



Sports Talk

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Jefferson was victimized in last weeks State AAA Tournament. The final score read 60-51...but the contest, in my view, ended long before that. It's difficult to win a State title, but when five are against seven (including the two refs) then it becomes virtually impossible. Realistically the Demos were had. This was the most atrociously called contest that this writer has viewed, and yes, Mr. Pasero, I did see the game. George Pasero, writing for the Oregon Journal openly defended the officiating, although admittedly he did not attend the Parkrose vs. Jefferson game.

It must have been terribly frustrating to the Jeff players to receive so much contact and then not be able to touch the opposition without being whistled. Jefferson coach Bobby Harris had this to say, "I just can't see how we could be whistled for 41 fouls and the Broncs on 14. Anyway you look at it, it just wasn't fair. How could we compete with our big players, Ronnie and Donnie Ranson and Virgil Allen in early foul trouble." One local writer seemed to rule out the question of a conspiracy against Jeff, and I'm not saying there was, but I'm also not saying there wasn't, either.

This writer stated that the Jefferson team that won in '72 (Channel, Bird, Leary, Hopson, and Cole) never faced such a predicament. I say "hogwash". In the '72 championship game against the tenacious Baker Bulldogs...the officiating again kept Baker close and in fact the Bulldogs led by eight going into the fourth period. It was only because of super duper talent that Jeff was able to pull that one out. Now I'm not belittling Parkrose, for they certainly had a fine team...but there was no way the officials were going to let the pride of the Ghetto walk away with that championship trophy.

It's wrong to cheat adults and even more so when it's kids. I'll never forget the frustration and grief shown on the faces of the Demo players during that ill-fated contest.

Don't despair Demos. You lost the game...but you're still champions in the hearts of the Ghetto.

The Grant Generals showed plenty of poise and no offense, and were crushed by the high-flying Broncs from Parkrose. The Generals played as if they were just happy to be on the same floor with the Broncs. In fact Grant coach Tom Jones said that Parkrose would probably win by forty points...and they, the Broncs, tried to make his prediction come true. And if not for substitutions that just might have come true.

Grant's only highlight was junior pivotman Gil Flowers, who was selected to the first team all-tourney. Ricky Gulledge and Darryl Motley, both seniors, turned in very creditable performances.

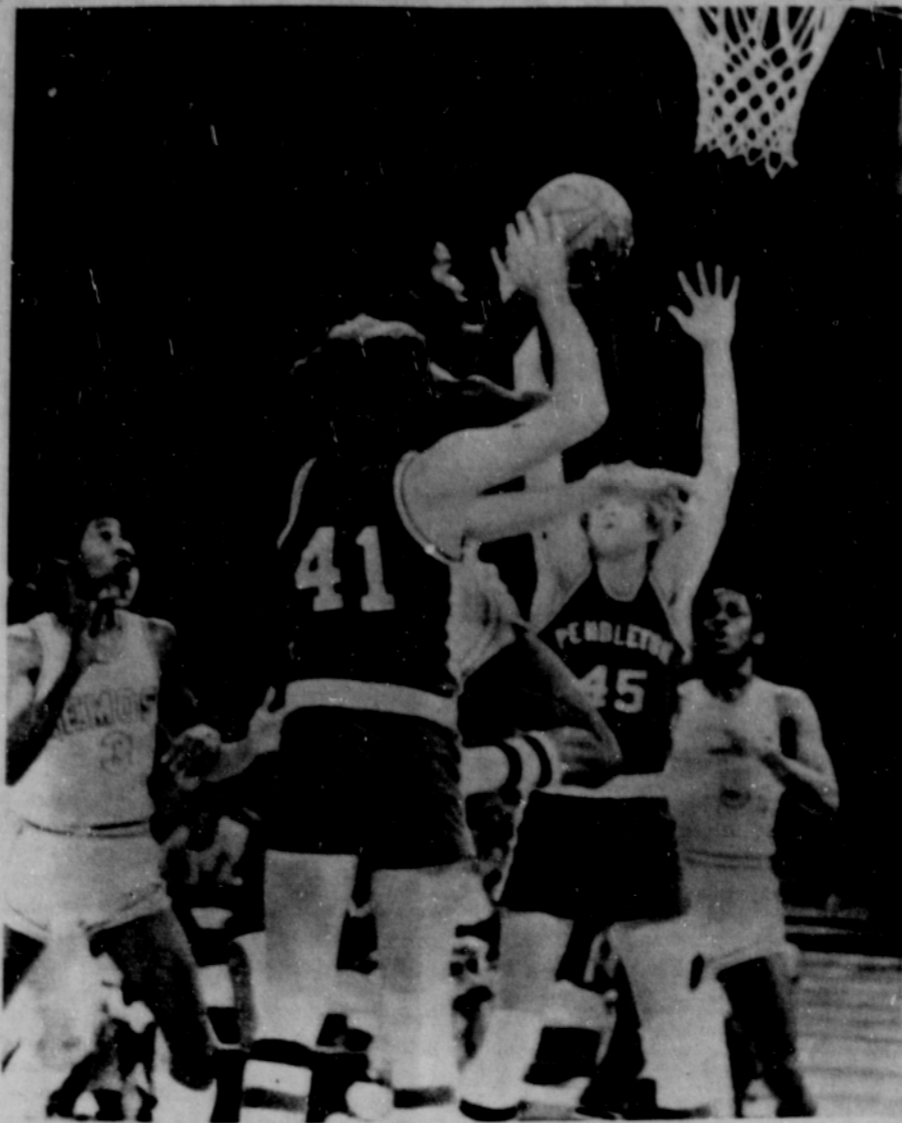
Grant returns almost all of their key players, and after finishing second two consecutive years could possibly win it all next year. At least Grant wasn't victimized, like Jeff, they were just beaten.

Portland State's basketball program is headed for the bushes. That's right. With their announcement that they would rely mainly on Northwest area players, they are headed back to the bushes.

The basketball program is now going almost lily white as if it were the Viking football program under Mouse Davis.

Ken Edwards resigned this week and gave these reasons, "I had a \$12,000 recruiting budget to work with and teams we compete against had three times as much." But, the main problem is that the current administration wants to use players other than California based kids. What they're saying is that Viking basketball will de-emphasize Black players.

Athletic Director Roy Love made the following statement: "We want to recruit basketball players who can win at the level we're playing. But we want to emphasize recruiting in the Northwest more than we have. I think in the past people didn't think we even looked toward the Northwest." Just think where the World Champion Trailblazers would be if they used that philosophy. Right. Right on the bottom.



Don Ranson goes over the top to score as Jefferson defeats Pendleton in AAA second round. (Photo: Debra Mishler)

The present administration at PSU is heading down the same road Oregon State travelled years ago under Dee Andros. PSU will not be able to recruit top Black ballplayers. And until they start scheduling the likes of Warner Pacific, George Fox, Lewis and Clark, etc...until they cannot play University of Portland, Nevada, Reno, OSU and the likes...then their program will suffer. Only when they play the small schools, like their football program, will they have a chance. Oh, sure, some will use the success of Mouse Davis' program as an

example. Sure, Mouse has been successful...but look who he's playing. Small time.

Grant High's Tom Jones' name was thrown in the hopper. That should be interesting because I've yet to see Jones coach an all white team. What would he substitute for speed?

NAACP sponsors Davis Cup demonstrations

NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks has called on national organizations and supporters to join a non-violent protest of the Davis Cup Tennis Matches to be held at Vanderbilt University in Nashville on March 17th, 18th and 19th.

The action is a protest of South African participation in the matches.

Following a savage beating by two masked men of Dr. Richard E. Lapchick, chairman of the American Coordinating Committee for Equality in Sport and

Society, who was in Nashville to organize a series of protests, Hooks called for U.S. withdrawal from the matches. The U.S. team, however, had already participated in the draw, which placed it against South Africa. Withdrawal now would bar the U.S. from the matches until 1981. The U.S. Tennis Association therefore refused to withdraw - but said they had adopted a resolution calling for barring South Africa and had also asked South Africa to withdraw.

Failing to obtain a withdrawal from the U.S. team, Hooks is asking individual American team members to quit the team, following the lead of South African player Ray Moore. Moore, who is South Africa's most prominent player, quit the South African team in protest of that nation's apartheid policy.

Hooks sent the following telegram to American team members:

"National Association for the Advancement of Colored People calls your attention to the courageous action of Ray Moore who withdrew from South Africa's Davis Cup Team in protest to that nation's apartheid policies and practices. This is a very noteworthy protest which all freedom-loving Americans will appreciate.

"The fact that a native South African is willing to join with people all over the world who are opposing apartheid practices which are inhuman, unjust and offensive to all who believe in justice and equal treatment in all aspects of life, is truly noteworthy.

"We believe that American members of the Davis Cup Team can do no less than withdraw and support the action of a courageous South African.

"Accordingly, we call upon you to withdraw from participating in the Davis Cup Matches this year in protest to a racist system which deprives over 18 million of its own citizens democratic rights. Your withdrawal will help to assure the oppressed in South Africa that prominent Americans, including outstanding tennis players, are in sympathy with their efforts to end apartheid practices."

The NAACP sponsored demonstration will begin at the State Capital at 10:00 a.m. on the 18th and will proceed to Centennial Park, where a rally will be held. No attempt will be made to interfere with the tennis matches, but secondary demonstrations will be held against Vanderbilt University.



Circus Director Ralph Hoge welcomes world famous clown Lee Marx to the all-new 1978 edition of the SHRINE CIRCUS opening a four day run Wednesday, March 22nd at Memorial Coliseum.

Circus brings thrills, chills

The annual Shrine Circus comes but once a year and it is the happiest entertainment holiday of the year. The circus plays March 22nd through 25th at the Memorial Coliseum. Tickets are now available at the Coliseum, Meier and Frank downtown and Washington Square and Lipmans downtown.

The circus is as American as apple pie and if variety is the spice of life, the circus this year will fill the bill. The variety of the 30 acts in the three ring event produced by Hubert Castle's International Circus Company, runs the gamut from the usual pretty girls and hilarious clowns to a human cannon ball that blasts away through space.

Featured this year in the star spot is Tarzan Zerbini, circus superstar who trains 20 lions and tigers to do the impossible in the wire cage. He comes from a family who have spent over four generations treading the boards and the sawdust arena.

Others include the Rock-Smith Flyers, official world champions of the flying trapeze doing the unbelievable three and one half somersaults in mid-air. And returned by popular demand are Karl's French Poodles act with the canine stars dressed in beautiful Ziegfeld-type dresses. And from Australia comes Boomer and Company with their boxing kangaroo. From Paris will be Mlle. Jacqueline, a daring high wire aerial performer. Others include the trained elephant herd, award-winning equilibrist, wild animals and the always popular circus band.

More than 20 nations contribute to the international scope of the circus. Show times are 7:00 p.m. Wednesday with tickets available only for that performance at Fred Meyer Shopping Centers; Thursday and Friday at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday at 12:00 noon, 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

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