



Sports Talk

by Ron Sykes
Sports Editor

Will the Tom Owens - Robin Jones trade eventually become a plus for Portland? Bob Robinson, writing for the *Oregonian*, seems to think Tom Owens is just what the Doctor ordered. Dr. Jack Ramsey that is. He hastily writes that, in his opinion of course, Portland is better off with the acquisition of the contented Owens versus the mal-contented Jones.

Robin may have been troubled last year because of playing time or lack of playing time. Whatever his problems were, they never showed on the court. He always played with tremendous verve and enthusiasm. And as far as over-all talent and potential... then Robin Jones would surely, in my opinion, rate higher than the much travelled Owens.

Tom Owens has bounced around the league for seven years. He's much older than Jones, and if he has so much talent, as Robinson implies, then why after all these years hasn't he emerged. OK, he's 6'10". Granted, but what else can he do? When it comes to rebounding he's quite inadequate as a leaper and doesn't show enough aggressiveness. His shots are poorly selected and more often than not he draws offensive fouls on his moves to the hoop, which leads one to question his mobility. Frankly, I fail to see all these attributes that are heaped so readily on the newly acquired backup center. Sure, he's scored in the Blazer home games, which mostly have ended in run-aways.

Jones believed before the play-offs began that it was a strong possibility that he would not be a Blazer this year. He talked then about possible contract difficulty.

Robin was the only Blazer drawing minimum salary, which is \$30,000 in the NBA. Sure he thought he deserved more and knew he would have difficulty in negotiations. On Jones' playing ability, he could do more than Owens. Robins only fault is that he didn't get the outlet pass out as quickly as Portland's running game requires. But being a rookie, and that being his only major problem, I'm sure Robin could have improved in that one area.

Robin Jones' attitude in Portland was always super and if the 'other' press wants to glorify one isolated incident then it's par for the course as for how our 'other' press continues to relate to Black players.

This writer goes on to say that Robin, at best, is only a marginal player and has only a 50-50 chance to stick when C.J.



ROBIN JONES

Kypce and Rudy White return from the injured reserve list.

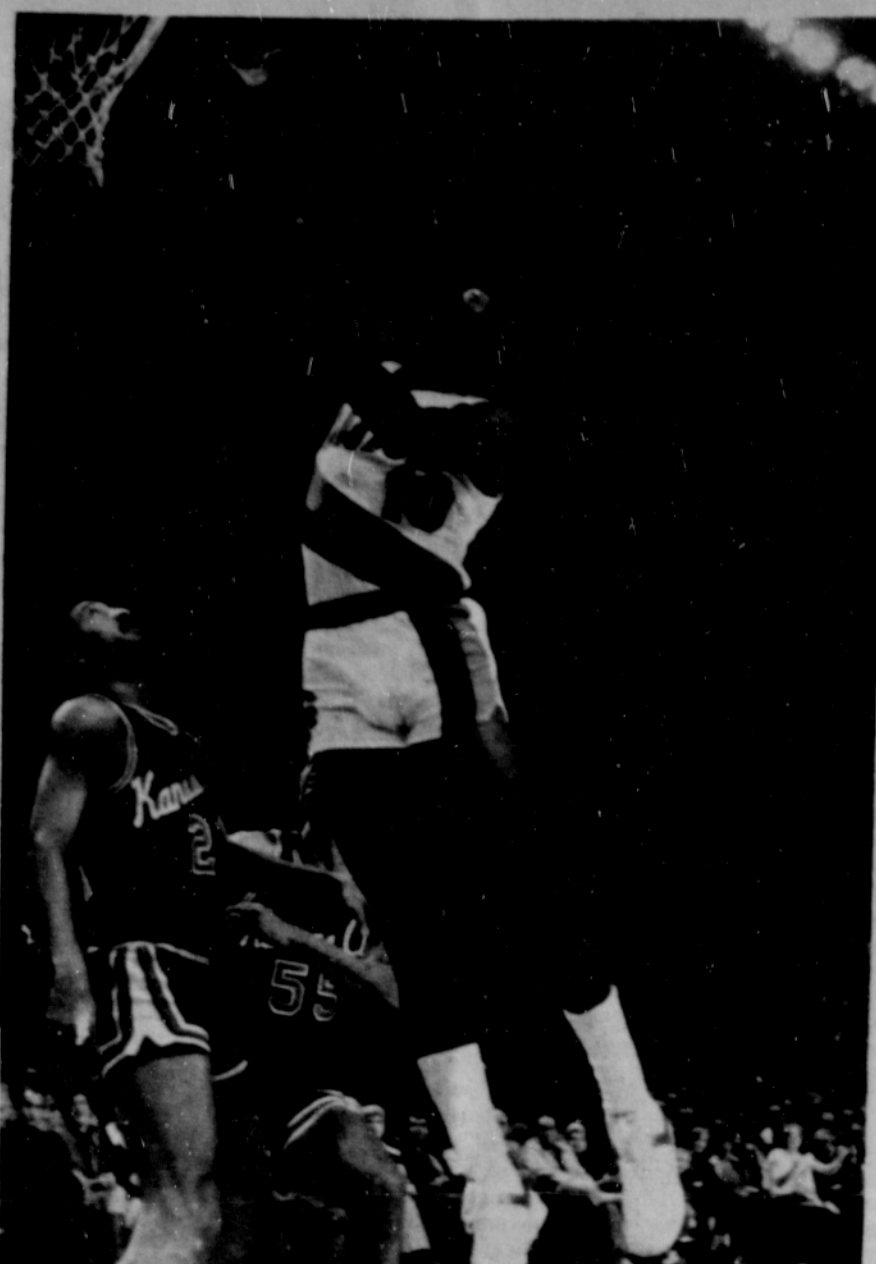
Well, if that's true then again Robin is most unfortunate because marginal players, Black, have no real future in the NBA.

The marginal players in the NBA are valuable, if white, not if Black. Check the NBA rosters and see who those spots are reserved for. Tom Owens is a shining example of a marginal player and Portland adores him.

Collegiate basketball is on the horizon, in fact, Portland based fans of Kamikaze Kids will have their best chance to see Oregon's basketball team in action this December when Dick Harter's team plays four games in Portland's Memorial Coliseum. Oregon's Kamikaze Kids are expected to challenge UCLA for the title won last year by the Bruins, with the Ducks finishing second.

Gone this year from the Oregon squad are Greg Ballard, Ernie Kent and Greg Graham, all seniors. But Duck ranks have been bolstered with the return of center Dan Hartshorne who missed the entire season last year due to a knee injury. Seemingly, the knee has responded and Dan is off to a great season.

Last year's starting center, Kelvin Small, is now working from the corner and appears quite comfortable there. Joe



CALHOUN

Cory Calhoun enjoys his most productive night as a Blazer, scoring 24 points in Portland's 118-101 victory over Detroit.

[Photo by Debra Misher]

Morech, 6'8" Soph, is making a strong bid to start in the other corner. Harter is quite pleased with his back court and thinks sophomore John Murray will start alongside 5'8" Senior Mike Drummond. UCLA's stranglehold on the Pac-8 Title will be seriously challenged by the Pacific NW schools this year. OSU, WSU and Oregon will all be tough.

BLAZER HI-LITE Portland 118, Detroit 101

Playing without their two big men, Bob Lanier and Marvin Barnes, Detroit was no match for the high powered Portland attack. Blazers, led by the super defense

of Lionel Hollins and the outstanding offense of Cory Calhoun, 11-12 from the floor, overwhelmed a short handed Piston team.

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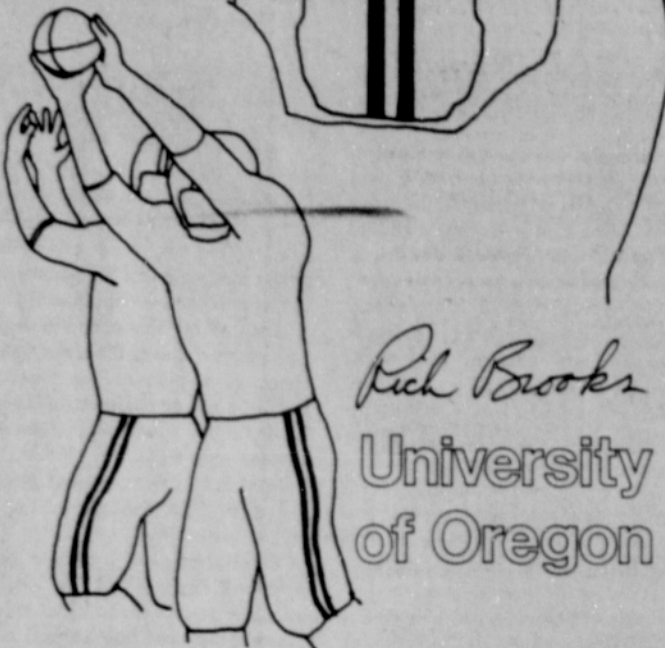
This will be a true test for Portland's Bill Walton as he faces one of the NBA's toughest centers in 72" Artis Gilmore of the Chicago Bulls. Last year in the play-offs Walton couldn't handle Gilmore by himself and the Blazers had to defend him with help from the guards and forwards. Mickey Johnson, one-time

Grid Tips with Rich Brooks



Interceptions

Play the ball. Never step in front of a receiver unless you can get both hands on the ball. Intercept the ball at the highest point with thumbs "in."



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Church News

St. Andrews sets Mens Day

The St. Andrews Men's Brotherhood of St. Andrews Community Church, located at N.E. 30th and Wygant, will be holding their Annual Men's Day Program on Sunday, November 27th, at 3:00 p.m. Guest speakers will be Mr. Nick Burnett, Director of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission and the Reverend Dale Stitt, Pastor of the Mallory Avenue Christian Church. Both speakers will address the topic, "The Church And The Community." There will be a reception following the program. The public is cordially invited to attend. Reverend Edsel Goldson is Pastor of St. Andrews Community Church.



Andrew Young credits church with US foreign policy change

NEW YORK, NOV. 10 - Speaking in New York before the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches, Andrew Young, chief U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, credited U.S. churches with affecting major changes in U.S. foreign policy over the last 30 years.

"Nothing happens in this country until the churches respond," Young declared, adding that "out of the preaching and teaching of the missions of our churches, we have created a ferment in the world."

This ferment, he said, resulted from the church's "insidious doctrine that all men are children of God. When people begin to believe they are children of God they don't want anyone else to determine their destiny."

President Carter's human rights policy "is a policy that came from the American churches," Young said. He maintained that "there is not a thing on the foreign policy agenda that we were not discussing in church circles 20 years ago."

Young, a former staff official of the National Council of Churches, called "extremely important" a policy statement on Southern Africa that came before the board following Young's speech.

The policy statement, which calls for church support of liberation movements in South Africa, Rhodesia and Namibia (Southwest Africa), was adopted without a negative vote.

The statement also declares that the National Council of Churches will "under-

take to withdraw all funds and close all accounts in financial institutions that invest or make loans to the South African government or businesses" and urges other church organizations to do the same.

An end to economic and military "collaboration" between the U.S. and South Africa is advocated in the 20-page policy statement. It also seeks "an immediate transfer of power to the African majority" of Rhodesia and calls for efforts to end investment in Namibia until majority rule is attained.

In making the statement, the Governing Board said it was "guided by its commitment to Christian principles and its own affirmation of human rights." That statement rules out any possibility of the National Council's supporting violence, William P. Thompson, president of the council, said in the meeting.

Adoption of the policy statement followed extensive discussion of a theological section within it. The theological section says, in part, "As Christians and as part of the people of God, we believe that God actively participates in human history. The vision of the kingdom, revealed through Jesus Christ, shapes our hope and compels us to work for

justice, liberation and peace. For that reason, we affirm our solidarity with those who engage in such work."

The statement was approved by a vote of 129 favor, none opposed and two abstentions. Policy statements provide the basis for program work of the National Council of Churches and for resolutions on specific issues by the Governing Board and other agencies of the council.

The policy statement is important, Young said, not only because the Black majority in South Africa are in physical danger, but because "the souls of some four million whites in South Africa are in an even greater danger."

"Lord have mercy on the hell which faces John Vorster, not after death but in the day-to-day living with fear that has to go with the kind of sinful life that he has adopted as national policy in that government," he said.

In response to a question, Young said he would today contact the U.S. attorney general about the case of the Washington 10. One of the 10, Benjamin Chavis, a clergyman and employee of the United Church of Christ, "has no business being in jail," Young said.

The Wilmington 10, nine Black men

and a white woman, were convicted on charges arising from racial disturbances in Wilmington in 1971. The National Council of Churches, other church organizations and Amnesty International contend the 10 were wrongfully convicted.

Asked why President Carter has not interceded on their behalf, Young said, "Your guess is as good as mine." He said he had not discussed the case with the attorney general who had promised to get back to him. "I'll get back to him this afternoon," Young said. In this case, he said, the judicial system was "abused."

Pointing out that many leaders of African liberation movements are clergy or products of mission schools, Young said that "the liberation of Mozambique

didn't come from Russia, it came from an understanding of the gospel."

In spite of the Marxist character of the Mozambican government, there is "probably a deeper strain of humanism there than in any country I've visited," he said.

In another action, the Governing Board urged the U.S. government to "continue to work for major strategic arms reduction through negotiation and for a halt in the authorization and funding of the neutron bomb" and nuclear weapons delivery systems.

An "immediate cut off" of nuclear weapons production and a "roll back of existing nuclear weapons" was also supported by the board, which said it seeks "the ultimate goal of eliminating nuclear weapons from the arsenals of all nations."



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