

# NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF SKIERS SET FOR 1994 MINI-SUMMIT AT COPPER MOUNTAIN COLORADO

The National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS) will be hosting its 1994 Mini Summit, Annual Meeting Challenge Cup (AMCC) during the week of February 12 through February 19 at Copper Mountain, Colorado.

NBS, a non-profit organization now in its 21st year of existence, has a predominantly African-American membership of over 14,000 and is regarded as the largest ski club in the United States.

NBS was founded by Art Clay of Chicago, Illinois and Ben Finley of Los Angeles, California. The first "Black Summit" ski gathering took place in Aspen, Colorado in 1973.

The purpose of the organization is to encourage and support minority youth in quest of membership on the United States Ski Team. In addition, the NBS hopes to promote winter sports among African-Americans.

At present the NBS supports and provides financial assistance to over 25 African-American youth who are members of the NBS A & B national racing teams. In addition to these scholarships, the NBS supports four regional programs providing training to over 1,000 young African-American

skiers throughout the United States as a part of the NBS youth development program.

The youth program has developed a number of talented African American skiers.

In the Northeast, Kina Pickett of Woodstock, Vermont has developed into a nationally ranked skier. Mike Nelms of Edina, Minnesota is on the United States development team. Kenya Brock of Atlanta, Georgia attends Burke Mountain Academy and is on her way as a ranked skier. Jahi Rohrer of Denver, Colorado and Jahari Weir from San Diego, California are competing now and will be the vanguard of the future for African-American skiers.

The Mini-Summit week will include alpine (downhill) and nordic (cross country) skiing and racing instruction. Skiers at all levels, beginning with the novice first-time skier are given a soulful and warm welcome introduction to skiing. The 81 clubs compete for honors with the NBS "Challenge Cup" awarded to the club with the best overall combined race results in alpine and nordic skiing. Individual awards go to those competing in "NASTAR" format races.

## AFRICAN-AMERICANS' WESTERN HERITAGE CELEBRATED

Recognized internationally as a true "wild-west town" and one of the finest ski mountains anywhere, Telluride, Colorado has been chosen as the site for the first annual "Join The Posse" ski week to be conducted March 19-26, 1994.

This special ski holiday is presented by Black Sports International and Warren Miller Ski Travel, a national ski-tour operator. The week is designed to be a celebration of the real role African-Americans played in the settling of the west.

The week will be a combination of cultural exploration, social activities, and skiing. Representatives of the Buffalo Soldiers will present their story of wild west adventures and spotlight the distinguished and decorated 9th and 10th Cavalry, composed of African-Americans.

Also, the Black American West Museum of Denver will construct a special exhibit paying homage to the pioneers, settlers and explorers of color.

Trip participants will have the opportunity to view pictures and documents of a heritage which to many is completely forgotten. Exhibits and displays will demonstrate how the west was really won, and the role played by blacks.

Black historians will be present to share their knowledge about this amazing American saga now forgotten or ignored by most history books.

Skiing will fill the days with Telluride's gigantic mountain as the playground. Cultural events and social activities will grace the evenings. Entertainment will include private parties, fun races, mountain bar-b-ques, night-time jazz, reggae, and stand-up comedy.

Many of the activities are sponsored by long time supporters such as Anheuser-Busch Brewery and the Sterling Winthrop Drug Company.

From within the national organization, the NBS clubs and members sponsor over 300 ski trips both domestic and internationally. Many of the upcoming young skiers are now attending major ski academies such as Burke Mountain Academy and others in its class. Many of the adults have participated in the national NASTAR competitions and are champions in their own right. The NBS is proud of the fact that the only requirement for joining is the interest and love of the sport, not who you are or what you do.

African-American celebrities such as Sinbad,

Oprah Winfrey, Susan Taylor, of Essence Magazine and Earl Graves, publisher of Black Enterprise Magazine are but a few of the recognizable names who have been members and supporters of the organization through the years.

In addition to the skiing schedule there are many social events for both the skier and non-skier. Off slope entertainment will feature GRP recording artist George Howard, a renowned jazz saxophonist. Also appearing will be vocalist Gerald Alston who records on the Motown label.

These two artists represent the caliber of artist presented as part of a package through one of the local NBS clubs or as part of the on-site registration program at Copper Mountain.

## EMMITT SMITH PROVES THAT THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDN'

Despite missing the first two games of the season due to his holdout, "all" Emmitt Smith could squander together for the 1993-'94 campaign was: his third straight NFL rushing title, capture MVP honors in both the regular-season and the Super Bowl. Prior to Smith racing away with the MVP trophy last Sunday against Buffalo, The Sporting News had already selected him

as NFL player of the year.

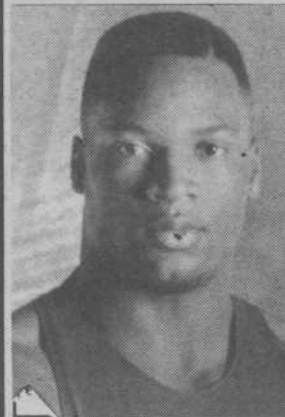
Smith rushed for 1,486 yards and nine touchdowns, averaging 5.3 yards per carry. In the Super Bowl, Smith carried 30 times for 132 yards and a pair of second-half touchdowns.

With the Bills still in reach of a seven-point Cowboys lead, it was late second-half and Dallas was facing a fourth-and-1 at the Bills' 1. Cowboys coach Jimmy

Johnson elected to go for the TD, sending his star pupil in to nail the coffin shut. Smith responded, plowing through Buffalo and pushing Dallas ahead 27-13.

Smith led Dallas to their second straight NFL Championship, the first team to accomplish the feat since San Francisco swept Cincinnati and Denver in 1989 and 1990.

## FROM CHI-TOWN TO CALI



**Sentinel-Voice**  
Outfielder/designated hitter Bo Jackson has signed a one-year contract with the California Angels said Angels Vice President and General Manager Bill Bavasi.

Jackson, 31, miraculously returned to baseball after missing the entire 1992 campaign after undergoing reconstructive surgery to his hip April 5, 1992.

After rejecting the White Sox' offer for salary arbitration, Jackson agreed to terms with California, providing the Angels with some offensive depth.

"We've been looking to add some power and depth off the bench," said Bavasi. "If Bo can provide those things, then we've just made ourselves a better ball club."

Jackson batted .232 in 85 appearances with 16 home runs and 45 RBI for the American League Western Division Champion White Sox.

A veteran of seven major league seasons, Jackson owns a .247 career batting average in 619 games with 128 home runs and 372 RBI.

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