



Sports Talk

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Those of you who had the opportunity to watch the NBA's annual showcase of talent, which is commonly referred to as an all-star game, had the chance to appreciate the fine play of the three Blazer representatives, Lionel Hollins, Maurice Lucas, and Bill Walton.

If nothing else the game showed how much can be accomplished when team basketball is employed, and how quickly a lead can be destroyed when one-on-one is played.

Portland, with its 40-8 record, is the talk of the NBA. It's true that everybody loves a winner and for sure the Blazers are that. Some still argue that Portland was not the best team in the NBA last year, that the Blazer talent was only adequate.

To this I say ridiculous. On the court Portland exemplifies all that is necessary to win ball games. They have speed, quickness, intelligence...but most of all patience and unselfishness. And this, coupled with youth, is why they're winning now and will continue to win in the future.

It's been learned through a good friend and news source, Paul Knauls, that Robin Jones, ex-Blazer center is alive and well. Jones has recently returned to Portland and is working for a large corporation in town.

No all-star game for Kareem Abdul Jabbar. Western Conference coaches and fans failed to recognize the game's most prolific scorer and dominant player on this year's all-star team.

Some will contend that Jabbar's early season fracas with Rookie Kent Benson, causing him to miss two months, was a good reason for leaving him off. But I can remember last year when Boston's Dave Cowens walked out on his teammates and missed 30 games, yet still was selected to play. "Oh, well! Different strokes for different folks." Perhaps if Jabbar had been, and hindsight is so much better, the West would have come out on top.

Believe me, on this day Chicago's Artis Gilmore was not up to the task. More often than not the big "fella" just stood around waiting his chance to stuff someone or something through the hoop at the sacrifice of team play and rebounding. Lionel Hollins summed it up well when he

said, "Some guys were just standing around in the second half and our movement stopped." Whatever, Buffalo's Randy Smith never stopped, as the swift backcourt ace parted the nets for 27 points. Smith displayed awesome speed throughout the contest, and is probably the second fastest starting guard in the NBA. Portland's Hollins is the fastest, and the best!!!

Grambling's good Coach Eddie Robinson was said to have been in line for the Ram coaching job. To this I say, hog-wash. Oh, sure! Robinson was interviewed for the job and reportedly spent six hours talking with Ram owner Carroll Rosenbloom. Just as there was no Heisman for Grambling quarterback Doug Williams, there's also no head coaching job for his coach, Eddie Robinson.

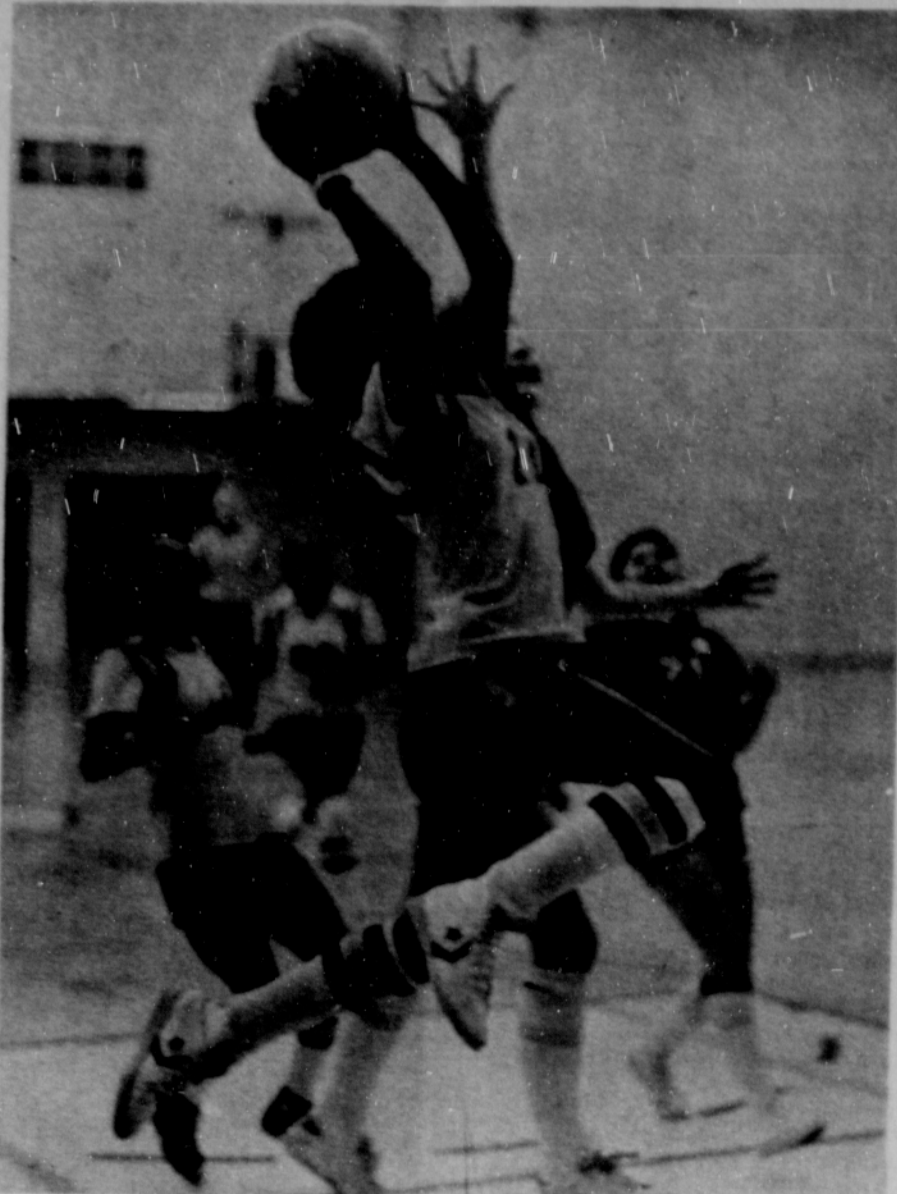
Realistically no one could give Robinson a chance to head the Rams. LA fans weren't ready for a Black quarterback, James Harris, so how possibly could they get ready for a Black head coach? No way! Like all racial barriers, this one too will be broken down, and hopefully it won't be long.

Hopefully owners will follow the example set by the NBA. They hire and fire Black coaches...but the main thing is that at least they're given a chance. And who can ask for more?

PSU's Freeman Williams continues his march toward a second NCAA scoring championship, and is marching strong. Williams' 81 points Friday night in the 133-110 win over "Rocky" was second highest points ever scored in NCAA history.

For those of you that are unfamiliar with PSU's Friday night opponents, and I'm sure there are still a few, the name is Rocky Mountain and the game they play slightly resembles basketball. All respects to Freeman, but in reality this was a poor team. Williams could do just about anything he wanted on the floor and often did.

The "Free" scored 148 points in three games last week (49.3) to increase his lead over the scoring leaders in the nation. "The Free" is now at 36.0 PPG with five counting games remaining.



Jeffrey Parker (11) appears perched for two here but this time the ball didn't fall. The Domo's had considerable success otherwise, however, defeating Washington 60-47. Jefferson's Barbara Canada led scorers with 22.



Fourth quarter action displays Adams' run at West Division leader Lincoln. Adams answered the Cardinals' quick machine for three quarters, then suffered foul problems and missed opportunities, losing 49-37. Rebound scramblers here are Adams players Leslie Franklin (33) and Tina Warren (12). Lincoln's Karla Neupert (32) led Cards with 16. Teammate Dale Roberts goes over the back and Tammy Nelson waits.

Harter says Ducks ready for second half

It's time for the Pac-8 rematches for Oregon's basketball team, and the second half of the season begins with the opportunity to even the ledger against the Washington schools, which defeated the Ducks on their home court last week.

But in order for the Ducks to accomplish this feat they must put more emphasis on offense. Tenacious defense is so necessary, but it still remains that if the ball never fills the hole, then victory will always be denied. A further look at Oregon's offense reveals an offense whose leading scorer, Dan Hartshorne, the sophomore pivotman leading the way with a paltry 10.5 PPG. Next comes freshmen Phil Barner with 9.4 and third is another frosh Mike Clark with 8.5.

The first to visit Mac Court will be

Washington State, coached by George Raveling, the Cougars will invade Thursday night, with Washington due in for a Saturday evening game.

Oregon lost close encounters to both last week, 58-52 at Seattle and 54-48 at Pullman, to leave the Ducks with a league record of 2-5.

Saturday's game will be preceded at 5:30 by a game between the two schools' women's teams.

Dick Harter believes his young Ducks (four freshmen starters) may be ready to turn the proverbial corner this week. Realistically though, we must believe otherwise. The Ducks, again, just leave too much to be desired offensively. The corner won't be turned this week or this year for Coach Harter and his Ducks.

Cycle Fair '78

Portland's only complete new and custom bike show this year, Cycle Fair '78, will open its doors for a three-day stand at the Multnomah County Exposition Center on Friday, February 17, 1978.

Cycle Fair '78, which gets under way at 6:00 p.m. Friday, will also have two motorcycle-related feature guests. Larry Wilcox, star of the NBC television series *Chips*, will make personal appearances including autograph sessions on both Saturday and Sunday. And, the world-renowned Seattle Cossack motorcycle stunt and drill team will perform in the Expo Center's arena twice on Saturday.

Cycle Fair '78's show hours will be from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday and from 12:00 Noon until 11:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. The grand awards trophy presentation, which is open to the public, will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Oakland school provides education

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press a mixture of enthusiasm and gratitude toward the school.

"I consider myself terribly lucky," said Marianne Keyes, whose nine-year-old son spent one year in public school "without learning a single thing. I was beside myself," she said. "I had to get him out of there. He was going into a shell. Since he's been at the community school I just can't believe the difference. He's grown up. He reads well and he has a lot of confidence."

Pat Dudley has three children at OCS. A fourth daughter who graduated last year is an honor student at one of Oakland's best junior high schools. The school helped Dudley get legal help after one of her children was hit by a car. And when she went to the hospital this past summer, the school took care of the children at its dormitory facility.

"For the first time in my life I have had time to do things with the peace of mind that my kids are being taken care of," said Dudley, a single mother. "They love the school. I was thinking of leaving the state but they pleaded with me not to take them out of the school."

Parents seem unconcerned over the possibility that their children might be politically influenced by the Panthers. "There is no politics involved. But they do talk to the children about where they live and why they live there," said Rita Means. "There is a lot of discussion about social conditions. The children become aware."

The emphasis on social conditions rather than political interpretation is a distinction that avoids indoctrination, Huggins says. "We do not impress our ideas on these children," she said. "But the education they get here is not just the three R's either. It is an understanding that there is no more important purpose than to be obligated to other human beings."

On the other hand, Huggins says the school and other community programs sponsored by the party in no way signal change of Panther philosophy.

"We are the same people we always were," she said. "We want a new order of things in this society and in the world. But we realize that if 'A' is oppression and 'Z' is freedom, you just can't jump from A to Z. If we want to change things the best way to be is to educate our children."

Although education students from nearby colleges constantly observe classes and write papers on the school, and state officials periodically commend it, local public school officials have shown little interest in OCS.

"The children in that school are the same as you find in the public schools, yet their intellectual output is prodigious," said Oakland City Councilwoman Mary Moore. "Unfortunately, most educators want to ignore the school because it is run by the Panthers and also because it is a tremendous indictment of the school system."

Yet public school teachers familiar with the Community School do not feel personally indicted by its successes. On the contrary, they feel the school makes the very case teachers have been trying to make all along.

"Smaller classes, and an administration that draws in the parents and the community, make all the difference in the world," said Ron De George, a teacher at Kaiser school in Oakland.

Councilwoman Moore believes the public schools could benefit from studying the community school and adapting some of its developmental programs. "It would cost a fortune, but it could be done and it would save money later on, for welfare and prisons," she said.

ALLEGATIONS

But the school, or more properly the Educational Opportunities Corporation that runs it, is being studied from a different angle in recent weeks.

Since the shooting incidents, newspaper articles have alleged that grant money awarded to the corporation for educational projects was used to pay rent for Panther Party members. Some party members have also been accused of extorting "contributions" from local businesses for their community projects. The city is now auditing the corporation's finances, a move that brought about the resignation of Mayor Wilson from the board. Suspects in the shootings have been identified as employees of the corporation who worked on the school premises. Ericka Huggins is under investigation for welfare fraud.

All these problems, which have descended on the Panthers since Huey Newton's return from exile in Cuba last July, imply that necessary political and financial support for the school could fade.

"People in high places forget to return phone calls or invite you to meetings," said Councilwoman Moore in characterizing the reaction in city government. "You have to wonder what's happening," says Alameda County Supervisor John George, a Panther political ally. "But no one has tried to explain it to me. That's the situation with all of us from Jerry Brown on down."

And a local political observer commented, "They do a fantastic job. But they

also use those children to gain respectability. The school is their big money-getter so it's a pretty thorny ethical question."

Though parents tend to dismiss or ignore these problems, some who have expressed concern that a classic confrontation between Panthers and the police might endanger their children were reassured by Higgins at a recent meeting that the school was safe.

"You could hear the relief in the room," said Judy Freeman, president of the Parent Advisory Committee. "They are a close-knit group which is why they work so well together. But sometimes when things happen you are left in the dark." Huggins told the meeting the school would close rather than leave the children open to danger. But even the suggestion of closing OCS brought protestations of loyalty.

"There is just no way the parents would stand by and let the school go down," Freeman said. "Some people may disappear but we'd keep it going if we had to take it into our own living rooms." For the present, the school appears to be in no danger.

"We haven't suffered at all in terms of losing children or contributors," said Huggins. "Black people don't believe everything they read in the papers. All this harassment stems from the fact they want to destroy Huey Newton and the Black Panther Party. But the school stands on its own two feet and nothing can destroy it because it is so firmly rooted in the community."

[Pat Roberto reports for "Time" magazine from the San Francisco Bay Area.]

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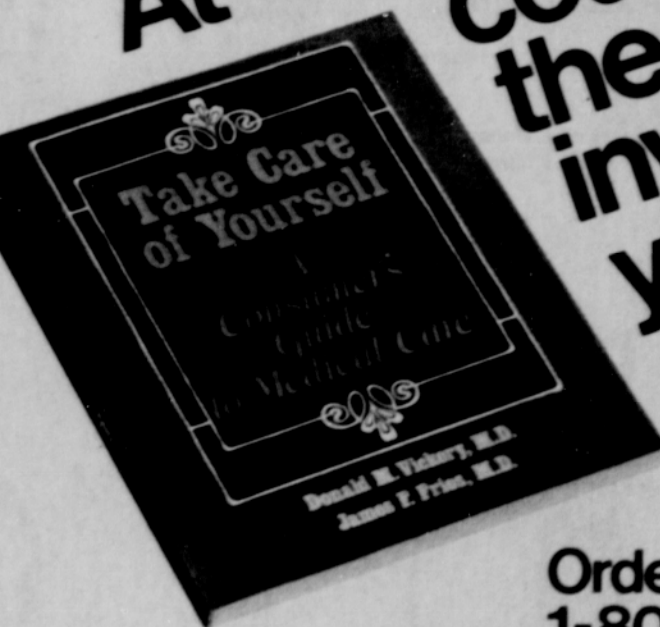
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