

Frank: Kenny Anderson only viable go-to man

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team around.

But unlike Dudley, Sabonis does put up decent offensive numbers — 14 points a game in 1995-96. The only problem with him is that while putting up those numbers, he averaged only 24 minutes a game. And this season could be even worse for him and his knees, or ankles, or whatever else may be ailing him.

That brings us to Kenny An-

derson.

After some tough times with the New Jersey Nets and the Charlotte Hornets, it looks like Anderson may have his opportunity to finally prove himself.

Anderson could be a very viable option for the Blazers as their go-to man because he has always been a great playmaker. But Portland may run into two problems with looking to Anderson for scoring.

Being a point guard it is

tough to be the team's offensive threat and at the same time be the team's distributor. And you have to believe he will be doing a lot of distributing with Rider and Clifford Robinson wanting to score, oh, about 98 percent of the time.

The other problem the Blazers could have with Anderson is his unfamiliarity with the team and its players. Because this is his first season with the Blazers, he will have to adapt to

a new program that may have a different way of doing things.

But it just may take Anderson's play-making ability and newfound leadership from Clifford Robinson to lead this team back to the playoffs.

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NFL: George turned down a trade to Seattle during his suspension

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George and the Seattle Seahawks discussed a contract earlier this month after the suspension. But after a reported six-year, \$30 million offer was made, George said he felt he was being rushed into a deal and decided not to approve a trade.

Unable to negotiate any trades, the Falcons cut George, who cost them two first-round picks in a 1994 trade with the Colts.

The Falcons' action left George relieved, Steinberg said.

"It's a happy day for him because he's been in a kind of purgatory, in limbo, for the past four weeks."

The seven-year veteran was suspended for raging at Jones in full view of television cameras after Jones benched him for throwing an interception against the Philadelphia Eagles.

During George's suspension, he said his reputation was unfairly sullied, and there's nothing he can do to change it.

"No matter what you do in this business, not everybody is going to like you," George said. "I go about my job, try to be the best quarterback I can, and try to put my team in the best position to win."

The last order of business between the quarterback and the team is a hearing next week on George's grievance.

The Falcons got George because he seemed the prototype for the run-and-shoot offense. He did thrive in the run-and-shoot, setting a Falcons passing record with 4,143 yards last season. George played 35 games for the Falcons and never gained acceptance in Atlanta.

His laid-back demeanor — cap flipped backward, hands crossed nonchalantly, a slight smirk on his face while standing on the sidelines — drew the wrath of the fans every time something went wrong. He was a loner, failing to bond with the linemen who protected him. And his reputation was further sullied this year in training camp when he reported 2 1/2 weeks late because of a contract dispute.

Then came the sideline argument with Jones, which George said was nothing personal and merely proved he's a fiery competitor. Others saw it as yet another example of his me-first attitude.

And George sees his leave as taking a new chance, he said.

"Everybody is stereotyped, and it just so happens that what I went through in the past has nothing to do with me now," George said. "It's like that old Terry Bradshaw thing. People said he was the dumbest guy in the league and even when he won four Super Bowls, he never overcame that. I just try to be the best person I can be and have faith in what I can do. I know I can lead a team to the Super Bowl."

That team won't be the Atlanta Falcons.

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