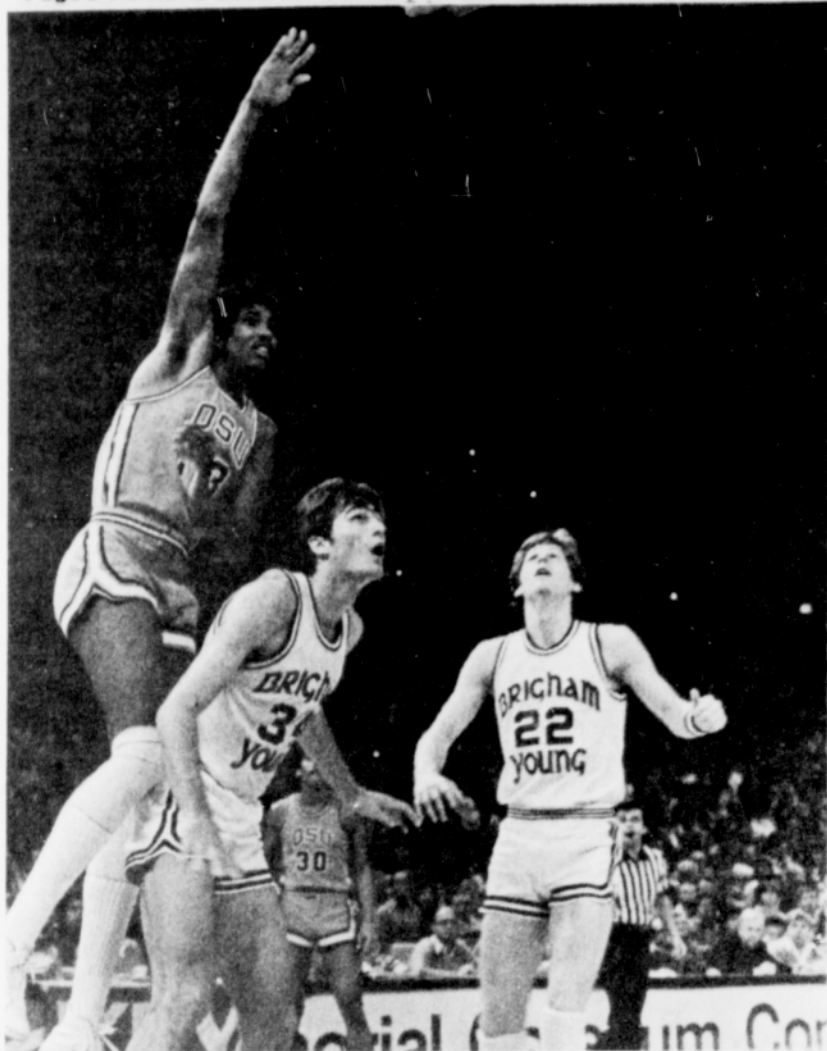
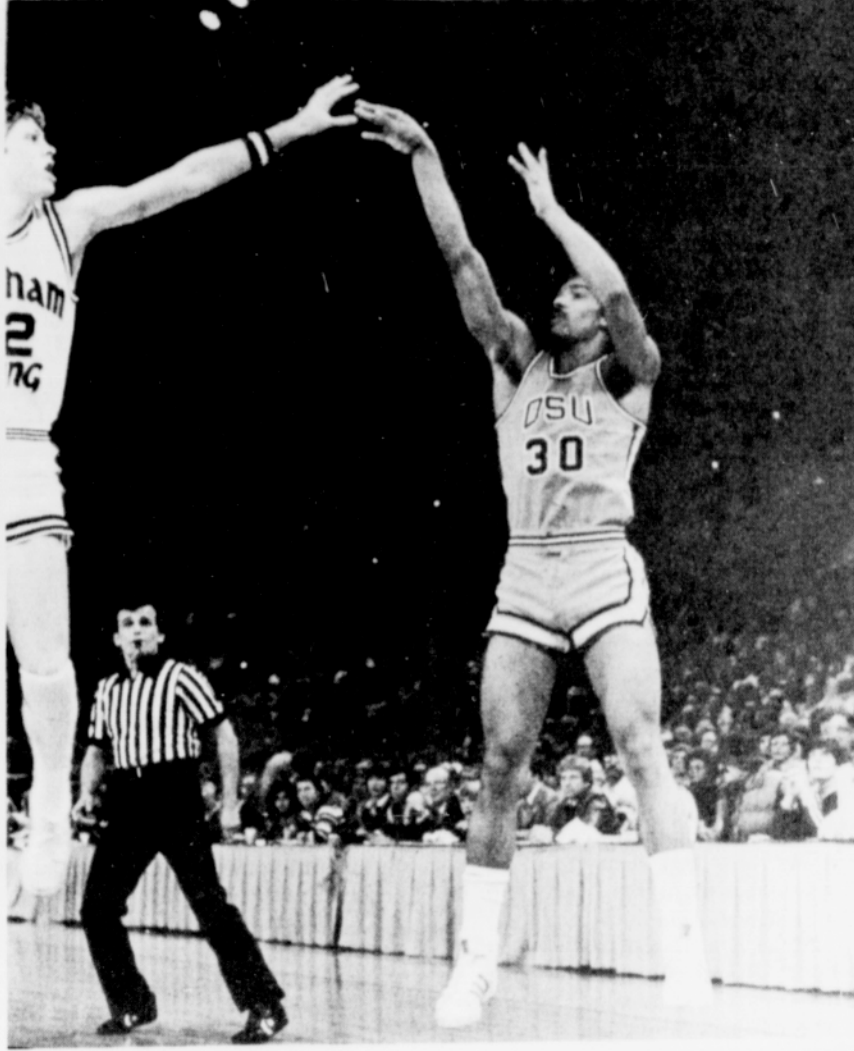




STEVE SOARS: Steve Johnson, OSC's all tourney and MVP center, scores over BYU defender. Johnson had career high of 36 points to lead OSU over BYU in Far West Classic semi-final.



RADFORD PASSES AINGE: Mark Radford, OSU guard, passes over BYU all-tourney guard Danny Ainge for one of his game-leading six assists.



Sports Talk

by Ron Sykes
Sports Editor

Oregon State's Beavers closed this decade as they began it by winning the Far West Classic Championship. The Beavers beat a good Brigham Young team in the semis and then in a closely fought contest downed those proud men (Clemson) from the ACC to win the coveted crown. OSU's Steve Johnson (MVP) and junior guard Ray Blume joined John Campbell, Clemson; Danny Ainge, BYU; Chad Kinch, North Carolina-Charlotte; Don Newman, Idaho, on the all tourney team. Just have to wonder, however, what happened to Mark Radford. Radford played three superb games and should have been named.

Most over-rated player on the Coast? Try OSU's Steve Johnson. Johnson is very inconsistent, and always has been. He's been chosen all Coast, PAC-10 player of the week, Sports Illustrated national player of the week, chosen on two national teams -- and the young man is yet to show any real talent. The potential is there but at present he hasn't put it all together. He's not a strong rebounder, has all kinds of foul problems, and does lack stamina.

Johnson has been called by some

the best player on the West Coast, but the best player on the Coast plays forward for UCLA -- Kiki Van Deweghe.

Was correct on USC vs. Ohio State. Figured the Trojans to win but thought the point spread would be wider. Would have been, too, but for some strange reason Southern Cal decided to go to an aerial attack after having so much success on the ground. "Student body right" with tailback Charles White was awesome.

But just how good is Heisman winner Charlie White? Well, we'll just have to wait. The jury is still out. Does that sound crazy after all the records Charlie has broken and with him considered the top running back in the college world? Only one thing that bothers me, and that is the greatness of the USC offensive line. I mean these guys open holes that one could drive a Mack Truck through.

Remember, Southern Cal has always been blessed with gigantic offensive linemen who could run like the wind. Ask Anthony Davis how much a good line means. Ask Miami's Larry Zonka. Zonka was never the same until he finally re-

turned to Miami and that offensive line led by All-Pro guard Larry Little.

HOUSTON 17, NEBRASKA 14
How nice to see all those brothers from Houston performing so well. And when was the last time you saw a team with a good Black quarterback and his back-up was of the same color. Wow! It was mind bending. And all the time I thought that was a luxury enjoyed only by whites.

And how could Oregon State let a runner the caliber of Jarvis Redwine get away. Redwine transferred to Nebraska, sat out a year, and put I.M. Hipp on the Bench. Jarvis can play.

And finally, the Blazers. Didn't really want to dwell on their misfortune. Was hoping that with the coming of the 80s, maybe a few more wins would also be forthcoming. Tuesday night one such win did come but only after Ramsey decided to press and used the seldom used Abdul Jeelani. All Jeelani did was to immediately hit everything imaginable, played good "D". Yes Jack, I meant it. He played the defense and hustled. Don't believe Ramsey or any other writer when

they tell you Jeelani's defense is suspect. That's only an excuse for not giving him the playing time he deserves.

Remember the early days in Philly? Well, writers and coaches tried to hang that tag on young Lloyd Free. Some tried to destroy his confidence by creating a false image. Lloyd wouldn't yield and now he's a proven player and perhaps he is all world.

"Like all rookie players, he has been inconsistent," says Ramsey of Jeelani. The only inconsistency Jeelani has shown is the infrequent times he has been put in the game by Coach Ramsey. Jeelani can play and by Ramsey not playing him makes me wonder just why. Bobby Gross has been unproductive. The team is losing and seemingly does need a change. Abdul Jeelani could be that one ingredient, but will he?

PREP GAME OF THE WEEK BENSON VS JEFFERSON

My pick is Benson by 10 on the Demo's home court. Jefferson, though quick, will not be able to compete with the Techmen on the boards. Players to watch: Marshall Haskins, Jefferson, and Greg West, Benson. Both could be keys.



CALVIN MURPHY

Murphy: The Little Giant

by Ulysses Tucker, Jr.

In the land where 9-10 guards are a common sight, Calvin Murphy of the National Basketball Association's Houston Rockets, is an inspiration to all the little players around the nation.

Murphy, a prime example of why pop singer Randy Newman's hit single, "Short People", is not always indicative of what smaller individuals encounter in this society.

Although the larger, more physical guards try to exploit his size, Murphy compensates with knowledge about the game, hustle, speed and desire.

"He's a real competitor", said head basketball coach of the Rockets, Del Harris. "Murphy is an excellent leader and a fine example for our younger players. He does so many good things for this ball club."

Moses Malone, the Rockets' super center and rebounder, explained Murphy's value further. "If Calvin and the other guards are hitting jump shots from the outside, the other team can't afford to cheat on me inside. HE helps me to open up my game."

Murphy is a member of the elite "Six Foot And Under Club" in the NBA. The other members are Del Beshore of the Chicago Bulls, Charlie Criss of the Atlanta Hawks, and Kevin Porter of the Washington Bullets.

At 5-10 (listed height), Murphy

agreed that he's been fighting the size stigma for his entire career.

"A few years ago, people thought that I wouldn't last long in the NBA," he said with a smile. "Believe it or not, I've seen a whole lot of athletes who were supposed to be great ones come and go in this league. The funny part is that I'm still here..."

Almost ten years have passed since Murphy was labeled too small by professional scouts. Since then, "the pintsize", known enforcer around the NBA has scored a shade under 15,000 points for a 19.0 career average and has dished out 3,699 assists to date.

Currently, Murphy is averaging 20.7 points per contest, shooting .500 from the field and hitting an excellent .911 from the free-throw line. He has also grabbed 82 rebounds and blocked five shots. Murphy's scoring high this season is 32 points.

What is it like playing on the road in the NBA? "It's very rough", he said, "especially when you're on it for two weeks at a time. Sometimes I'm more than glad to get back home."

The former All-American -- at Niagara University in the early sixties -- continued. "Portland makes it difficult for any team to get into a running game. They play good defense and set a tempo that will enhance their style."

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