

# Trail Blazers great Jerome Kersey dies

PORTLAND (AP) — Jerome Kersey, the versatile small forward who helped the Portland Trail Blazers reach two NBA Finals and won a title with the San Antonio Spurs in 1999, died Wednesday. He was 52.



The cause of death wasn't immediately known.

A team ambassador, Kersey appeared Tuesday with fellow former Blazers Terry Porter and Brian Grant at a Portland high school in celebration of African American History Month.

"Today we lost an incredible person and one of the most beloved players to ever wear a Trail Blazers uniform," Blazers owner Paul Allen said in a statement. "My thoughts and condolences are with the Kersey family. He will be missed by all of us. It's a terrible loss."

Kersey averaged 10.3 points and 5.5 rebounds in 17 seasons in the NBA with Portland, Golden State, the Los Angeles Lakers, Seattle, San Antonio and Milwaukee. He helped the Blazers reach the NBA Finals in 1990 and 1992, playing alongside Porter, Clyde Drexler, Kevin Duckworth and Buck Williams.

"He was the greatest guy, the nicest friend, teammate and brother. He was loved by everyone. We will all miss him. He just cared so much," Drexler told Comcast SportsNet Northwest. "This is unbelievable."

Kersey had his best season in 1987-88, averaging 19.2 points and 8.3 rebounds. Kersey played in 1,153 regular-season games, also averaging 1.9 assists and 1.2 steals.

The former Longwood University star ranks second on Portland's career games list with 831, third in minutes played at 21,400, second in rebounds with 5,078, third steals with 1,059, and fifth in points with 10,067.

At 6-foot-7 and 215 pounds, "No Mercy" Kersey had a broad smile and a warm manner that made him a fan favorite.



Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan, right, tries to hold off Portland Trail Blazers' Jerome Kersey during Game 6 in basketball's NBA Finals in Chicago June 14, 1992. Kersey died Wednesday at age 52.

AP Photo/Fred Jewell, File

### MORE ONLINE

When the Trail Blazers visited Astoria in 2010, The Daily Astorian sports reporter Gary Henley interviewed Kersey. See the video at [www.dailyastorian.com](http://www.dailyastorian.com)

Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard posted to Twitter: "Spoke to him regularly about life and the ups and downs of a NBA season. Gone too soon, much love!" Others who posted their condolences included Kobe Bryant and Vince Carter.

Kersey retired from bas-

ketball in 2001. He was an assistant coach with Milwaukee in 2004-05 under Porter. In addition to serving as a team ambassador, he appeared on Blazers' broadcasts for Comcast SportsNet Northwest.

At Longwood, a Division II school in Farmville, Virginia, Kersey averaged 17

points and 11.3. He was a second-round pick by the Blazers in the 1984 draft.

"The news is so sudden, and we're sure more details will be forthcoming," Blazers President Chris McGowan said. "But it is indeed a sad day for our organization, the city of Portland and the NBA. Jerome will be remembered not only for his incredible contributions on the court, but his tremendous impact in our community."

Kersey lived with wife Teri in Lake Oswego.

## COMMUNITY SPORTS

### BASEBALL Astoria youth tryouts Saturday

Tryouts are Saturday at Columbia Memorial Field for the upcoming Astoria Youth Baseball season.

Astoria Youth Baseball has merged with Lewis & Clark Baseball this year to form one program.

Eligible players are those between 8 years old as of May 1, and 12 years old as of April 30.

If athletes have played on a Majors team in the past, they must still try out.

Registration for players age 11 and 12 begins at noon, with tryouts to follow. Registration for players age 9 and 10 are at 1:30 p.m., with tryouts to follow; 8-year-olds will need to register only.

Cost for tryouts is \$50 for individual players, \$75 for a family.

For more information, contact Kenny Hageman at 503-298-9640 or Kati Junes at 503-791-6580.

Tryouts are weather permitting — follow the Astoria Youth Baseball Facebook page for announcements.

### WRESTLING Loggers host districts

Knappa will be the host school for the 2A/1A Special District 1 Wrestling Championships, which begin Friday and conclude Saturday at Knappa High School.

Eight teams will compete, including Knappa, Monroe, Nestucca, Neah-Kah-Nie, Siletz Valley, Triangle Lake, Vernonia and Waldport.

Session 1 begins at 4 p.m. Friday, and Session 2 starts at 11 a.m. Saturday. Finals are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for students each session.

### SWIMMING Swimmers represent NC Swim Club at state

The North Coast Swim Club will send 14 swimmers to the three separate Oregon

Swimming State Championship meets in the upcoming month.

The 10-and-Under State Championships are this weekend in Corvallis. Qualifying for and representing NCSC at the 10U Championships will be:

**Hannah Daniels** (8) Girls 50 Butterfly

**Darby Doyle** (9) Girls 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 100 Butterfly, 100 Individual Medley, 200 Individual Medley

**Jacob Peeler** (8) Boys 25 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke

The age 11-14 State Championships will be Feb. 26-March 1 in Beaverton. Qualifiers and NCSC representatives are:

**Riley Cameron** (12) Boys 50 Backstroke, 100 Backstroke

**Kiera Doyle** (13) Girls Relays

**Stephaine Hake** (13) Girls 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 200 Backstroke, 100 Breaststroke, 200 Breaststroke, Relays

**Alyssa Harkins** (14) Girls 100 Butterfly, Relays

**Kendy Lin** (13) Girls 100 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 200 Backstroke, Relays

**Josh Shipley** (14) Boys 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke, 200 Breaststroke, 100 Butterfly, 200 Individual Medley

**Davis Wingard** (12) Boys 50 Breaststroke, 100 Breaststroke, 200 Individual Medley

**Holly Wood** (14) Girls Relays

The Senior State Championships are March 5-8 in Gresham. NCSC Senior Swimmers qualifying are:

**Taylor Christie** (16) Girls 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly, 200 Butterfly, 200 Individual Medley

**Jacob Hulti** (16) Boys 50 Freestyle

**Brad Rzewnicki** (15) Boys 50 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 200 Backstroke, 100 Breaststroke, 200 Breaststroke

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

**TODAY**  
**Girls Basketball** — NWL Playoff, Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
**Girls Basketball** — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 5:30 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 5:30 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 7:15 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 7:15 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
**Girls Basketball** — NWL Playoff, Knappa vs. TBA, 1 p.m., at Pacific University

**Boys Basketball** — NWL Playoff, Knappa vs. TBA, 6 p.m., at Pacific University

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Job Fair Thursday, February 26 from 1-3pm at the Haystack Gardens, 148 E Gower in Cannon Beach.

To apply in advance complete an application at [www.martinhospitality.com](http://www.martinhospitality.com) or employment or fill one out at the job fair. Our hiring managers will be onsite to interview during the fair.

### KLEAN drug and alcohol treatment facility is seeking a cook.

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Fultano's Pizza in Cannon Beach is now hiring for a customer service position, nights and weekends. Apply by sending a note with your experience and availability. Pay based on experience. Could work into night manager position. Send to [fultanos@gmail.com](mailto:fultanos@gmail.com)

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### Sale Saturday and Sunday

21st and 22nd. 503-739-1470  
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### YARD SALE

Pacific Grange  
90475 Hwy. 101-Warrenton. Friday and Saturday, 9-3. Clothes of all sizes, camping supplies, toys, household goods, towel tube, collector plates, bake sale, furniture, much more!

### 30 GENERAL

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**School Board Member**  
Positions #1, #3 & #5

Clatsop County School Board Elections will be held May 19, 2015. The terms for Positions #1, #3 & #5 on the Jewell School Board end on June 30, 2015 and the new term will begin July 1, 2015 and run through June 30, 2019.

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