

ces into the Gorge

quer "most epic bike course ever."



About Fencing:

The first real fencing techniques were developed around 1471 A.D.

With the end of WWI, dueling saw a decline, but the sport continued to grow.

Many of the best fencing coaches in the world live in Oregon, making the state a magnet for serious fencing contenders who train year round.

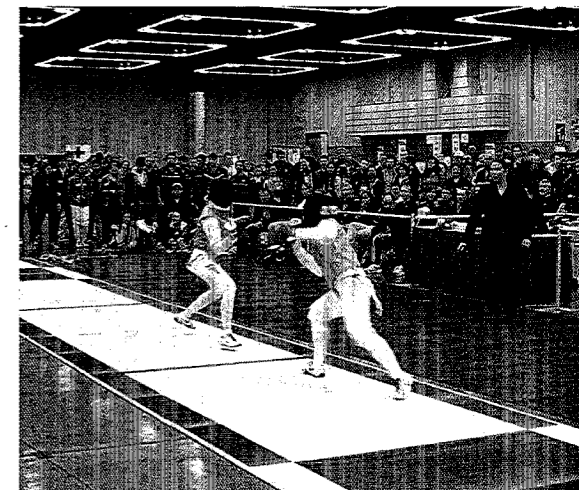
Olympic Champion, Mariel Zagunis, ranked #1 in the world, hails from Portland.

USA Fencing

North American Cup Visits Portland

Top fencers compete for spots in 2012 Olympics

More than 1,000 Olympic and Junior World Team fencing hopefuls came to Portland to compete in USA Fencing's January North American Cup at the Oregon Convention Center. The North American Cup is a selection event for teams that competed at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, as well as the Junior and Cadet World Championships in Moscow. The Oregon Sports Authority and Travel Portland proudly hosted this prestigious USA Fencing event.



Catch a video recap of this event on our Facebook page!

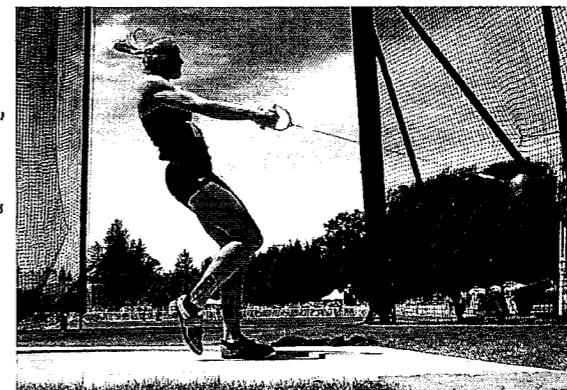
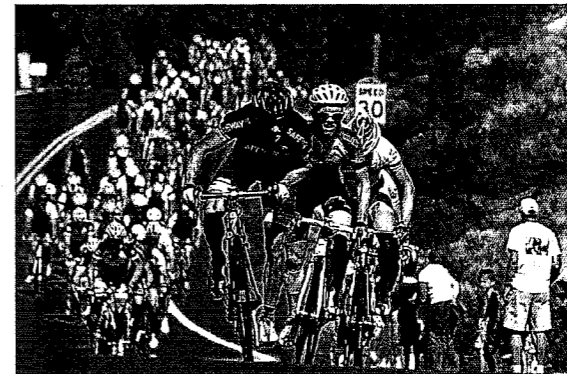


Congratulations to Oregon's Olympians!

Oregonian Ashton Eaton wins Gold in the decathlon

The 2012 Olympic Games represented Oregon's most prominent presence ever on the Olympic stage. The Oregonian identified 46 Olympians with ties to Oregon, many of whom played starring roles in London. Beaverton native and Olympic fencing champion Mariel Zagunis proudly led Team USA into the stadium during the Opening Ceremony, while Bend native and University of Oregon grad Ashton Eaton emphatically claimed the title of the "world's greatest athlete" by earning Gold in

the decathlon. Portland native Galen Rupp and his training partner Mo Farah of Great Britain electrified the Games with a thrilling sprint to the finish in the 10,000-meter run. Farah earned Gold while Rupp captured the Silver just a half-second behind, becoming only the third American to medal in the event in 100 years. We congratulate all of our Olympians and salute their achievements toward building Oregon's reputation as a home to the best in sport.



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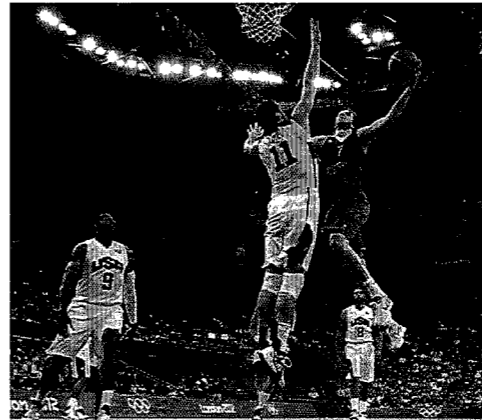
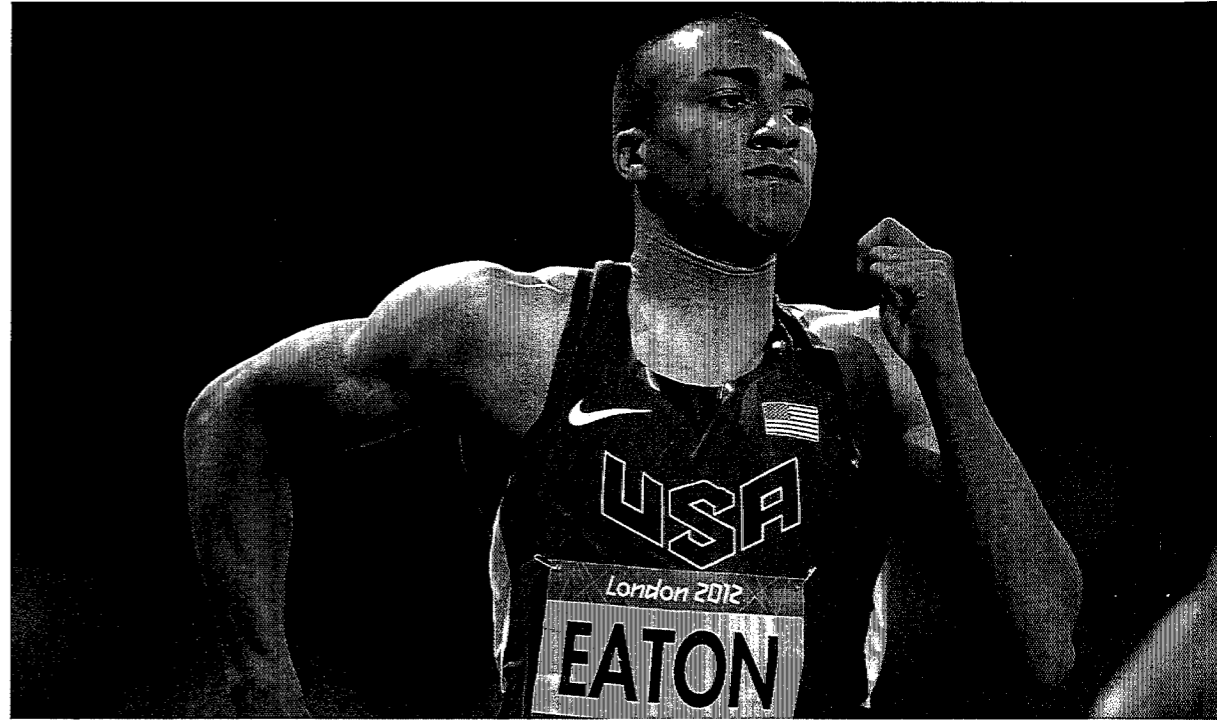
Beyond our summer camp have been several other statewide developments. In April, more than 1,000 BMX racers in the count in age from two to 70, at the USA BMX Great Nationals for the fifth year in Redmond. In late U.S. Olympic Track & Field in Eugene electrified the state, starting with a hammer throw competition at Nike campus. In Eugene

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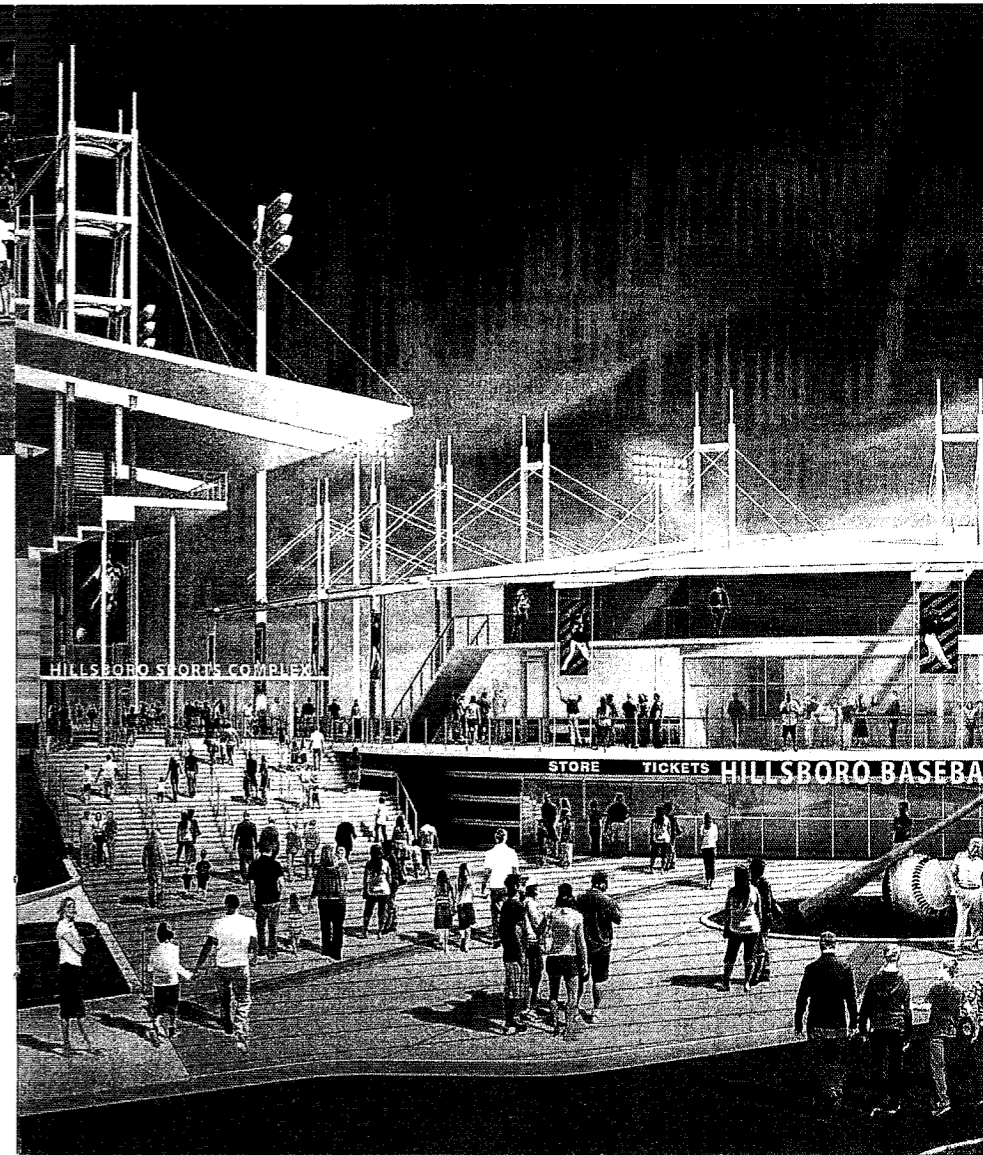
U.S Women's Soccer Team Shines in Portland

Team visits Portland following Women's World Cup

The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team visited Portland last fall, providing fans a chance to join Abby Wambach, Hope Solo, Megan Rapinoe and their teammates in celebrating the team's remarkable run during the FIFA Women's World Cup. The Oregon Sports Authority, along with Nike, City Commissioner

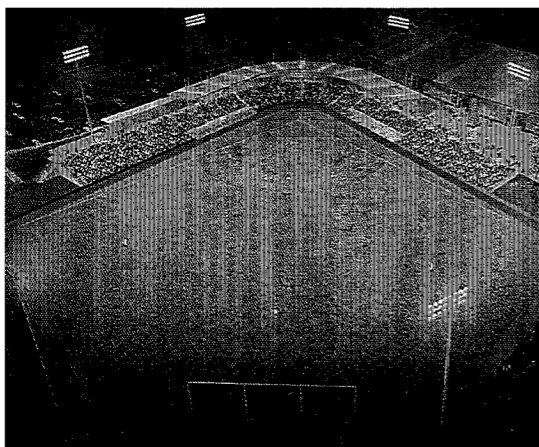
Nick Fish and the Portland Timbers, hosted a reception for the team on the eve of their match against Canada at JELD-WEN Field. The U.S. Women capped off their visit to Portland with a convincing 3-0 victory as Abby Wambach produced two stellar goals and a third came off the foot of breakout star Alex Morgan.

Congrats to Team USA for winning the Gold in London!



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careers that they'll use wooden bats!

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5 Five former Yakima Bears made
the 2012 MLB All-Star Team

Little League
Softball World
Series
08.09.12 thru
08.15.12

LPGA Safeway
Classic
08.13.12 thru
08.19.12

Portland Oyster
Urban Adventure
Race
08.18.12

Columbia Muddy
Buddy Ride
& Run
08.19.12

Hood to
Coast Relay
08.24.12

Umpqua
Bank
Challenge
08.26.12 thru
08.28.12



Events Calendar



Oregon Wine
Country Half
Marathon
09.02.12

USA Cycling
Masters
Championships
09.05.12 thru
09.09.12

Warrior Dash
Oregon
09.08.12 and
09.09.12

USA Cycling
Mountain Bike
Championships
09.15.12

The Rogue
Run Half
Marathon
09.23.12

Portland
Marathon and
Half Marathon
10.07.12

Healthy Youth Oregon®

Healthy Youth Oregon is the signature grant program of the Oregon Sports Authority Foundation. HYO, as we like to call it, addresses the need for physical activity opportunities for Oregon's youth. An HYO grant is typically \$10,000 and is awarded to create or fund a school program that provides physical activity opportunities for as many youth as possible. Along with funds, the Oregon Sports Authority Foundation provides monitoring and evaluation expertise to ensure that each program maximizes the efficiency of health improvement for each dollar invested in deserving youth.

Healthy Youth Oregon® Grants

Intramural activities at Franklin High

Students participated in yoga, dance, weight lifting and other activities during lunch and after school. The majority of students who took part had not previously participated in organized school sports.

Basketball and badminton at three David Douglas Middle Schools

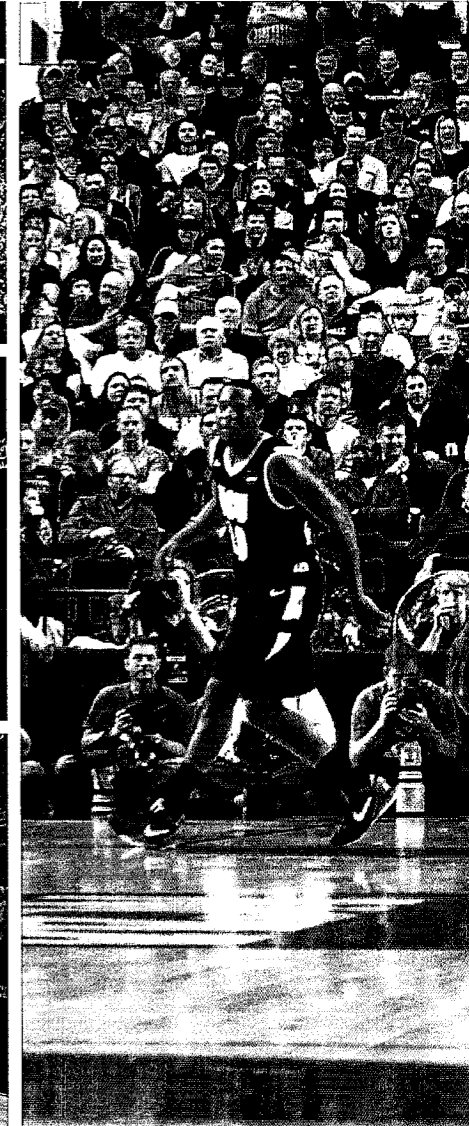
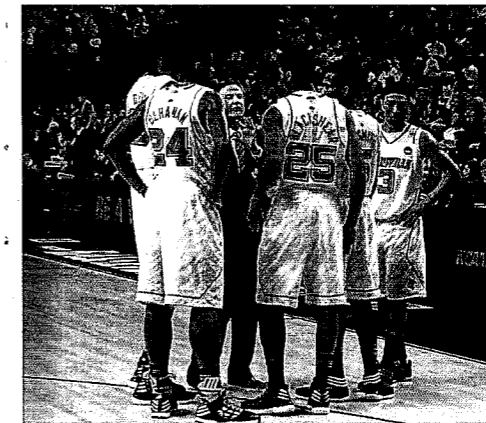
For two hours after school, students had the opportunity to safely participate in basketball and badminton and get a snack. There were more than 200 kids participating per week, including a group of students with disabilities.

Playworks at Grout Elementary

A Playworks coach organized physical activities and after school sports leagues. There was a dramatic decrease in discipline referrals, and an increase in participation in sports by all students, particularly minorities and girls.

Gymnastics, co-ed soccer and running at Marysville Elementary School

The youngest students participated in gymnastics while older students played co-ed soccer. Seventy-eight percent of kids said that these activities at school made them want to be more active at home.



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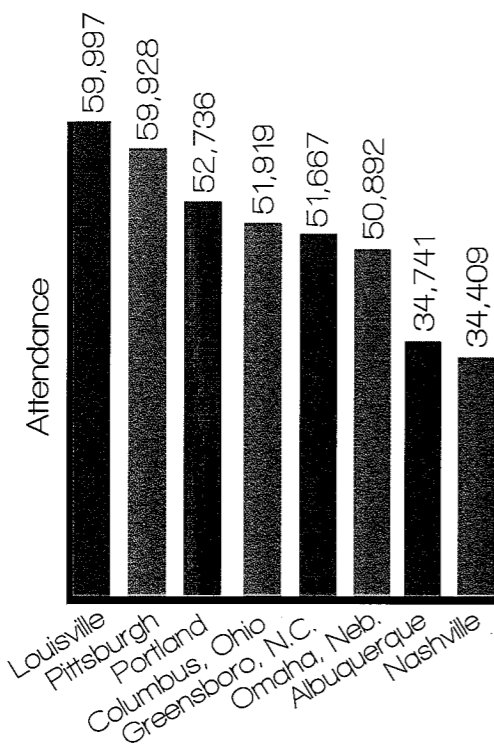
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**2012 BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

PORTLAND, OREGON



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