

A whole lot of shakin' goin' on

by Jerry Ulmer
Columnist

Yes, the Blazers screwed up pretty good in passing up Michael Jordan for Sam Bowie. It's common knowledge. But it seems that there's a bandwagon cruising around town that theorizes that the Blazer brass could not differentiate between Larry Bird and Blazer Bill on draft day. Not so. No, this is not the rah-rah Blazer Page from This Week Magazine but it says here that Bucky Buckwalter has excelled over recent drafts, possibly making up for the big boo-boo.

Buckwalter's prize has to be nabbing Jerome Kersey in the second round from Longwood College. Terry Porter was picked from an NAIA school and has blossomed into a top point guard. Critics love to mention the selection of Walter Berry, but didn't the Blazers get Kevin Duckworth out of that draft? So what if the Blazers picked Russian Arvidas Sabonis, it was either him or Greg Dreiling. The jury is still out on Ronnie Murphy (Portland could have selected Mark Jackson), and when it comes back in it likely will be overweight.

of who fills out their rosters there's little question whether they'll be able to stick it to the Clippers. Here's a guess list of who might be available, noting that the Blazers will protect Sam Bowie:

GUARDS—Dirk Minniefield, Scott Skiles, Steve Colter, Steve Alford, Michael Adams, Mike Evans, Lester Conner, Darnell Valentine, Wes Matthews, Michael Holton, Rickey Green, Spud Webb, John Battle, Andrew Toney, Darrell Walker, T.R. Dunn, Otis Smith, World Free, Milt Wagner, Bernard Thompson, Ronnie Murphy, Jerry Sichting.

FORWARDS—Al Wood, Reggie Lewis, Mike Sanders, Jerry Reynolds, Danny Vranes, Mark Alarie, Tellis Frank, Buck Johnson, Terry Tyler, Ed Pinkney, Russ Schoene, Fred Roberts, Mike Brown, Charles Jones, Jerome Whitehead, Earl Cureton, Mike Smrek, James Bailey, Caldwell Jones, Jawaan Oldham.

CENTERS—Chris Washburn, Artis Gilmore, Kent Benson, James Edwards, William Bedford, Stuart Gray, Paul Mokeski, Chris Welp, Mark McNamara, Uwe Blab, Bill Wennington, Dave Feitl, Greg Kite, Petur Gudmundsson, Bill Walton.

Oregon State will save \$250,000 by cutting its track program next year. I know it's tough for Oregonians to accept that there will be no more great moments in OSU track, but we just have to swallow hard and go on. What will they do with the extra dough? You know it's not going into the football program. It likely will go to a group of OSU scientists experimenting on a vaccine for bad breath.

"Johnny Be Good," a new movie released starring Anthony Michael Hall, answered some key questions - unfortunately the wrong ones. We now know that Hall, who played an illegally recruited high school quarterback, can't carry a movie by himself. This movie missed an excellent opportunity to make a statement about recruiting violations and the turmoil surrounding the families involved. Instead, the plot insulted us by laying a path of tacky, exaggerated characters

who play in overacted, predictable scenes. I felt embarrassed for Howard Cosell, who actually lent his name to the sham in a cameo roll.

Baseball season is here. Here's how they'll finish:

AL EAST - New York Yankees (the pitching is finally there, watch out for rookie Al Leiter)

AL WEST - Oakland (Canseco and McGuire get help this year, the Twins will finish under .500)

NL EAST - New York Mets (subway series talk will be rampant)

NL WEST - Los Angeles Dodgers (the pitching has always been there, now the hitting is)

The Seahawks are talking about trading Bosworth. Don't do it. Trade Kreig. Please.

To borrow a premise from David Letterman, here's my Top 15 reasons the Seahawks keep Dave Kreig:

15. Once scored 500,000 in Battlezone in gameroom of Kansas City Sheraton.

14. If cut or released, he may go back to the empty life as a nightclub entertainer.

13. He's only been playing organized football for 17 years.

12. Seahawk organization still hoping for career-ending injury on national TV.

11. Predictions of pointspreads for Seahawk games uncanny.

10. Trade in works that would bring Bill Cartwright from the Knicks.

9. Part of "power carpool" of Seattle business executives.

8. Front office fears nasty letter from Kreig's mother.

7. Refuses to play better until the booing stops.

6. Coach Knox thinks he looks like Y.A. Tittle with hair.

5. His knowledge of Kingdome electrical system just too valuable to give away.

4. While being slow footed and an erratic passer, he is a compassionate, gentle, and loving man.

3. Saving him for when bounce passes are legal.

2. Only quarterback in AFC who can curl his tongue.

1. Would play better if so many people weren't watching.

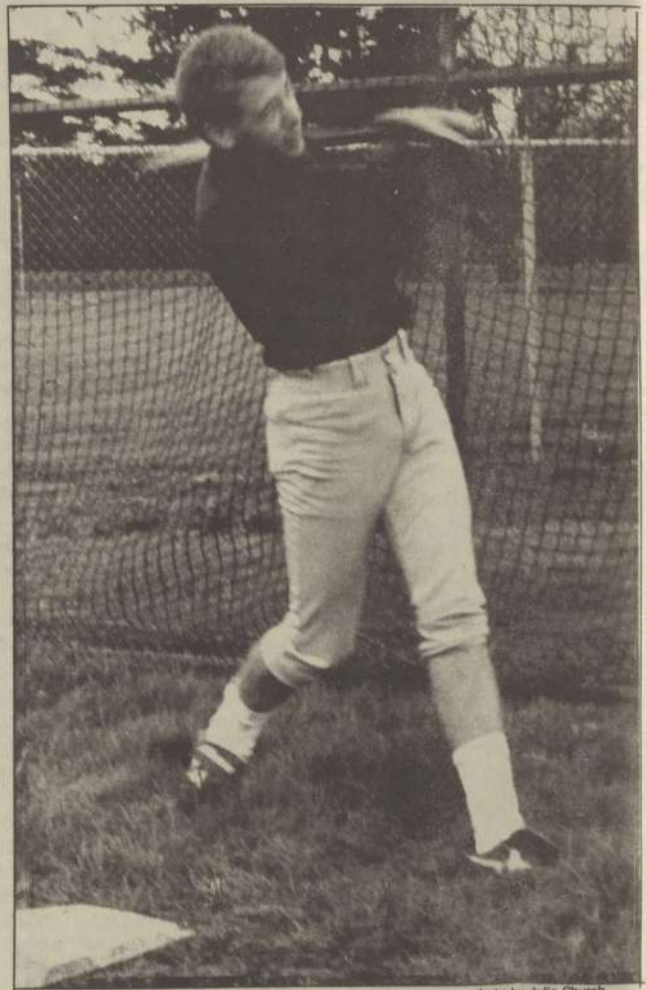


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Men's baseball swings into league action Tuesday.

Baseball starts slowly

by Mark Borrelli
Staff Writer

After a disappointing third place finish in league competition last season, the Clackamas men's baseball team appears to have what it takes to turn this season into a winning one.

Coach Paul Roeder seems confident that his sophomore dominated team will have much more success than did last year's club. "Our goal is to win the whole dang thing. We do have the horses to do it," said Roeder. The Cougars have been hit by illness and injury which has caused some problems during the exhibition schedule. "Illness has certainly hurt us this spring," remarked coach Roeder.

Clackamas will be returning nine players, among them all-league shortstop John Davenport and returning outfielders Quinn Putnam, Ron Kirkpatrick and Dave Horine. Davenport, Kirkpatrick, Dodge, and Scott Boehler are the Co-Captains for Clackamas this year.

If all goes well Roeder thinks that his team will be at the top of the league. "We need consistent pitching, good hitting and we need to eliminate the mental errors for us to be successful this season."

The Cougars are already under way, having played eight games, winning two of those. Coach Paul Roeder does not really let pre-season bother him. "The idea of spring training is to give every guy a look. We're a better team than our record shows." Clackamas opened the season in a Yakima round robin and faced Edmonds (Washington) in the first game. Clackamas pitcher

Jim Burnette got off to a tough start, getting stung for five first inning runs en route to a 8-5 Clackamas loss. Next up for the Cougars was the Canadian national team. Clackamas played a competitive game through five innings, but a big sixth inning by the Canadians lifted them to a 22-10 victory. Greg Martin suffered the loss for Clackamas.

In the third game, Steve Huffaker pitched very strong for Clackamas, allowing only two earned runs. The Cougars out hit Yakima, 6-3 but five costly errors killed them.

Mental errors again proved costly, as they fell to cross town rival Mt. Hood 4-1. The first Saint run was balked in, and another error by the Cougars set the stage for a three run homer by Mt. Hood to lift them to 4-1. Clackamas ended that tournament with a 1-4 record.

They looked to improve that when they traveled to North Idaho for a double header. North Idaho swept the Cougars 13-1 and 7-6. Roeder feels that things could have been different for his team in the second game. "We should have won that game, but some mental errors in left field really cost us."

Clackamas returned home for a scheduled double header with PSU and beat the Vikings 7-6. Craig Andyke picked up the win for Clackamas. The second game was cancelled because of rain but will be made up Thursday at home. The Cougars will play the first league game at home against Lane Community College Tuesday, and face Mt. Hood on Saturday.

Sports off Campus



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On the subject of drafts, the Charlotte Hornets and Miami Heat will join the NBA next year following an expansion draft. Each NBA team protects eight players and then the Hornets and Heat get the table scraps. Expansion teams generally end up with players slightly less coveted than General Noriega. But regardless

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