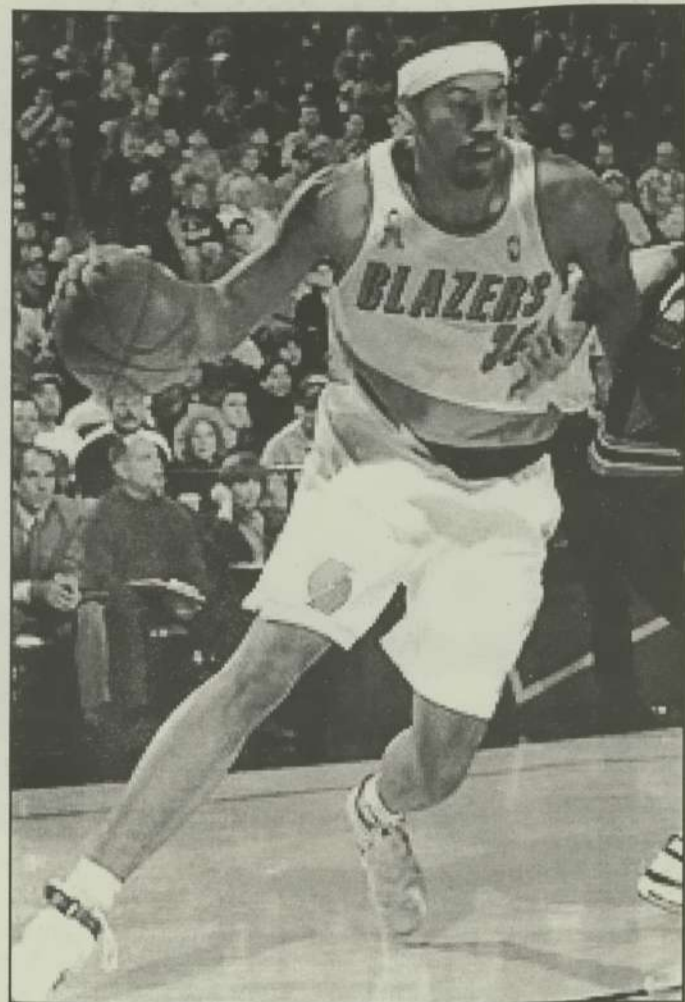


## Blazers split two games at home



INTERNET PHOTO

Rasheed Wallace drives against a Denver opponent at the Rose Garden on Nov. 23. Wallace went on to score a season-high 30 points against the Nuggets.

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For the week of Nov. 13-20, the Portland Trail Blazers were 2-2. They won against Memphis and Charlotte, but lost to New York and Houston. Last week, the Blazers split both of their games, winning one out of two.

Portland's first game was a loss to the Sacramento Kings at Arco Arena, 95-83. Chris Webber, once again, didn't play for the Kings; he is still out with an ankle injury from before the season started. Even without Webber, the Kings still managed to top the Blazers and scored the final 12 points of the game. Seven Blazers scored in

double figures, including Bonzi Wells, who finished with 13. Shawn Kemp also had 12 points. Sacramento point guard Mike Bibby was on fire, finishing with 25 points. He was helped by Damon Stoudamire's self-prescribed stint on the injured list and Scottie Pippen's knee injury. With those two out, the only players left for Coach Maurice Cheeks to put in as point guard were Erick Barkley and Rick Brunson, who both continually left Bibby open. Zach Randolph played the final minutes of the game in place of Rasheed Wallace, and something, possibly Cheeks' decision, seemed to tick Wallace off quite a bit. Thankfully he got over it before the next game.

Next up for the Blazers was a home game against the Denver Nuggets. Portland was greatly helped by Wallace's season high 30 points, and won this one with a score of 97-90. In the two games before this, which were both losses, Wallace was held to a combined 20 points. But the Blazers have won the last five games when Wallace scored at least 20 points, while were only 2-5 when he didn't reach that mark. Bonzi Wells sat this game out with a sore right knee. Wells has averaged 20.5 points over his first 13 games this season. Ruben Patterson scored 15 points in 44 minutes of play, while Stoudamire came back from the injured list and contributed 10. Portland also committed a season-low six turnovers. The Nuggets have lost the last 12 of 13 games in Portland.

After this game, the Blazers had a season record of 7-7. They put this record to the test on Tuesday night as they played the Indiana Pacers at home. Results were unavailable at press time.

## Sports Update



INTERNET PHOTO

Seattle's Shawn Springs lays the smackdown on Kansas City's Priest Holmes.

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Oregon State defeated Northern Arizona on Nov. 17, 45-10, and joined Oregon in sitting out this past Saturday in preparation for the Civil War game on Dec. 1. Thanksgiving weekend proved disastrous for Oklahoma and Nebraska as both teams lost their respective games. Miami is ranked first place in the Bowl Championship Series standings, followed by Florida at second and Texas at third. Oregon sits at number five, with the match against OSU being their last of the regular season.

The Seattle Seahawks were winners in Week 10 of the NFL, playing against Buffalo, but lost this past Sunday at Kansas City, 19-7. The victory at Buffalo and the loss at Kansas City leaves Seattle exactly where the team was two weeks ago, with a 5-5 record and in third place in the AFC West. Oakland soundly beat the New York Giants, 28-10, and held

onto first place in the AFC West. San Francisco took the Indianapolis Colts to school Sunday in a 40-21 drumming. The 49ers are tied with St. Louis for first place in the NFC West. The Detroit Lions are still winless, owning a 0-10 record.

In NHL action, the Vancouver Canucks ended the Philadelphia Flyers' four-game winning streak Sunday in a 4-1 decision. The Canucks possess an 11-13-2 record and 24 points, good for a third place tie in the Northwest division in the Western Conference. San Jose rests at first place in the Pacific division of the Western Conference with 25 points and a 9-7-4-3 record.

Without any surprise, the Los Angeles Lakers continue to own the NBA with a 12-1 record and ownership of first place in the Pacific division of the Western Conference. The Sacramento Kings trail behind L. A. in second place with their 10-3 record. For an update on the Portland Trail Blazers, look to the story on page 13.

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