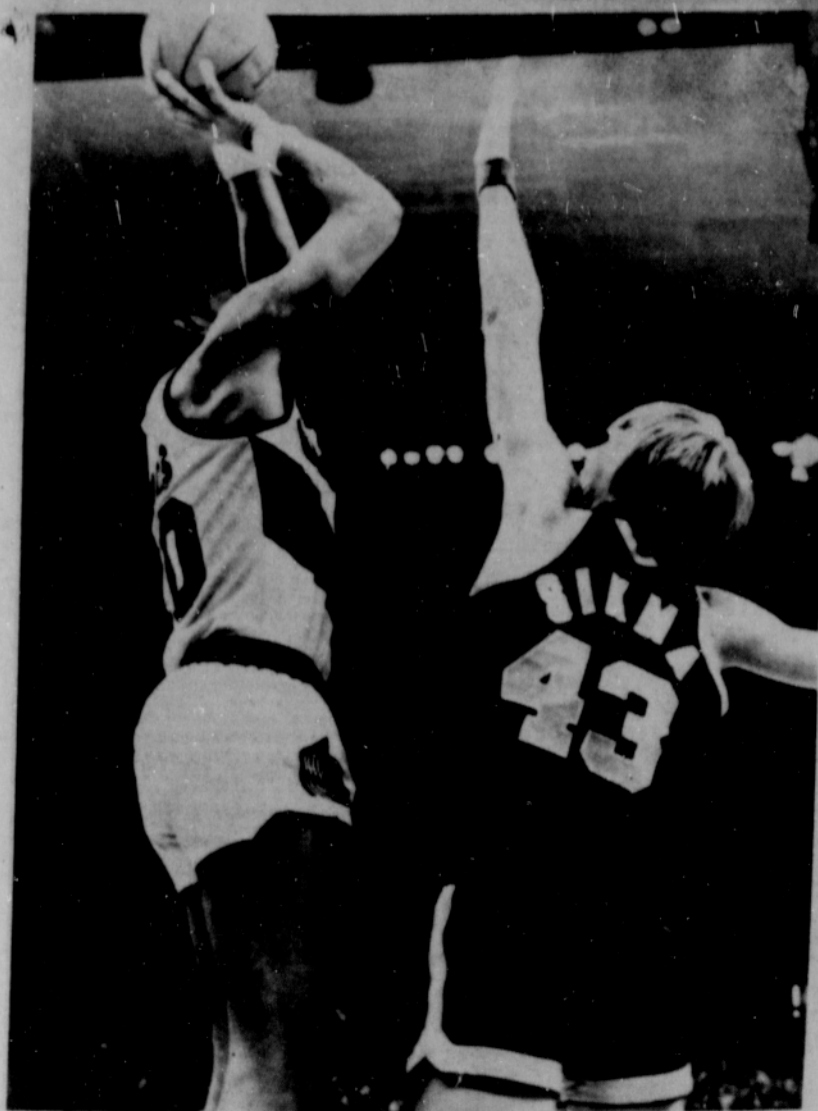




Maurice Lucas meets up with Jack Sikma of the Seattle SuperSonics during the Blazers 113-89 romp of the SuperSonics. [Photo: Roger Dorband]



Johnny Davis makes the move on veteran NBA player Paul Silas of the Seattle SuperSonics. [Photo: Roger Dorband]

Special delivery!

by Jack Ruback

For postal clerk Mike McMahon Sunday, April 9th, started out much like any other workday, except that he was looking forward to seeing the Blazer-Lakers game that afternoon with his son. His boss had agreed to let him off an hour early so that he could be in at the start.

Shortly before he was due to leave for the game the boss asked if he would mind delivering a package on the way. Any reluctance vanished when McMahon learned that the package contained some basketball shoes from a California factory and were addressed to Bill Walton. Apparently Walton was pretty anxious to get them as he had already called the post office several times to see if they had arrived.

As McMahon and his son walked across the Broadway Bridge to the Coliseum they noticed a bearded, red-haired giant bicycling in the same direction. McMahon

yelled "Bill, Bill!" several times but, understandably, the red-head just tried to look smaller. But "I've got your shoes" brought the tall guy to a halt. The only problem was that Walton, with a snagsack on his back, had no means of carrying the somewhat bulky package. "Would you please bring it to the locker room for me?" asked Walton. McMahon and his son readily agreed.

At the locker room door McMahon withstood the offers of others to take the package until Walton finally stuck his head out. McMahon asked if his son could have Bill's autograph and Walton invited them both into the locker room. McMahon's son ended up getting not only Walton's autograph on his souvenir team picture, but that of nearly everyone else in the room as well, including coach Ramsay. The fact that the Blazers then went out and whipped the Lakers 114-99 was the perfect caper to a memorable day for Mike McMahon and his son.

Tony sees the game

by Tony Lasley

One Tuesday I went to the Blazer game with Charles Jordan, the City Commissioner. I sat next to him and I asked how did he get his tickets. He said he can pick which ticket he wants before the season starts and he can choose which play-off

tickets he wants. He even has his private parking space at the Coliseum.

You should see his car. It is blue and it has a telephone in it. He goes to my church, Bethel A.M.E.

It was a fun experience because I've never gone to a basketball game with a Commissioner before.

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Sports Talk

Ron Sykes,
Sports Editor



by Ron Sykes

The early morning sky, dull and gray, seemed to match the overall feelings of most Portlanders Tuesday, because it was the day after the mighty Trailblazers fell to the SuperSonics. While most loyal fans hoped for the best, and the Blazers did prolong the agony by winning two games at home, it was inevitable that they would finally go down.

There's no team around that can sustain three key injuries and still win a championship.

"I'm extremely proud of this team, probably more so than of the Championship team of last year. These guys showed me a lot of character," a solemn Jack Ramsay said.

Portland's Blazers have nothing to be ashamed of, they were the best team in basketball before the injuries, winning fifty of their first sixty games. Really the series was lost in the first game played at Memorial Coliseum. Ramsay chose to go with the lame Bill Walton, and who could blame him for going with perhaps the best center, when healthy, in the NBA. But on this occasion Walton was not healthy and did hurt the team more than help. A healthy Walton is mobile and agile, but a crippled Walton was neither, more often than not he was the last man down court, causing his team mates to slow the offense down as they waited for him to get into position. Of course this is just so much hindsight and nothing can possibly be remedied by that. Seattle has

played good basketball since ex-Blazer Coach Lenny Wilkens grabbed the reins and rode the Sonics down the NBA trail to victory. But, not even the staunchest Sonic fan can believe they could have beaten a healthy Portland team.

And believe me, we're not crying in our beer, just stating a fact. And that is that. Augie Borgi, writer from New York, and now employed locally has been creating a few waves it seems writing bad things about Blazer heroes, or hero. Mr. Borgi composed an open letter to Blazer center Bill Walton openly criticizing the red head for not appearing at the arena to lend moral support, or whatever, to his team.

Now it appears that whenever the "Big fella" needs support there are many to alibi for him, the latest being his good friend Jack Scott and team physician Dr. Robert Cook. Dr. Cook tells us that he ordered Walton not to attend the games.

I just wonder though . . . since when does one need permission from a physician to attend a game when there's only a fracture to a bone in one's ankle. Usually they put on a cast and away you go. Dr. Cook tells us that Walton's cast is "so cumbersome that it would be extremely difficult to maneuver through large crowds."

Bobby Gross . . . did you hear that? Every game the tough, little forward hobbled on crutches to take his place at the end of the Blazer bench to lend verbal support and whatever to the cause.

Maybe if Walton had suffered a heart attack or a break down in the nervous system, maybe then it would be easier to understand why the consulting of a doctor before attending a basketball game would then be necessary, but not for a broken foot. Oh, well, so much for that.

Anyway there'll be no dancing in the streets this year, and, for sure, we won't boogie down Broadway this June, and the only basketball we'll see will be via the tube. All in all it was a great season. Lionel Hollins and Maurice Lucas we salute you and for your being chosen on the NBA all defensive first team. And we in the community salute you for your outstanding contribution also Johnny Davis, Corky Calhoun, and the late arriving Willie Norwood.

BLAZER HI-LITE
113-89

Game five of the Trailblazer's series with Seattle opened in the usual manner with a thunderous standing ovation from the crowd throughout the announcement of the starting lineup. But this time the thunder did not stop at the tip-off, for the Blazers picked up where the fans left off.

Just as the fans never stopped cheering, the Blazers never let up. They displayed such tenacity on defense and execution on offense as to ultimately affect a complete breakdown in Seattle's game.

Strong rebounding and a good inside

game by Maurice Lucas was the key to Portland's victory. Lucas was ferocious on the boards on defense and on offense he simply had his way inside with the rookie Sikma guarding him.

Of course, the real key to the Blazers victory were the Blazer guards - who outplayed Seattle's Lionel Hollins' and Johnny Davis' superior quickness and defensive ability was really apparent as they streaked past Sonic guards for easy lay-ups, and on the defensive end Freddie Brown, Gus Williams and Dennis Johnson were rendered ineffective.

This was a night when the entire team was mentally prepared, as exemplified by Willie Norwood and Tom Owens' fine showings. The Blazers showed the courage of which Champions are made, and the entire team should be commended.

SEATTLE
105-94

What is so captivating about the home court advantage? Whatever, it worked in Seattle's favor in game six. All those thundering ovations that Blazermania supplied in game five were equally matched in game six on the Seattle arena. Game six was simple. Seattle beat Portland just as they were beaten one day earlier. Seattle out-shot and out defended the Blazers resulting in a victory that ended Portland's one year reign as Kings.

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Hughes celebrates 33 years

Hughes United Methodist Church will celebrate its 33rd anniversary on Sunday, May 7th. The Reverend Ennis Whaley will be the special guest of the day, as a part of the morning service and during the festivities of the evening, Saturday, May 6th.

On Saturday at 6:00 p.m. the anniversary will be celebrated with a Banquet which all persons in the area are cordially

invited to attend. Reverend Whaley is the founder of Hughes Church.

Notice

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