for track and field, had announced March 28 that Cason was suspended, pending appeal, for failing to report for a drug test in December.

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