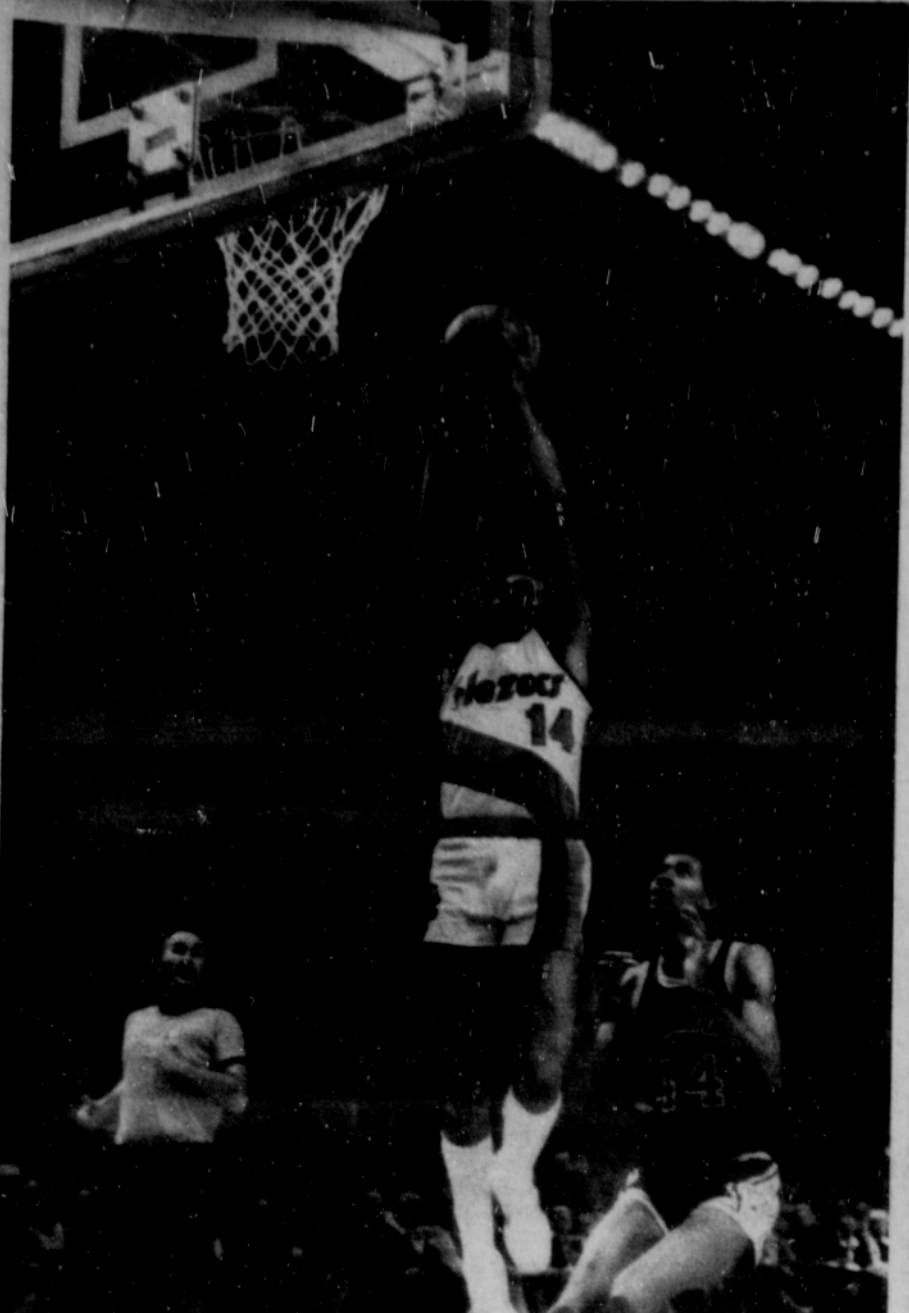




Hollins soars and scores...fast becoming one of the premier guards in the NBA...Lionel hits one of game leading 36 points. Blazers out-gunned San Antonio Spurs, 130-115. [Photo: Yasuko Oiyi]



President Lawrence O'Brien of the NBA presents trophy and player's championship rings. [Photo: Yasuko Oiyi]



Sports Talk

by Ron Sykes
Sports Editor

The defending NBA Champion Portland Trailblazers opened their season Friday night in Seattle and won a hard fought game against the Seattle Sonics 106 to 99. One thing for sure is that the Blazers will have to play every night -- as newly crowned Kings of the NBA every team in the league will be firing at them.

Bill Walton and Maurice Lucas, the dynamic duo, continued their devastating ways against Seattle. Walton cleared up the boards, blocked shots, and flipped outlet passes like guided missiles. Steady Maurice Lucas does things that leaves one glassy-eyed.

Rebounding, passing and shooting are all part of Lucas' game. When Walton and friend Lucas are on the floor together it's very hard for opposing teams to match-up.

Word has it that the up-and-coming team in the NBA is the Milwaukee Bucks.

Milwaukee was able to obtain five very good young basketball players -- when it was evident that Kareem Abdul-Jabbar no longer wanted to display his awesome talent in Milwaukee. Instead of asking for a huge sum of money, which undoubtedly they could have received the Bucks got players like Brian Winters, Dave Meyers, Junior Bridgeman, Elmo Smith and Cornelius Warner.

Now, with the addition this year of Ernie Grumfeld, 6'6", All-American from Tennessee, and Marques Johnson from UCLA, 6'7", All-World and college player of the year. Add to that 6'11", All-American Kent Benson and you have a basketball team.

Last Saturday, in Milwaukee, these young Bucks demolished a strong Chicago Bull team by more than twenty points. Benson took Artis Gilmore, Chicago's 7'2" giant to the top of the key and when Gilmore refused to follow him out...Benson promptly hit four in a row from 25 feet out. Brian Winters roams the perimeter wreaking havoc on enemy defenders, while Marques Johnson is so powerful underneath, he's already being compared with the great Elgin Baylor. Dave Meyer, another ex-UCLA All-American has strengthened his upper body and playing very strong at 6'8", in the power forward position.

The strongest division in the NBA now appears to be the Midwest Division. With the exception of Indiana's Pacers the Midwest is super strong. Chicago will beat Denver out for the Division championship. Then Denver, Milwaukee, and Detroit will finish in that order. The Midwest could easily see four teams battling for the Championship, with KC just barely behind. As far as talent goes Detroit would have to rank right behind Philadelphia.

A line-up of Marvin Burnes, Carr, Bob Lanier, Chris Ford, Eric Money and top reserves Howard Porter, Kevin Porter and Ralph Simpson are enough to make any coach drool.

Walt "Clyde" Frazier returned to haunt his old teammates as the Cleveland Cavaliers downed the New York Knicks

117-112 in overtime at the Garden.

Frazier scored 28 points, had eight steals, four assists and earned a three minute standing ovation from his former fans.

"Clyde" was involved in the trade that saw Jim Clemons move from Cleveland to New York.

Trading Frazier was probably the best thing that could happen to Walt Frazier. Baffling? Well it can be easily explained. It is this writers belief that Frazier had grown complacent in New York. He had the "Big Apple" by the stem. Frazier was the virtuoso of the New York Knick attack, and he did it all.

With all this achieved at so young an age Frazier retired while still playing.

Now this might seem confusing to some, but not if you really analyze his past play! He had his reputation and was content to live off it. Now suddenly comes the trade, a devastating blow to any Super Star. In Frazier's case he's no longer the apple of the eye in the Big City. Maybe then, he even began to question his own ability. Trades can have differentiating effects.

To Frazier it meant regrouping his wealth of talent, it meant getting his show back on the road, it meant that once more he must show his peers that he's indeed the best. My prediction is that this year Walt Frazier will play like the Clyde of old.

And how about James Edwards, the seven footer out of Washington University. Edwards was passed up by so many NBA clubs, only to be drafted by -- of all people -- the Lakers, and who could blame the young man for feeling blue when it was learned that he would be backing up one of the most durable centers in all of basketball -- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Well, with the much publicized injury to Jabbar, young Edwards has been thrown into the breach and is doing fine. Oh, yeah, he was also available when Portland drafted the third round. WOW!!

By any figment of the imagination, and by almost any yardstick, quarterback Douglas Williams has to be considered a bona fide candidate for the coveted Heisman Trophy Award. A bazooka armed quarterback who has already earned All-American recognition twice -- if Williams can receive the vote that he so deserves -- needless to say it will be the first time a Black quarterback has been considered. There has been several Blacks to win the award, generally regarded as the trophy for the Best Collegiate Football Player of the Year. Williams' statistics confound the darnedest of figure filbert.

The 6'4", 214 pound Senior owned practically every passing record in the books at Grambling University. Surpassing those of both Matthew Reed and James "Shack" Harris. In roughly two and a half seasons as Grambling's start-



DOUG WILLIAMS

ing quarterback, Williams has passed for 55 touchdowns, two better than the previous school record held by former Tiger great Harris, now of the San Diego Chargers.

His 23 touchdown strikes in the 1975 season broke the Louisiana mark set by Terry Bradshaw of the Pittsburgh Steelers when he was a collegian at Louisiana Tech.

A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Williams was named All-American in four

polls last season. He threw 20 touchdown passes in 1976 and has passed for 5,125 yards since taking over the starting position in the fifth game of his freshman year.

Williams is not just a serious student of football, he excels in the classroom also, having been an honor student throughout most of his matriculation at Grambling.

Williams hopes to graduate into professional football. Insiders say he is a can't miss prospect and a lead pipe cinch to go in the very first round of the upcoming NFL draft. Let's hope that when he is drafted it will be with quarterback in mind and not be changed into running back or wide receiver like so many other good Black college quarterbacks.

P.I.L. PLAY-OFFS

By virtue of the vote Grant's Generals were proclaimed #1 in the P.I.L. East Division.

Grant will now play the #2 team from the West Division, Jackson.

Jefferson, by defeating Jackson 14-12, on a last minute touchdown pass by quarterback Howard Jenkins, will face Marshall the #2 team from the East.

Jefferson and Marshall will meet at 6:30, while the Grant-Jackson encounter starts at 8:30.

Both games are scheduled for Civic Stadium. With the exclusion of Benson by the principal's vote, Grant is undoubtedly the odds on favorite. The final will be a repeat between Marshall and Grant.

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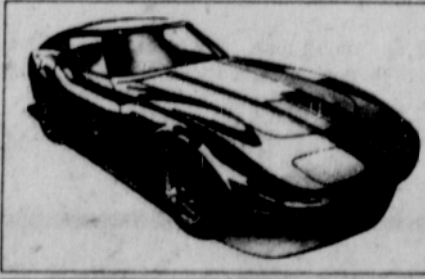
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Y promotes adult volleyball

by Jim Brown

The YMCA with an effort to be more community oriented is offering an adult Volleyball Program to those eighteen and over. This is an excellent means of physical fitness plus the opportunity to meet new friends and have fun. The program will need volunteer coaches, so those with knowledge of the game can assist those just beginning.

The program will work like this. Mr. Dennis Hill of the park department will teach beginning Volleyball on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. This class is at Peninsula Park Gym, and free of cost. The student will learn the correct way to play and the safety factors of the game. This class is starting now. You may sign up at the gym or at the YMCA office located at 4815 N.E. 7th Avenue "King Neighborhood Facility." The gym and class are located at 6400 N. Albina (Portland Boulevard and Albina). After this class an organized league will begin on January 6, 1978 in which teams will compete on a weekly basis. There will be trophies for the first four places and a dinner afterward.

The fee for the league program will be the standard membership fee for the YMCA, which is twenty dollars. This fee will also entitle the member to other programs such as softball, etc. free of cost.

Mr. James Brown of the YMCA Project Move and Mr. Dennis Hill of the park department will be the directors of this adult recreation program. Call 287-4222 for information about registration and volleyball league. Fee arrangements can be made for sign up leagues.

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