



Sports Talk

by Ron Sykes

What is the word on Bill Walton? Depends, these days, on who's asking the question and who's answering. Dr. Robert Cook team physician says all is well as can be expected. Jack Scott, Bill's friend and confident, says not. Bill, says nothing.

For the past several months now Mr. Walton has been "simply out" to the working press.

There has been rumor upon rumor about the future playing status of Mr. Bill... the question remains, "Will he play again?" If the NBA season was two months away, then the answer would be "no." At present Bill is somewhere in Oregon soaking his sore foot, and still unable, supposedly, to put any pressure on the foot. Blazer brass aren't giving up on Bill Walton, for surely he is the franchise, but Rookie center-forward, Mychal Thompson's stock is really soaring due to the uncertainty of Walton's sore foot.

It is this writer's belief that the controversial article written about Bill's rare bone disease by a local paper, just wasn't too far off. The paper subsequently published an apology and admitted that the writer really had nothing to substantiate his accusations.

Maybe not but there's some reason why the foot is so slow in healing. And that's not just this injury, but almost every injury that Bill suffers takes a long, long time to heal. At 26, Bill Walton is on the downside of the hill, not chronological, but physical. Last year Walton played

fewer minutes of any starting center in the NBA.

In an effort to cut down on Walton's injuries Ramsay employed Bill fewer minutes than any starting center in the NBA... but it obviously didn't work, and now the question is, what will work?

Should be one interesting season and, again, it will be successful. Look for three new faces on this year's roster. Thompson, Brewer and possibly Villanova's Mike Herron. Herron would be a long shot and if so would have to show more promise than the veteran Larry Steel.

Ex-Grant Hi ace Darryl Motley boarded a plane Monday morning for Sarasota, Florida, and will begin play in the Gulf Coast Rookie league.

Darryl will begin as an outfielder, but the young man really can play any position.

Now I've witnessed many a ball game in my lifetime and have seen quite a few ball players, and can truthfully say that Mr. Motley is the only player that I've seen that could play all nine positions on the field, and play them all superbly. If this young man doesn't play major league baseball... then mother goose "ain't no" nursery rhyme.

And, then, there's the Keith Rice, 6'5", basketball player out of Portland's Washington High, who has become the first Black player to finish a season at BYU. Mr. Rice is happy... so be it. But, BYU!!!

Blazer ticket cost increase: Is it justified?

by Bill Schaefer

The Portland Trail Blazers' treasury will be enriched by almost one-half million dollars during the 1978-79 National Basketball Association season because of a recently announced 50 cents across-the-board increase in the cost of a ticket.

But is the increase justified? Probably not.

Businesses that boost prices for their products or services usually justify the increases because of diminishing profits in the face of higher costs for labor and material. They show, or try to show, the absence of a "reasonable profit" due to cost factors.

But the Trail Blazers are hard pressed to poormouth their financial picture, particularly after last season's outstanding box office performance. The team enjoyed a sellout for all 41 home games, an unprecedented achievement in the NBA.

George Rickles, the Blazers' business manager, refused to disclose any information about the team's balance sheet. "Those figures are our own," he said testily. "That's something that's an internal company matter."

The two major cost items for the Blazers are player and administrative salaries and per diem air transportation, Rickles said. The Blazers travel first class but at the standard rate, a club spokeswoman said, with

no special discount.

First class fares on domestic airlines increased about two percent last year, according to one travel agency. But by hiking the price of a \$4 standing room only ticket to \$4.50, the Trail Blazers will realize a 12.5 percent profit on those tickets alone.

The newest increase in the cost of Blazer tickets follows increases the previous two years. Increases varied from seat to seat during the 1977-78 season but in some instances the boosts went as high as \$1.50 a ticket. Also, some ticket prices went up for the 1976-77 season, Rickles said.

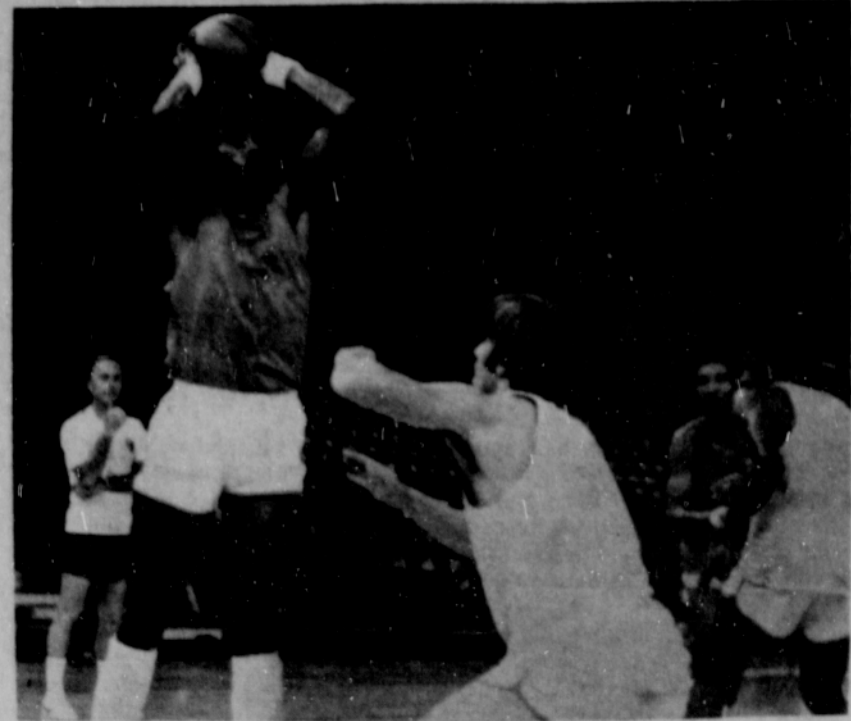
But Rickles said the increases were justified.

"Maybe we're going to hire some new guys, I don't know," he said. "But whatever is being paid, we're giving them (the fans) a finer, more interesting basketball team to support."

Rickles did not deny that the Trail Blazers made a "reasonable profit" last season and added that the team had "reasonable assurances" that it would operate in the black again during the 1978-79 campaign. But he refused to rule out another price increase next year.

"Maybe we might run into a bum year," he said.

He said he had "no idea" about ticket prices for the 1979-80 season. "We hold meetings each season to establish what our prices will be for the coming season," he said. "We have projections but we've got to see the final figures first."



Portland fans get their first look at the Blazer's rookies Thursday night in anticipation of another exciting and winning season.

South African Ambassador

(Continued from Page 1 Column 6) Black Community feels it is an insult to all Black people in the city for the World Affairs Council and the Chamber of Commerce to invite an "official" of such a government to our city.

As a result, a number of very prominent organizations have written a letter to the World Affairs Council protesting the visit. Signatures to the letter were: the NAACP (Portland branch); United Minority Workers; Herb Cawthorne, Director of the Educational Opportunity Program of Portland State University; Center for Community Mental Health; Reverend Edsel Goldson, St. Andrews Community Church; Nick Barnett; Portland Association of Black Social Workers; Black Educational Center; Northeast Coalition of Neighborhood Associations and Fungai Kumbula.

The World Affairs Council undoubtedly feels this invitation has been extended in the name of objectivity. When America fought Germany, objectivity did not demand that Hitler be invited to send a

representative to give the rationale for their policies towards Jews; when America was fighting in Viet Nam objectivity did not demand that Ho Chi Minh be invited to send a representative to address the United States Congress about his perspective of the war in Viet Nam. It is felt that in the case of the South African Ambassador objectivity is being used to justify the unjustifiable.

It is very encouraging to see such a wide variety of Black organizations and individuals uniting around the treatment of their Brothers and Sisters in Africa. It is hoped that this unity can be maintained to address local issues that affect Black people. All these groups feel that until South Africa recognizes all its people as equal citizens, deserving of equal treatment and protection under the law, it (South Africa) should be ostracized from the international community. That's the only way to bring about peaceful change. These organizations strongly deplore the high-handed actions of the Chamber of Commerce and the World Affairs Council in persisting with this visit over all their objections.

Students enjoy summer program

(Continued from Page 1 Column 3)

to make and throw away. It was significant culturally, in that the youngsters were guided in producing an ancient African game that would be entertaining for a long time. Also, the volunteer craft director, Donna Gaither, had showed them that

games do not need to be plastic gadgets bought in shiny boxes. These games were made with decorated egg cartons and cherry stones.

The lunch tables were crowded with over fifty kids being served.

The staff was maintaining an atmosphere of order and friendliness, while a parent volunteer, Ms. Hazel Polk, was giving motherly assistance to some of the younger participants.

Outside, after lunch and films, some of the children scattered to their favorite games: four-square,

tether-ball, half-court basketball; while others simply enjoyed watching. Many were using the swings and other play equipment in the play yard which is part of the Berean Child Care program. One little pretending mother was in the playhouse, serving a plateful of grass to her "family". Rather than standing around just supervising, the teenage staff were involved playing with the children.

Among other locations where distinctive summer recreation programs also exist, are: Mallory Avenue Christian Church, King Neighborhood Facility, Urban 4-H, Peninsula Park, and the Reading Tree at Irving Park.

The first pole vaulter to clear the bar at 15 feet was Cornelius Warmerdam on April 13, 1940, in Berkeley, California.

"Characters must be kept bright as well as clean."
Lord Chesterfield

"Old foxes want no tutors."
Thomas Fuller

GREYHOUND RACING IS FUN... YOU CAN BET ON IT! TONIGHT AT 7:30



Luxurious Dining on 4th floor Club Skyview
Air Conditioned Buffet Dining on 3rd floor Fairview Terrace
Post time 7:30 p.m. Monday thru Saturday
For information and reservations call 665-2191

Sorry, no Sunday racing and no children under 12

At Fairview Park NE 223rd and Halsey St. east out Freeway Banfield (I-80N)

MULTNOMAH KENNEL CLUB

Get high interest with just \$100.

Get a foot in the Sock Market.



If you've got \$100 socked away someplace that's not working for you, get smart.

Put it to work in a Sock Certificate at U.S. Bank. You can get some Sock Certificates for as short as thirty days.

So you don't tie up your savings for years and years.

Unless, of course, you want to earn some high-powered interest, for years and years.

What's your size?

There's a Sock Certificate to fit all different sizes. Find the one that's right for you. Then slip into high interest today. (By the way, Sock Certificates come in a real sock, while supply lasts.)

Stop by any branch of U.S. Bank. And put a U.S. Bank Sock Certificate to work for you.

AMOUNT OF CERTIFICATE	LENGTH OF CERTIFICATE	YIELD	INTEREST RATE
\$100 thru \$99,999.99	30 days thru 89 days	5.9694%	5%
	90 days, but less than 1 yr.	5.9941%	5 1/2%
	1 yr., but less than 2 1/2 yrs.	6.2235%	6%
	2 1/2 yrs., but less than 4 yrs.	6.7549%	6 1/2%
\$100 thru \$999.99	4 yrs. to 6 yrs.	6.7549%	6 1/2%
	4 yrs. to 6 yrs.	7.5526%	7 1/2%
\$1,000 thru \$100,000	6 yrs. to 8 yrs.	7.6042%	7 1/2%
	8 yrs. thru 10 yrs.	7.8576%	7 1/2%
\$10,000 thru \$99,999.99	182 days		Subject to weekly quotation.
\$100,000 & over	30 days up to 1 yr.		Subject to daily quotation.

Be a winner in the Sock Market at

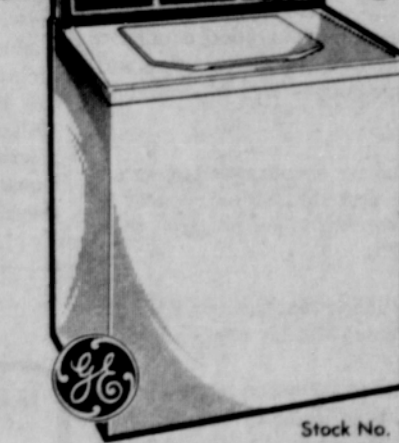


Member F.D.I.C.

Save Today! **SMITH'S** home furnishings

WASHERS AND DRYERS

QUALITY-BUILT FILTER-FLO WASHER



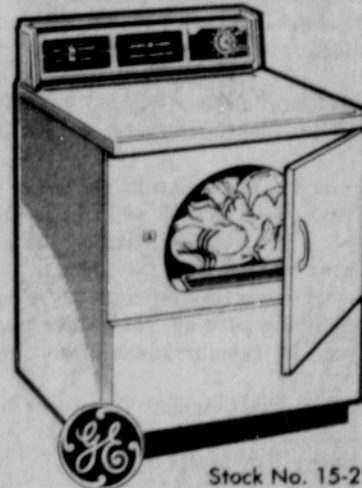
Stock No. 14-210

3 Water levels let you match the water level to the load size. Single speed washer has 2 cycles for regular and permanent press care. Timer control with 5 temperature combinations. Filter-Flo system. Porcelain enamel finish tub.

\$258 with trade

PERFORMANCE TESTED COMMERCIAL DRYER

Standard capacity dryer has 2 cycles, Regular and Special with permanent press cool-down period. 3 Drying selections, Normal, Low and No heat fluff. Removable up-front lint filter. Porcelain enamel finish clothes drum.



Stock No. 15-210

\$188 with trade

Off-Street Parking... AIR CONDITIONED SHOPPING

we give you more...



EASY TERMS

30th and S.E. Division Shop 9 to 9 Tuesday thru Friday (Closed Sunday and Monday)

234-9351 Saturday 9 to 6