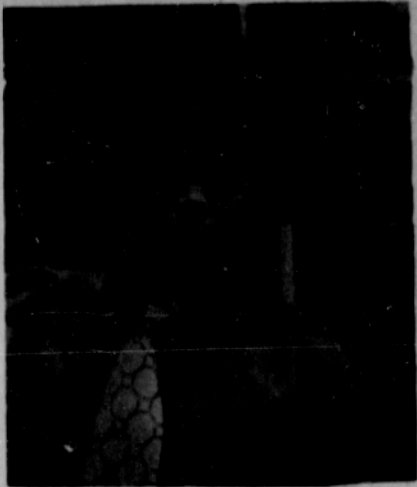


## Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes Sports Editor



only look at Jim McDaniels and see the difference in play. Big Jim, 6'11" center in the ABA was "all everything." He finished sixth in scoring with a fine 26.3 average, among the top ten in rebounding and was named to the ABA all-pro team. But at Seattle he flopped, eventually waived out of the league. We could go on and on, but the difference, I think, is in the play at center and the good NBA centers game in and game out do dominate.

Watch Dr. J., he'll be good but you can't make me believe he'll sky over Kareem, Dave Cowen, Bill Walton (when healthy) and the other superb NBA centers.

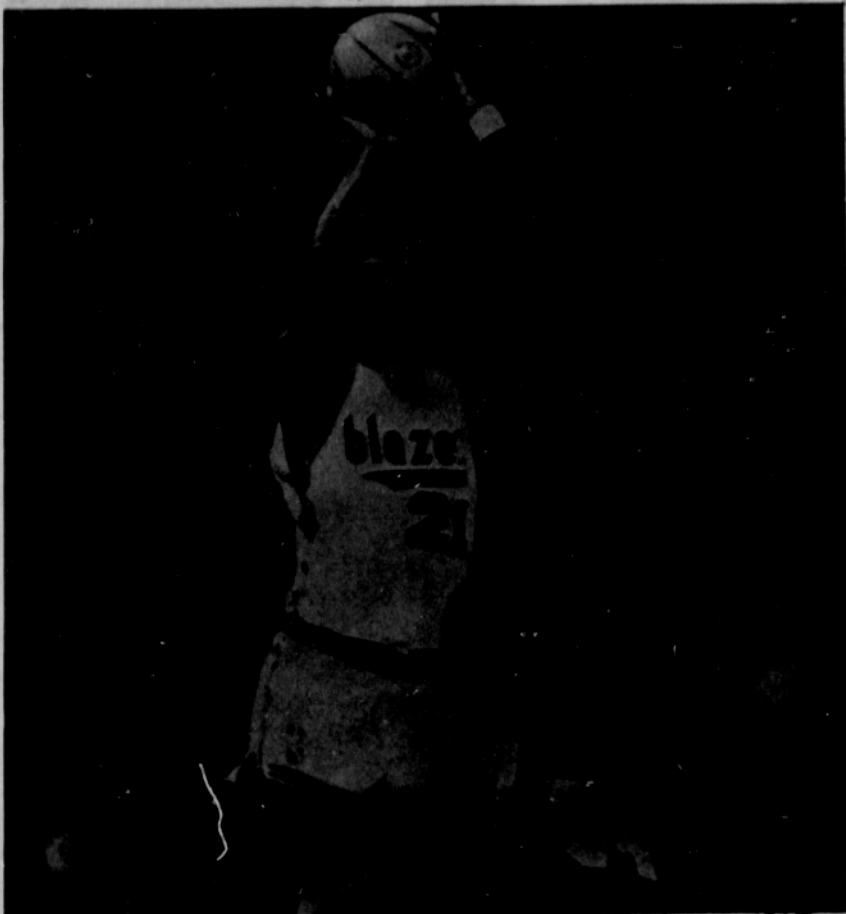
Can you believe the Portland fans are worried that the team is becoming too Black? On our local sports talk show this feeling went rampant all night long.

They're not worried about winning, they only care about who's white and who's Black. And that's bad.

Talk has it that down south, in the L.A. summer pro league, Ronnie Lee, the #1 pick for the Phoenix Suns is playing super basketball. When asked about Ronnie's play, Phoenix Coach had this to say, "Ronnie will definitely add a new dimension to our game. When he teams with Ricky (Sobers), we'll be able to more than adequately defense the bigger guards of the league."

All of us in the Pacific Northwest know of Ronnie's talents and are only sorry the Blazers passed on him.

Blazer fans should remember that all that glitters is not gold. Everyone is thinking that with the acquisition of Lucas and Malone, Portland should contend. Before we get our hopes sky-high we should first see how they perform night after night against tough NBA players. Not to down the ABA for anything, but in the past the ABA players, with the exception of Spencer Haywood, just never dominated the NBA as they did their ABA opponents. One should



Christ Dangerfield moves the ball toward the Seattle goal. (above) Geoff Hurst, Seattle Sounders, uses his head. (below) Photos: Debra Mischler



## Portland Timbers lose three

by Brad Small

The Portland Timbers celebrated the first week of August by losing three games, two to the Minnesota Kicks and the other to the Seattle Sounders. The three losses extended Portland's losing streak to four games.

The first of the three games, at Civic Stadium against Minnesota, was probably the most boring game ever played in the North American Soccer League. The Timbers did absolutely nothing, and the Kicks had no trouble at all getting two goals to win, 2-0. The two teams met again three days later in Minnesota, and the Kicks won again 2-1.

The Timbers returned home last Saturday to meet arch-rival Seattle, and even though Portland out-hustled the Sounders in the first half, the visitors came out of it with a 3-0 win.

Seattle's first goal came with one minute left in the first half. The Portland defense had trouble clearing the ball and it wound up in the foot of Sounder midfielder Eric Skeels. Skeels blasted the

ball through a maze of players. Timber goalie Jim Cumbe was completely screened on the play, and had no chance to get the ball as it rolled into the goal.

With two minutes gone in the second half, Seattle's Boris Bandov scored an unassisted goal. Portland again was trying to clear the ball out from the goal, and Timber defender Neil Rioch kicked the ball right to Bandov, who had an easy shot from six feet. Bandov scored again with 10:35 to go in the game, on a pass from Davey Butler.

The win clinched second place for Seattle, they'll finish the season behind first place Minnesota. Portland remains glued to fourth place with the third worst record in the league. Seattle now leads the two season long fend with Portland, 4-2.

The season ends this Saturday for Portland. They play the defending NASL Champion Tampa Bay Rowdies in a rematch of last years championship game finalists.



LLOYD NEAL

## Neal ready for good season

by Ron Sykes

Lloyd Neal, 6'9" forward from Talbot, Ga. returned to the city of roses last week and was immediately hit with questions of the big trade.

Lloyd and family had spent the past month vacationing and visiting friends. Neal is back in town now and getting ready for the upcoming season. "I think whenever trades are made they're done so with the thought of improving your situation," Neal replied. "And I'm sure management has this in mind when they made their move."

With all the rumors flying about who's going next, I asked Lloyd if this bothered him. "No, I'll just play my game and take whatever comes. It's Ramsey's job to coach and mine is playing." Lloyd Neal's name, so far, hasn't been mentioned in any possible trade deals, which should make Portland fans happy. Neal has been a crowd favorite since making the team as a sixth round pick.

Lloyd plays now as he did in his first Rookie tryout - all out. It is needless to say that Lloyd Neal was a pleasant surprise in year one and still just as delight-

ful in year five.

Yes, it's been five years since this big tough player from the hills of Georgia donned the red, black and white of the Blazers.

Lloyd Neal was thrown in the breach early and has responded admirably from both the center and forward positions. When Walton arrived Lloyd thought his days at center were over, and that he could focus his attention on the forward position. But this was not to be. With Bill suffering injury upon injury, Lloyd soon found himself back in his old familiar spot, center.

Lloyd Neal has been described as "Mr. Steady" for the Blazers. Throughout his career Neal has been a strong rebounder and possessor of a deadly jump shot from 15-20 ft. range.

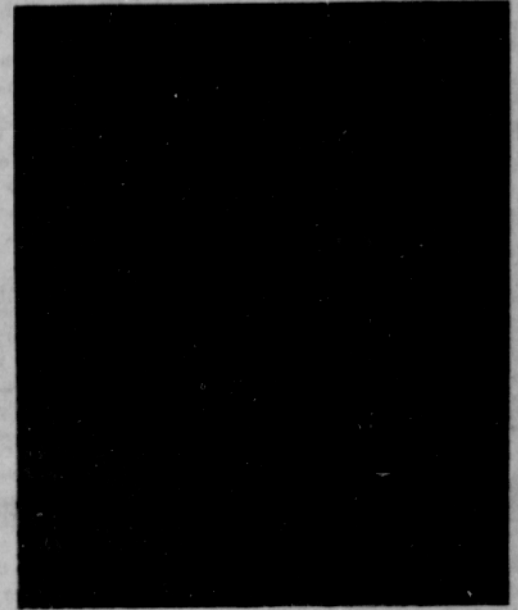
Lloyd has this to say about the sometimes rabid Blazer fans, "They are generally good fans and they have a right to their feelings. But . . . sometimes they have a tendency to ride one of our players more than is justified and that is wrong."

Lloyd says the outlook for next season is good and that he will just continue to play his game.



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## Citizen of the Week



Harold Williams, the State of Oregon's Affirmative Action Officer, was born in Texarkansas, Arkansas thirty-three years ago. He moved to Portland as a teenager and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1962.

Williams earned an Associate Degree from Multnomah Junior College in 1964, a B.S. from Portland State University in 1969 and a Master of Arts in Political Science from PSU in 1972. He also attended the University of Zagreb in Yugoslavia.

Williams was director of the PSU Educational Center from 1969 to 1973 and was in the state personnel department in 1974, 1975. He was appointed Affirmative Officer for the state by Governor Bob Straub on August 1, 1975.

He was Junior Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year in 1973. He is married to Cal R. Williams and has a daughter, Natasha.

Williams is active in Urban League, NAACP, City Club, Bethel AME Church, and has the distinction of being a Black member of the Salem Elks Club.

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## YMCA schedules track meet

The Ninth Annual YMCA Track Meet is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25th at Lewis & Clark College Track, according to John Vlastelica, Meet Director.

Activities begin at 9:00 a.m. with a parade around the track by participants, ranging from five to seventeen years and representing Metropolitan YMCA units including the Northeast YMCA, John R. Leach YMCA, YMCA Latch Key Centers and YMCA Project Mover Centers. For the first time ever, the Astoria YMCA will send a team to participate in the annual event.

Each and every participant will receive a ribbon regardless of where they place. More than 400 kids are expected to participate.

An added feature of this year's event will be a triple bar act performed by Jim Bovee, gymnastic instructor at the Northeast Y and former circus performer.

For additional information, contact Meet Director John Vlastelica at the John R. Leach YMCA, 775-4396. The YMCA of Columbia Willamette is a member of United Way.



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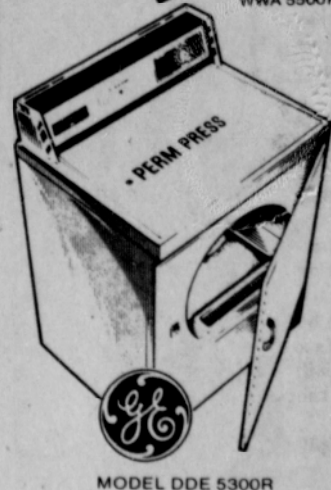
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