

Strickland returns to Portland for a stretch run

By Landon Hall
The Associated Press

PORTLAND — Rod Strickland rejoined the Portland Trail Blazers Monday, becoming the backup point guard on a team that has the best record in the West but felt it needed another veteran to reach the NBA Finals.

Strickland, 34, was at Monday's closed practice. Afterward, the Blazers were expected to formally announce that they had signed Strickland for \$2.25 million, the amount they have as their mid-level salary-cap exemption.

Strickland, who spent four pro-

ductive seasons in Portland from 1992-96, was waived last Thursday by the Washington Wizards, who bought out the remaining year-plus on his contract for \$2.5 million. No one claimed him off waivers, allowing any team to sign him. Because he was waived before midnight Thursday, he is eligible for the playoffs.

Upon his arrival at the Portland airport with his family just before midnight Sunday, Strickland said he welcomed a chance to play for one of the league's top teams.

"It's a great team from top to bottom," he said. "I'm looking forward

to getting into a winning situation."

The move brings full circle one of the worst trades in recent memory: Strickland sent from Portland along with Harvey Grant to Washington for Rasheed Wallace and Mitchell Butler on July 15, 1996. Wallace has become one of the best power forwards in the league, while the Wizards are foundering and have only 4 1/2 turbulent seasons with Strickland to show for the deal.

Strickland averaged 17 points and 8.6 assists with the Blazers, but his final season was marred by a feud with coach P.J. Carlesimo.

The Wizards and part-owner

Michael Jordan were eager to get rid of Strickland and his \$10 million salary. He was late for practices, and was suspended one game earlier this season for missing a team flight.

Strickland also has had trouble with alcohol. He has been charged with drunken driving three times; he was acquitted once, but faces a trial April 3 after being cited Jan. 7. Strickland never could patch things up with the demanding Carlesimo, and the player walked out on the team for six games in early 1996.

Carlesimo was fired following the 1996-97 season, after the Blaz-

ers were knocked out of the playoffs in the first round for the fifth year in a row.

The Blazers appeared to be Strickland's first choice all along. He even phoned starting point guard Damon Stoudamire last Thursday to make sure it would be all right if Strickland came to Portland.

"Me and Rod are good friends," said Stoudamire, who was traded from Toronto to his hometown in 1998. "I don't want people to think it's a stepping-on-my-toes-type of deal."

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and assistant coaches, and examine the season's results.

So don't be surprised if you pick up another newspaper in the next few weeks and see a startling headline about a certain Oregon women's basketball team.

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Eugene Edgeron said. "It's because of them we won't win the Pac-10 championship. Right now, we are moving in the right direction. We're playing now like we should've been since day one."

Sophomore sharpshooter honored

If the Wildcats want to have any shot of upending the nation's top team on its home floor, they must contain Stanford forward Casey Ja-

cobsen, who was honored as Pac-10 Player of the Week.

Jacobsen helped lead his team to road victories against the L.A. schools, as he averaged 19 points and four rebounds over the weekend.

Overheard from McKale Center

Not only did Oregon have to endure a 39-point loss to Arizona Saturday, but it had to put up with the relentless McKale Center crowd, who were enjoying every minute of the game at the Ducks' expense. A select few of the chants and

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Eugene Edgeron
senior forward

taunts from the Wildcat fans...

After an Oregon time-out and the score 51-17 in the Arizona's favor: "Welcome to the jail, Oregon!"

Then came the "Oregon State was better" chant, followed up by a similar, "Let's go Beavers!" They then finished with the always popular, "Go start the bus!"

One of the departing shots that the crowd gave the Ducks as they walked off the court was, "Don't worry Oregon, at least there's the NIT."

Without realizing it, that fan rubbed even more salt into the apparently postseason-less Ducks' wound.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 6). You're good at serving others, and this year you'll take the lead. Set out to make a dream come true in March. Accept your dream job in April. Learn by doing in May and by reading the textbooks in June. You're winning in July, and it shows. Work in August is fun and pays pretty well, too. Take on more than you think you can do in December. Accept your friends' encouragement in January. Be objective next February to fix an old problem.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — The path ahead looks wide open and you're ready to go, but don't squander resources. To make this idea work, stay within your budget. Everything seems easy today, but it also will be easy to overspend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Fixing up your place a little could improve your investment a lot; having more equity in your home never hurts. If you don't own a home yet, talk with a lender. You may not be as far from getting one as you thought.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — You'll spend all day racing back and forth if you don't find help. Get a friend to run an errand, for example. An extra 10 minutes spent on the phone beforehand could save hours later.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — There are several ways you can make ends meet: either cut costs, increase your income, or do both. Get the job done early and you'll look even better when you ask for a raise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Have the facts at your fingertips to win the argument; sheer bravado's not going to do it this time, though it always makes you look dashing. Celebrate tonight with a passionate friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — You may feel a sense of urgency about changing something at home. Your partner would like to think it over, but you're ready. Throwing out something that belongs to the other person could get you into trouble.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Spur your creativity by learning something new. A skill you've always admired could be yours. Get the book or sign up for the class.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Heed a partner's suggestion, but trust your hunch. By being in the right place at the right time you could beat the competition. Provide what's needed before it's asked for, and your success is assured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Break out of the same old rut — you've got the emotional support you need, if not the financial. But don't just cut and run. Take care of the folks who need you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Check with your network of informants. You could find out about a deal and move on it before anybody else gets the news. It might cost money to make money, but that's all right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — It may be hard to win a debate with a charming friend with facts alone. You may decide to throw the game, even if you have the winning hand.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Your workload's increasing, so show you can keep up. The older folks are watching you. They like you, so it shouldn't be too hard to get more work and more money.

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