



Sports Talk

by Ron Sykes
Sports Editor

Two-time defending champion Pacific Northwest Bell was dethroned Saturday by a Powerful Portland Observer team. The two teams had played twice before with Portland Observer coming out of the classic battles on top both times. Although Mr. Brown, the Portland Observer Coach, feels that Mina Temple and not PNB was their toughest foe this team was not overconfident coming into the championship game.

Like the two previous games, the championship game was a hard fought battle. Perhaps it was experience that helped the PO team. According to Mr. Sykes, PNB coach, there were some costly mental errors caused primarily as a result of his team's youth. Eight of the starting nine were under the 15 year age limit. Mr. Sykes was extremely happy with his team's drive to the championship game in what was supposed to be his "down" season.

Mr. Brown gave special recognition to Paul Weatheroy, Marshall Haskins, winning pitcher Rance Spruill, and relief ace Gerald Jesse for their fine individual play.

Mr. Brown will have five players back next year, three of whom he termed "outstanding". The outstanding players are Kenny Henry, Derrick Fair and Gerald Jesse. Mr. Brown would like to commend his 13 year olds for their fine play throughout the season and their enthusiastic contribution in the final "team" victory.

Although PO will be "competitive" next year, PNB promises to be more than competitive. Returning will be 3 all-stars, 2 alternates and one reserve. Not returning is all-star Craig Freeman, but pitching ace Greg West will be back.

The smoothest swinging hitter in baseball, Rod Carew, is still on his hitting rampage. As of Monday, Rod has lifted his batting average to a hefty .408, over forty points higher than anyone in the American League. In addition to being an awesome batter, Carew is a fine base-stealer. In addition to picking up three hits in the Monday game, Carew stole home plate for the sixteenth time in his career. In his last eight games all Carew has managed to do was collect 20 hits in 32 trips to the plate for an unbelievable .625 batting average.

The UCLA basketball program may not be as appealing as athletic director J.D. Morgan thought. University of Louisville basketball coach Denny Crum makes the second coach to turn down the once most coveted job in college basketball, the position of head basketball coach at UCLA. At a press conference Crum mentioned his family and the lovely people of Kentucky as factors in his deciding not to accept the job.

Could these have been the only reasons? Most likely they are not. Gene Bartow is a prime example of what can happen to a "good" coach once he arrives at UCLA. Although Bartow had two winning seasons at UCLA, the Bruin organization was very unhappy because of losses in the NCAA Tournament for two years in a row. Bartow was down the road for losing only 7 games in two years. This is not one of the most favorable atmospheres for a college and if the Bruin organization doesn't change they'll be lucky to get a successful high school coach.

An Associated Press poll of the richest free agents shows that most of them are not earning their astronomical salaries. Some is due to injury, some to organizational problems, but most of these players are not playing up to their so-called "great" ability.

Of course there are some benefits to having these highpriced superstars. No doubt that personalities like Reggie Jackson, Rollie Fingers, and Gene Tenace draw huge crowds at the box office. But these guys are supposed to do more than draw fans; they are supposed to play "super" baseball. Take Jackson for example. Reggie is batting .280 with 13 homers. This may have been acceptable in other years but with the new livelier balls. The American League is crawling with .300 and over hitters. His low batting average is not because he is a powerhitter either. His home run production, 13, is about half that of the leaders. If Jackson is earning 2.9 million it is because he is drawing fans.

Jackson is not the only one having big problems. Texas gave Bert Campanaris \$1 million and Doyl Alexander \$955,000 and is struggling. San Diego got Gene Tenace for 1.6 million and Rollie Fingers for \$1.7 million, and is in a wild battle for last place in the division with Atlanta, where Gary Matthews and Andy Messersmith are playing, both of whom have million dollar contracts. If these high priced free agents don't produce in the coming years, what do they care? Almost all of them are over 30 and are probably playing out their last years knowing they have millions when they retire.

In a stealthy manner the Los Angeles Rams have named their second Black coach, Lionel Taylor, the ex-Pittsburgh Steeler Assistant. The Rams have also added ex-Ram Dick Bass to the broadcasting team. It is conceivable that the Rams are doing this to scotch the feelings of the Black community in California about the shabby treatment of James "Shack" Harris and the eventual trade of the NFL's No. 1 passer. Insiders claim Joe Scibell had the broadcasting job locked up until it became known that the Ram's front office was going to sack "Shack" and send him to the San Diego Chargers.



Timber Clyde Boat [9] intercepts Kicks pass during 2-1 loss. [Photo: Debra Mischler]

Timbers split pair

by Jim Beedee

Hopes of catching Minnesota, who maintain first place in the Western Division of the North American Soccer League, looked more dismal for the Portland Timbers, as they dropped a 2-1 decision to the Kicks on Wednesday, June 29, at Civic Stadium.

Portland pressured the Kick's goal early in the match, and at 19:53 referee Bob Mathewson called a foul after an opposing player carelessly put a hand on the ball in the goal area. A crowd of 14,773 then erupted in jubilation as Stewart Scullion drilled in the penalty kick from 10 meters away, past Minnesota keeper Geoff Barnett, to make the

score 1-0.

As in the past, the Timbers had a tendency to relax after scoring their first goal. As a result, at 30:54, Ace Ntsoelengoe scored the equalizer for Minnesota off a deflection by Ade Coker which beat Portland keeper Mick Poole.

Then, at 55:34 after totally beating the Timber defense, it took only a shot to the corner of the net by Alan Willey to decide the contest.

Finally, on Friday, July 1, Portland found a 2-1 victory on the road against team Hawaii. Pat McMahon scored the winner after Hawaii keeper Mark Stahl had accidentally cleared the ball into his own net for Portland's first goal, and three Hawaii players were ejected from the match.

CB club meets

The Portland Modulators, a newly formed C.B. Club is having its first All Channel C.B. Break on Saturday, July 16, 1977 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the northwest end of Delta Park. Food will be sold and drawings for prizes will be held. Main prize will be a 40-channel C.B. Radio. Proceeds will be used for a

scholarship fund. Donations are \$1.00. The public is invited. If you are a C.B.'er or want to learn about C.B. come out and talk with some of the C.B.'ers. President of the Club is LOBO, Chairman of the break is The Twister.

Y offers summer classes

Northeast YWCA will offer classes at Albina Women's League Community Art Center, 8 N.E. Killingsworth, and at Irvington School, 1320 N.E. Brazeo (Room 106) beginning the week of June 20. Young people may also join the groups on the following week.

On Mondays at the Art Center, Vonda Johnson will teach a class in stitchery from 10 to 11 a.m. Children from 9 years of age and up may participate and make a pretty wall hanging. Debbie Johnson will be the instructor for a personal improvement class for girls 12 years and up. The introductory course from 11 a.m. to noon will cover good grooming, hair and skin care, grace in movement, etc. Connie Emerson will lead a class in puppetry from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Participants will write stories and make puppet characters. Children should be from age 10 and up. Modern Jazz dance will be taught by Laurine Wilson from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for those age 10 and up.

On Wednesdays at Irvington School, Diana Uselton will be the instructor for a class in creative crafts for those 8 years old and up. Hours will be from 10 to 11

a.m. The personal improvement course for girls 12 years and older will be taught by Wanda Nakata from 11 to 12. A course on how to be a better babysitter will be taught by Randi Rodvik from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for those 11 years old and older. Students who complete the class receive a YWCA certificate. And Laurine Wilson will also teach a modern Jazz dance class from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for those 10 years and older.

In addition to these classes will be an outdoor cookery class scheduled several times during the summer. Further information will be available at the Northeast YWCA Center at 126 N.E. Alberta.

Climaxing the summer will be a special talent and fashion show at Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott, Sunday, August 21 at 2:30 p.m. Barbara Parker will coordinate the fashion show with Debbie Johnson and Wanda Nakata assisting. Participating will be students from the personal improvement classes. Demonstrations from other classes will be included. Parents and friends will be invited to attend.

Mozambique film premiers

The Portland premiere of the film O POVO ORGANIZADO [The People Organized] will be held at St. Andrew's Church, 806 N.E. Alberta on Wednesday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. The film, which shows the task of reconstruction in Mozambique after the country won its independence from Portugal in 1975, will be repeated Thursday, July 14 in Room 327 of Smith Center at Portland State University at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 17 in the Centenary Wilbur Church Parlor at 7 p.m. A \$1.00 donation will be asked at each showing.

O POVO ORGANIZADO is director Robert Van Lierop's second film on Mozambique. After over a decade of

organized military and political struggle against Portuguese colonialism, the people of Mozambique are now engaged in the even more difficult task of forging a new nation, despite scarcities of schools, doctors, hospitals, and machinery. Over 2,000 people turned out for the New York opening of this inspiring film.

The film is sponsored by the Free Southern Africa Committee. Presentations will be made at each showing about similar struggles occurring now in Zimbabwe, South Africa and Namibia. All interested persons are invited to join the committee. For further information call 284-9537 or 283-5517.

Meetings explore social issues

On July 14, 1977 Town Hall Meetings will be held in 33 communities around the State, to provide Oregonians with an opportunity to speak out about these and other issues. Citizens who attend these Town Hall Meetings will participate in a public opinion survey to answer basic questions concerning economic security for Americans. Oregonians' responses to these questions will be presented to Congress and President Carter.

This is the first time that Town Hall Meetings of this scale, involving local communities in focusing on issues of economic security, have ever been attempted in any state in the nation. Here is an opportunity for Oregonians to again take the lead in solving problems that concern all Americans. By sending the voice of Oregon to Washington, D.C., the opinions of Oregonians can help shape public policy.

The Local Meeting Places for Town Hall Meetings in Portland are from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m., Thursday, July 14th at Schunk Tower, 8832 N. Syracuse; the

North Portland Public Library, 512 N. Killingsworth; the King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 N.E. 7th and Hollywood East, 1600 N.E. 45th. At 7:00 p.m., those attending the meetings will see a film broadcast over OEPBS of the highlights of Wages, Welfare or WHAT? conference held in Portland in April. That conference focused on four public policy options in the area of income maintenance and employment - Full Employment, Less Government Intervention, Welfare Reform and a Guaranteed Income. Speakers of national significance participated in this conference including Congressman James Corman; noted author, Michael Harrington and former H.E.W. Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Oregon Governor Robert Straub, Senator Mark Hatfield, Congressman Al Ullman, Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt and former Governor Tom McCall also spoke at the conference.

A discussion of the problems concerned with economic security for Americans will follow the film.

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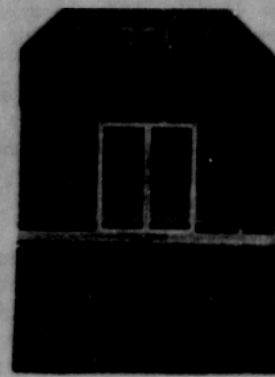
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