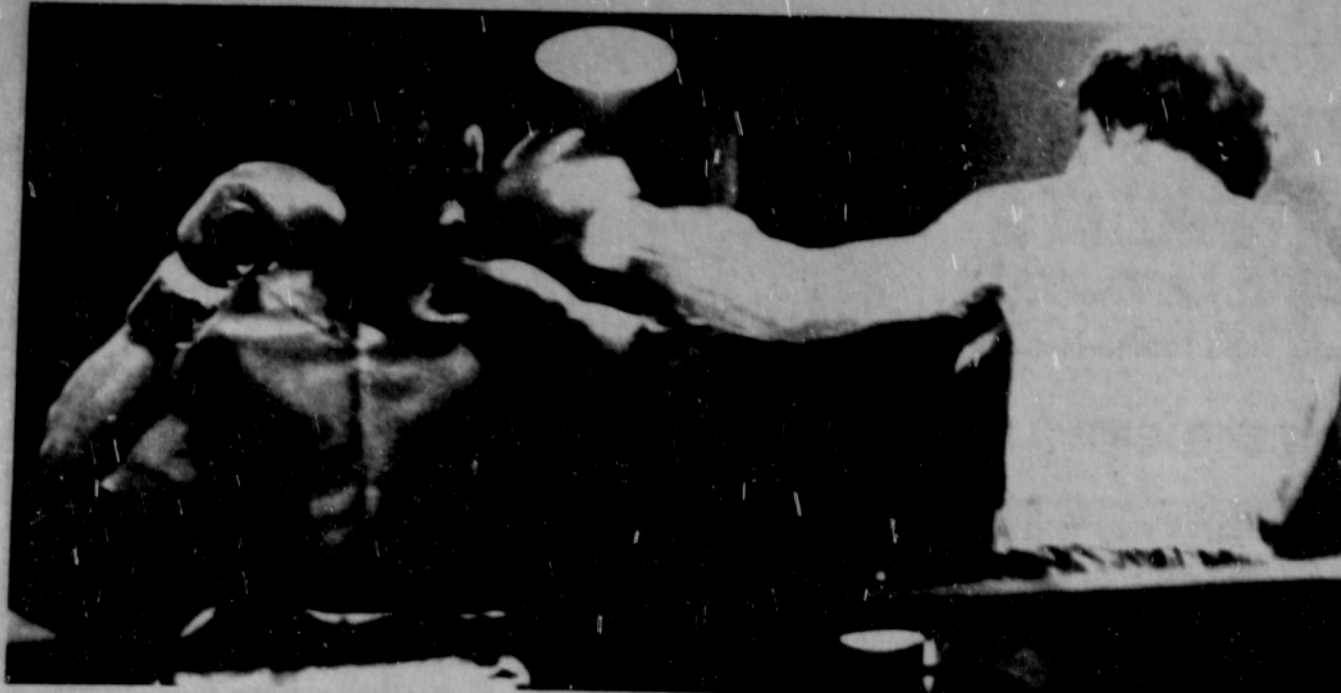




Curtis Ramsey survived this left to the nose to win a 10th round TKO over previously unbeaten Alan Webb for the Pacific Northwest Welterweight Championship.

Heavyweight Willie "The Cannon" Shannon, in his first Portland appearance, extended his string of wins to 14 with a TKO over Tony Stone. Also victorious was Jimmy Williams who decisioned Steve Moyer.



Darryl Dawkins displaying his "Hey, what you doing? you better get moving." slam dunk last season against Buffalo.

## Dawkins considers boxing

by Ulysses Tucker, Jr.

In this corner standing 6'11" and weighing 258 pounds, and the challenger for the heavyweight title of the world, Dancing Darryl Dawkins.

"Yes, I've been considering giving up basketball for boxing," said the massive youth from Evans High in Orlando, Florida. "I figured out the other day that I could earn four million in a couple of fights. The most I could profit from basketball is two million, now take a look at how long I have to play to earn that amount. Boxing would be much easier."

Aside from the ring for a moment, the 76ers 118-115 loss to the Blazers Tuesday night, Dawkins tallied 24 points, and gangstered ten rebounds in 42 minutes of play. Eleven games ago he broke his career scoring mark of 23 by busting loose for 25 points. Since then he has scored 27, 27 and 30 last Friday.

Dawkins has ten straight games in which he has scored in double figures in both scoring and rebounding. During the eleven game stretch he has scored 225 points, muscled 136 boards, and backhanded 28 shots to average 20.4, 12.3 and 2.5. Dawkins has also fired at a 48 percent clip from the floor.

"He has been playing some excellent basketball," said Coach Billy Cunningham. "But there are several areas of the game that Darryl must work on. For example, he must learn self-control, and more concentration. It's amazing how one individual can have so much potential, and with maturity he'll develop into a great one," said the coach.

In reference to the three "crowd silencing slam dunks," Dawkins named them in order: the "over the land and through the sky, don't watch me dunk it'll burn your eyes." Then there was the "In your face disgrace" over three Blazers standing in the lanes. And the last one was entitled simply the "heart stopper."

Dawkins, a D.J. in Philadelphia during the off-season justified his motivation for boxing by saying, "I'd like to earn some quick money," he said. "I cannot see myself as the type of individual that has to work hard all his life, I want to kick off my shoes and retire as soon as possible."

"Double D," as he is called by teammates as well as a host of other name titles (ranging from the "Prince of Dunk" to "Dr. Dunk-n-stuff")

has been criticized by fans and writers for his childish behavior on the court.

Against the Blazers he grabbed a rebound with one hand extended above his head, and flicked a bullet court length pass without bending his elbow to a zipping Eric Money who banked a lay-up off the glass without a dribble. Dawkins turned around towards the crowd, put one hand on his hip and made an "ugly" face to part of the sellout audience in attendance.

Last week the *Oregonian* printed a story attributing Dawkins as still holding a "beef" against the Blazers' Maurice Lucas for the incident in the 1976 play-off when he was blind sided by a punch.

"People consider me as some type of psycho," he said seriously, "but that's not the case at hand. I'm not as bad as all the bum press that I receive. Why should I be mad at Luke when we are both trying to earn a living in the same trade? People do not realize the NBA is a power trip, either you are a mover or you get moved!"

"The deal with Luke and I is only psychological warfare, it puts intensity into the game. But people never notice that at the end of the game we all shake hands, and maybe speak of a good play or something," he said.

By this time the 21-year-old Dawkins mind and thoughts had drifted back into the ring, the lack of concentration his coach talked about. He stood up and began pacing back and forth.

"My style would be to punch, and dance, punch, and dance," he demonstrated. "I'd be moving, and grooving," he said positively.

Dawkins then asked, "How many times do you think that I'd get punched in the face?" Not many because I'm swift. All I have to do is bang them on the top of their heads. It'll be a breeze," he said.

When are you gonna fight Ali? When are you gonna fight Ali? Excuse me Darryl, when are you going to fight Ali?

"I heard you the first two times, so you don't have to repeat yourself," he answered. "Evidently, I must not be ready because I'm still playing basketball. But believe me, when I get tired of the game you'll surely know. I'll call a press conference. Excuse me, we're on our way to Seattle so take it easy and I'll see you next time," Dawkins said.

## Jeff wins

The Jefferson Democrats won a berth in the Triple A State Tournament with a double overtime win over Madison.

With 6:31 to go in the fourth quarter, two free throws by Jon Newell cut Jeff's lead to 4. The quarter ended in a tie.

In overtime, Madison drew ahead by 2. Dwayne Lincoln missed his chance to win the game with a free throw but was robbed of the opportunity when Newell backed away from his spot on the line -- a violation.

Reggie Lewis took a perfect pass from Howard Jenkins to tie the game at 58 with two seconds left.

Second overtime. Phil Hopson scored four, giving Jeff the victory.



## Sports Talk

by Ron Sykes  
Sports Editor

At present the Pac-10 is the strongest basketball conference on the West Coast, but closing fast is the West Coast Athletic Conference.

The WCAC was formed in 1953. Comprised of five teams, Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Jose State, St. Mary's and Pacific. Santa Clara was the league's first champion beating San Francisco in a playoff.

Advancing to the NCAA tournament they beat Hardin Simmons, 81-56, beat Wyoming, 67-52 and lost to Washington, 74-62.

Everyone remembers the great San Francisco team of 1955, which won two straight NCAA's and was led by the 6'11" All-American center, Bill Russell and 6'1" All-American, K.C. Jones.

During the past five years the WCAC has made significant gains against the Pac-10 by plucking off a few plums of their own.

San Francisco pulled off a major coup by attracting to their school three of the most sought after high school players in the nation when they hauled in Bill Cartwright 7'; Winford Boynes, 6'6"; and James Hardy, 6'7".

Portland's Stu Inman coached in the WCAC taking over the San Jose job from Walt McPherson in 1961 after McPherson had finished dead last for two consecutive years. McPherson's highest finish was second in 1955 when he was runner-up to eventual NCAA champion San Francisco.

In Inman's five years, from 1961-1966, he could do no better than a second place finish in 1965 with San Francisco again the conference champions. If you wonder how Rick Adelman became a Trailblazer...

Well Inman was coaching in the league when Rick, playing for Loyola, was named MVP in 1968. In 1968 the WCAC all star team was made up of: Bud Ogden, Santa Clara; Dennis Black, USF; a fellow named Jerry West, St. Mary's, not to be confused with "Zeke from Cabin Creek"; Dennis Awtrey, Santa Clara and now a back-up center for Seattle; Art Wilmore, who tried unsuccessfully to become a Blazer; Rick Adelman, Loyola, who did become captain of the Blazers; rounding out the first team selection was Steve Ebey, Pepperdine.

Darnell Hillman, who earned the nick-name "Dr. Dunk," well Hillman paid his dues in the WCAC by playing with San Jose and earning first team all conference in 1969. Also on the 6'9" all-stars was a player named Bill Stricker, who also tried out for the Blazers.

Stricker was in a better fight in 1971 for Stricker, in an all out fight for the 12th and final spot, lost out to Claude English, a 6'4" guard from Rhode Island.

In 1972 Portland's Gary Ladd, a 6' guard who prepped at Jefferson High was named to the WCAC first team. That year a high flying guard named William "Bird" Averitt was a second team selection. Among other notables were Frank Oleynick, ex-Sonic guard; Phil Smith, Golden State; Kevin Restani, Dennis Johnson, Pepperdine; John Gianelli, MIC; Pete Cross, Seattle; Joe Ellis, Golden State; Tom Meschery, USF and former Blazer assistant coach.

The 1977 WCAC all stars were the youngest all conference team in WCAC history. That team was made up of four juniors, Kurt Rambis, SCU; Boynes, Cartwright and Hardy

USF; and sophomore Edgar Jones, UNR.

The WCAC has a rich history and a bright future and those of us who are able to see the games are in for some exciting play in the upcoming years.

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