

Generals defeat Techmen

by Pat Lasley

If you think pro basketball teams are the only teams to draw enormous crowds, you are dead wrong!

Grant High's ball club hosted the Madison Senators in a duo for the Championship in the Eastern Division of PHL play.

Madison had to turn in their dreams of facing Benson for the City Championship as soon as their loss to Grant came about. The two teams had a real match coming their way in discovering the most talented team in the East. When they first met, Grant fell to the Mads putting the Senators in first place. Then the Grant Generals managed to beat Benson and Madison suffered a great loss when the Benson Techmen ripped them. This brought a tie in the East and Grant broke the speed with a defeat over the Senators 73-63.

For someone who wasn't on either side, watching the game wasn't easy to do. The bleachers were filled on both sides and the big rivalry began.

In the first minutes of play Grant fell into ball control trouble, which enabled Madison to dominate. The Grant Hoopsters didn't keep their balance to well causing inefficient shots put up with the ball continually falling into the Senators hands.

The Senators took advantage of this as their lead increased with each play.

One Grant supporter viewed the game on the visiting Senators side of the court. He held confidence in his team although they were slow in getting heat. His one comment was that the Senators were using the Generals favorite basket.

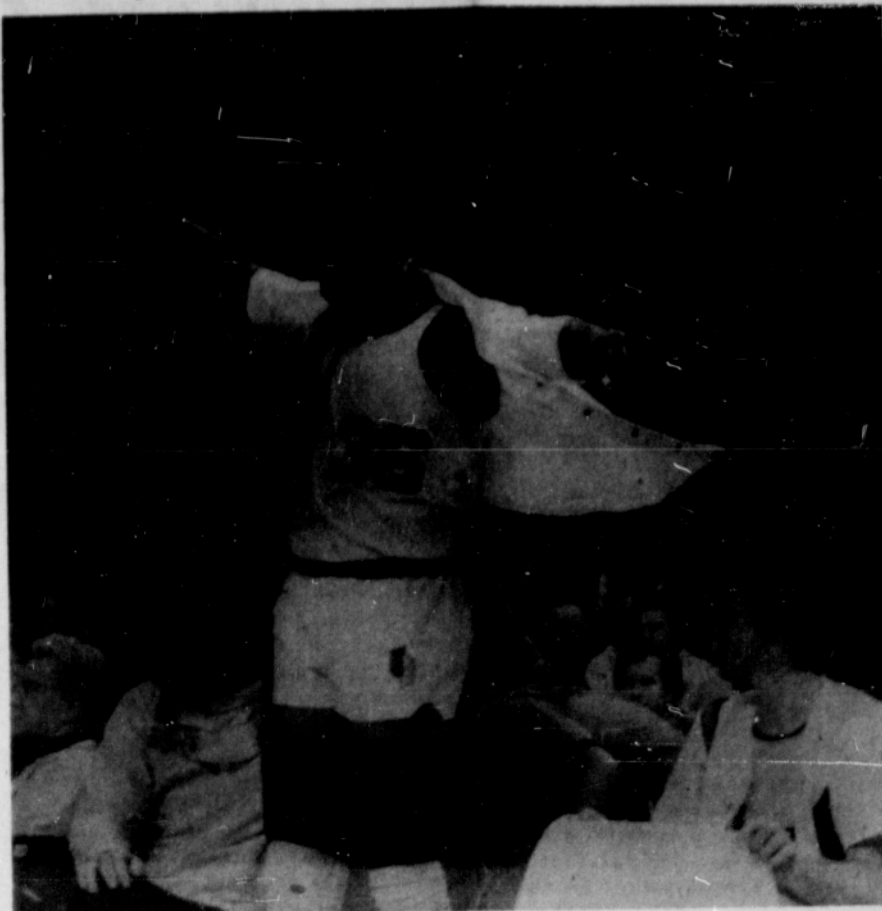
He proclaimed that upon halftimes arrival, each team would switch baskets and the Generals would retain a lead, never to loose.

No matter what truth there is in his theory, half time recess did put a spark in Grants basketball team, as they came back, decreased the lead, and shook up the Senators.

A disagreement erupted from the stands possessed by the Senators, but it was soon brought under control.

Each team was under tremendous pressure, as the spirited crowd did not let up. Madison's Hildahl with nineteen points has received much earned publicity, but Grant also has stars of their own. Besides the Senators Phil Henderson "AJ" Jackson and Mark Raiford who captured sixteen points, Jerry Steelwell showed very promising talent. He has two more years to perfect his capabilities.

The proud Grant Generals may be riding high now, but they have the Benson Techmen to face for the PHL City title.



Is it the Masked Marvel ready to fly? No, it is Lloyd Neal as he prepares to enter the Blazers game. (Photo: Ron Sykes)

Trailblazer Wrapup

by Charles Ford

After an unsuccessful trip east last week, the Blazers returned home for weekend encounters with Seattle and Boston. In Saturday's game against Seattle, before 11,347 fans, the team played what we consider to be a fine game. These guys have been playing without two of their key players, yet have managed to stay close in most of the games. Maybe the streak of bad luck came to an end Sunday, when they won against Boston 109-104 before a crowd of 11,528.

Standing to remove his jacket before entering the game against Boston, Lloyd Neal must have had mixed emotions. When it was announced that Neal was entering the game, the fans gave a standing ovation. Loyd has been a favorite since coming to Portland and the appreciation shown him Sunday night was a moral booster, not only for him but for the entire team.

Filling in as center in Bill Walton's absence, Lloyd immediately established himself on the floor as the big man to be reckoned with. Once Lloyd entered the game, the whole complexion changed. He was able to stay with "Big Red" Dave Cowens, who was having somewhat of a field day. Neal scored 15 points, blocked 2 shots, made 2 assists and captured a total of ten rebounds in the approximately 32 minutes he was in the game.

This was a "must win" for the team as well as for the coaches, allowing them to pull things together again to stay in contention for a play-off slot.

After Tuesday's loss to Buffalo by 116-113, the Blazers slipped to 16½ games behind Golden State.

Club women honor history

In observance of Black History Month, the Oregon Association of Colored Women's Clubs presented the program, "Black Contributions to Music", and exhibits on February 15th at Matt Dishman Center.

The program, historically reflective of Black Culture, used music as an example of a lasting cultural contribution of a race to a nation -- a race which the thirteen original colonies of 1776 viewed least likely or capable of making any contribution.

The music presented covered a wide range from gospel music and spirituals to classical selections.

Local Black artists volunteering their talents were: Mrs. Mattie Spears, vocalist; Edgar Mitchell, vocalist; Ms. Kathi Harvey, pianist; Reverend Ellis Casson, vocalist; Rick Alford, pianist; Miss Renee Dawson, violinist; Faith Tabernacle Choir, L. W. Osborne Jr., director and Bishop Louis Osborne, Sr., pastor; Miss Gail Strong, vocalist; Mrs. Marian Roberts Borders, former musical

director to Mae West and accompanist for Ethel Waters; Ms. Ada Reed, vocalist; George Lawson, saxophonist and director of George Lawson Band; Ms. Arthur Cox, pianist.

Closing the program was a tribute to the late Paul Robeson, "O! Man River" sung by Edgar Mitchell.

Mrs. Irene Cranford, president, Literary Research Club, was Mistress of Ceremonies.

Special Exhibits featured original art works of Bobbie Foulter, student at Portland State University; Books by Black Authors, Mrs. Marie Smith, assisted by Ms. Ruth Haefner; Nigerian Art by Ms. Adele Waters; Photo Display of Black History Makers, courtesy of Mrs. Mabel Neal, Mrs. Beth Nance and Mr. and Mrs. Hurts Hadley; and display of OACW Scrapbooks and club data by Mrs. Dorothy Vickers, OACW historian.

The committee for the event included: Mrs. Lirlean Anderson, Mrs. Ethel Williams and Mrs. Gustavia Bonner, cochairmen; assisted by Mrs. Bernadette Plummer, Mrs. Harrie Belle Paris, Mrs. Precious Wasson. Hostesses were: Mrs. Maud Burks, Mrs. Alberta Randolph, Mrs. Viola Johnson, Mrs. Carrie Cannon, Miss Gwen Hooker, Mrs. Edith Jackson, Mrs. Edith Jackson, Mrs. Amanda Warren, Mrs. Mabel Neal, Mrs. Ernestine Wiseman, Mrs. Viola Bonner, Mrs. Nancy Lawson, Mrs. Etolia Cox, Mrs. Florence Fifield and Mrs. Ella Mae Smith.

Mrs. Betty Thompson is president of the Oregon Association of Colored Women's Clubs. Member clubs are: Altruistic Club, Mrs. Harrie Belle Paris, president; Harriet Tubman Club, Mrs. Alberta L. Randolph, president; Kathryn Gray Club, Mrs. Viola Johnson, Acting President; Literary Research Club, Mrs. Irene Cranford, President; and Semper Fidelis Club, Mrs. Ernestine Wiseman, president.

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Volunteers offer tax help

Free tax return assistance is being offered Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m., February 26th through April 15th at the St. Andrew Community Center, 4990 N.E. 8th.

The Volunteers in Tax Assistance (VITA) service provides trained volunteers to assist in the preparation of individual federal tax returns. Help can also be offered in the filing of Oregon tax forms.

Those earning less than \$8,000 with a dependent child under nineteen years of age living at home may qualify to receive an earned income tax credit of up to \$400. To receive the refund, however, a tax return must be filed.

Deadline for filing 1975 tax returns is midnight, Thursday, April 15th.

The tax clinic is intended to be a learning process so that in addition to

assisting in completion of the forms the taxpayer receives expert instruction in how to file future forms.

Taxpayers are asked to bring their 1974 federal tax return forms, all W-2 forms and totals of all itemized deductions including 1975 medical and dental expenses, property tax payments, charge account interest payments, union dues and other deductions allowable on Schedule A.

Another VITA clinic is being offered at the Albina Library, 3630 N. Vancouver, 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. Saturday and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday.

Taxpayers unable to attend a VITA tax clinic may call the Portland Internal Revenue Service at 221-3960 or visit the office at 1220 S.W. 3rd between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for free assistance.

A.J. leads team victory

by Ron Sykes

Anthony "A.J." Jackson was very instrumental in Grant's 73-63 conquest of their chief rivals, Madison High School.

Going into Tuesday's contest, Grant and Madison were deadlocked with identical 13-1 league records. But Anthony playing defense like nobody's business put the clamps on the state's number one scorer, Mark Hildahl, holding

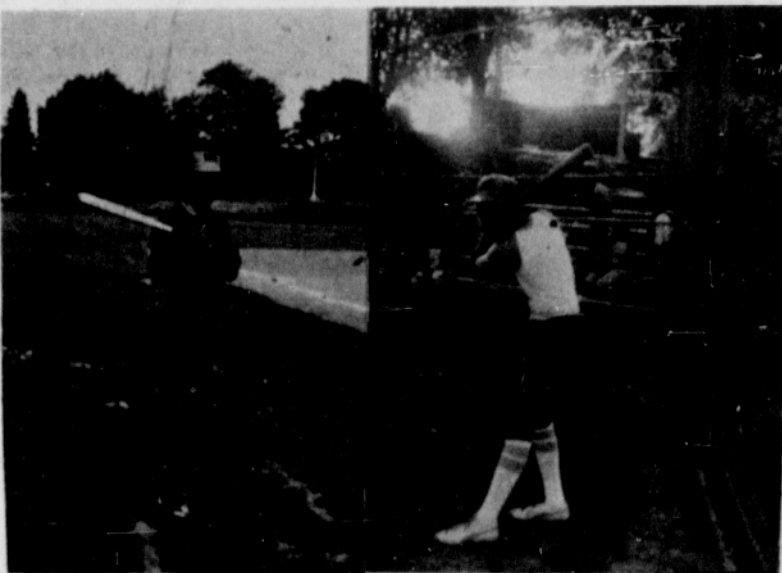
him to only 19, most of these coming from the charity line.

Hildahl had been averaging 26 points per contest and was the primary reason for Madison's Number 6 ranking in the state polls. Jackson constantly denied the Senator Ace the ball, and not even Abdul-Jabbar can score without the ball.

Jackson is rapidly becoming the finest defensive guard in the state and he is certainly the PHL's finest.

Prep Profiles

by Ron Sykes



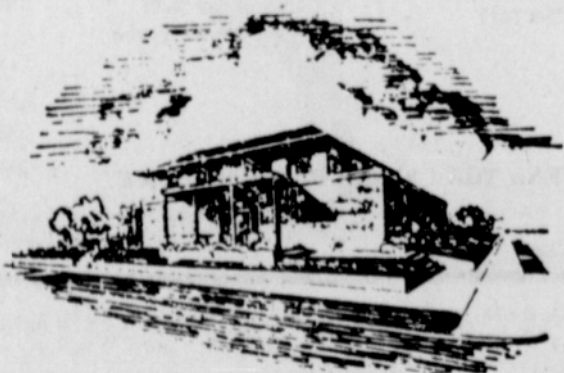
This week's Prep Profile is on Jeff Hi's twin terrors, Ronnie and Donnie Ranson. Ronnie and Donnie are currently leading Jefferson's JV basketball team to an undefeated season. Both are sophomores, with bigger and better things ahead.

Last year Ronnie and Donnie were members of the Frosh basketball team that was also undefeated.

The twins are born winners and seem to add talent and class to whichever sport they choose. At present they are starring in basketball, but during the summer they were all-stars on the Senior Little League team from Irving Park.

In baseball they are multi-talented athletes. In the finals in California, Ronnie led the tournament in hitting -- and there was truly excellent pitching from the California teams.

The twins are outstanding in pitching, outfield and infield. Congratulations to two outstanding athletes from Jefferson High.



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