

Maurice Lucas captures rebound over outstretched hands of New York Net's Mel Daniels.



Portland's Larry Steele [Number 15] seems to be bewildered by surrounding Net players.

Sonic coach scouts Nets

Bob Hopkins, Assistant Coach Seattle Sonics, is said to have one of the more astute basketball minds in the N.B.A. It has also been rumored that Hopkins actually does more actual coaching than does Bill Russell, and someday soon will succeed Russell as head coach, when Bill decides to focus his attention solely on the General Managers job.

Hopkins, attended the Blazer game Saturday night to scout the New York Net team.

Hopkins' knowledge of the game is impressive. He was quick in analyzing what the Nets were doing and what they were setting up, and instantly knew how to defend them - as evidenced by their decisive victory Sunday night in their opener in Seattle.

Bob Hopkins does a lot of traveling during the NBA season and Wednesday found him in Indiana for the Celtic, Pacer encounter.

"Sidney Wicks played mostly at Center," Hopkins said, "and he completely dominated inside collecting 21 points

and 22 rebounds. I look for Sid to play a lot of Center for Boston," Hopkins went on to say. When asked if Seattle wasn't interested in Sid, Hopkins said, "We never had a chance for Wicks, sure we were interested but Portland wouldn't trade him to anyone on the West Coast."

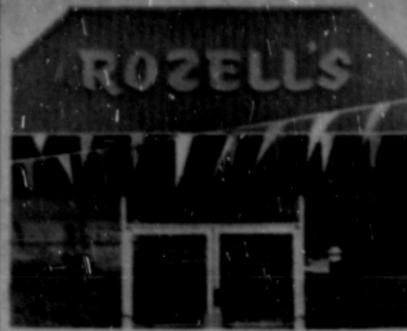
"We were close to getting Curtis Rowe, and we did have a verbal agreement with his agent, however, Boston slipped in on us."

Bob Hopkins brought a wealth of experience with him to Seattle and was instrumental in Seattle's signing of the popular "Slick" Watts.

Watts was completely overlooked by the NBA and came to Seattle only on the recommendation of Hopkins.

Bob Hopkins now, is one of the most respected coaches in the NBA.

Hopkins is married, has two girls and thoroughly enjoys living in the Pacific Northwest. "Wherever you go you're going to find some prejudice," he said, "but in the Northwest, things in general, seem to be better."



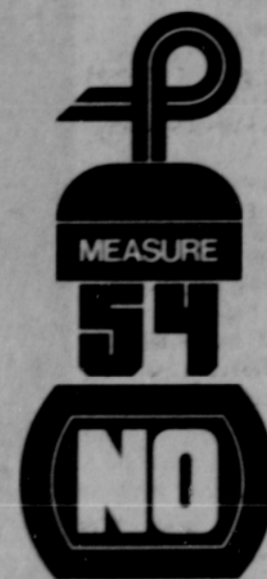
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Besides that, where's the power coming from? And at what cost? The Bonneville Power Administration has repeatedly stated firm power for Portland is not available... and if it were available the cost would not necessarily be cheaper. Don't be fooled by cheap power promises. The price of trying to turn the clock back is too expensive. Please vote "NO" on City Measure 54.

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