



Sports Talk

By Ron Sykes
Sports Editor

Sunday evening at 10:29 of the second quarter, it all began. Now don't get me wrong, the game between Portland and Seattle didn't start the second quarter, but it was at this point that it began for Kelvin Ransey, the much renowned and young client of Howard Slusher.

Ransey has been called the man we need by Jack Ramsey. He's been called a few other things by anxious Blazer fans. But when called on Sunday night to try and get the team out of its' all too familiar show down pace, Ransey responded immediately.

Once he hit the floor things began to happen. The young man is a player leader and just beautiful to behold. Billy Ray's face lit up like a Christmas tree as he obviously knew what was about to happen to his game with Kelvin on the court. And happen it did.

Kelvin had the ball on the break, quickly he darted to the middle with Gross filling the left lane and swooping Bates on the right. Ransey faked to his left, then shot a soft pass to his right that Bates took with one hand and soared high for a thundering dunk. From there on Ransey showed why he was the fourth player chosen in this year's draft and why he'll be worth every dime he signed for.

And isn't it a shame the way Blazer management took advantage of Billy Ray. If you haven't already heard, it was reported earlier that Bates had signed for something like \$60,000 per year for four years. Well my source informs me that it was a little more like \$80,000 which makes the irrepressible Billy the second lowest paid player on the team.

After being so impressive last year one would think that any credible organization would rip up that old

contract and give the man a new one. Food for thought Harry.

Sunday's game against Seattle showed just what can be accomplished with a genuine center on the floor. In Tom Owen's absence, out with a finger injury, Mychal Thompson was the starter with strong relief from 7 foot Kevin Kunnert. Kunnert when healthy can be a force in the middle and that's something that has been missing for awhile. Still amazing how Ramsey sticks with Jim Paxson.

Now that Kelvin has come into the fold, he's talking now about switching Paxson to off guard so that he may team with Ransey. But, then I guess it makes sense if Paxson is making \$175,000 a year and Bates receives only \$60,000, then one should rightfully understand why Paxson should play more.

Maybe Bates should stop giving super star performances and only

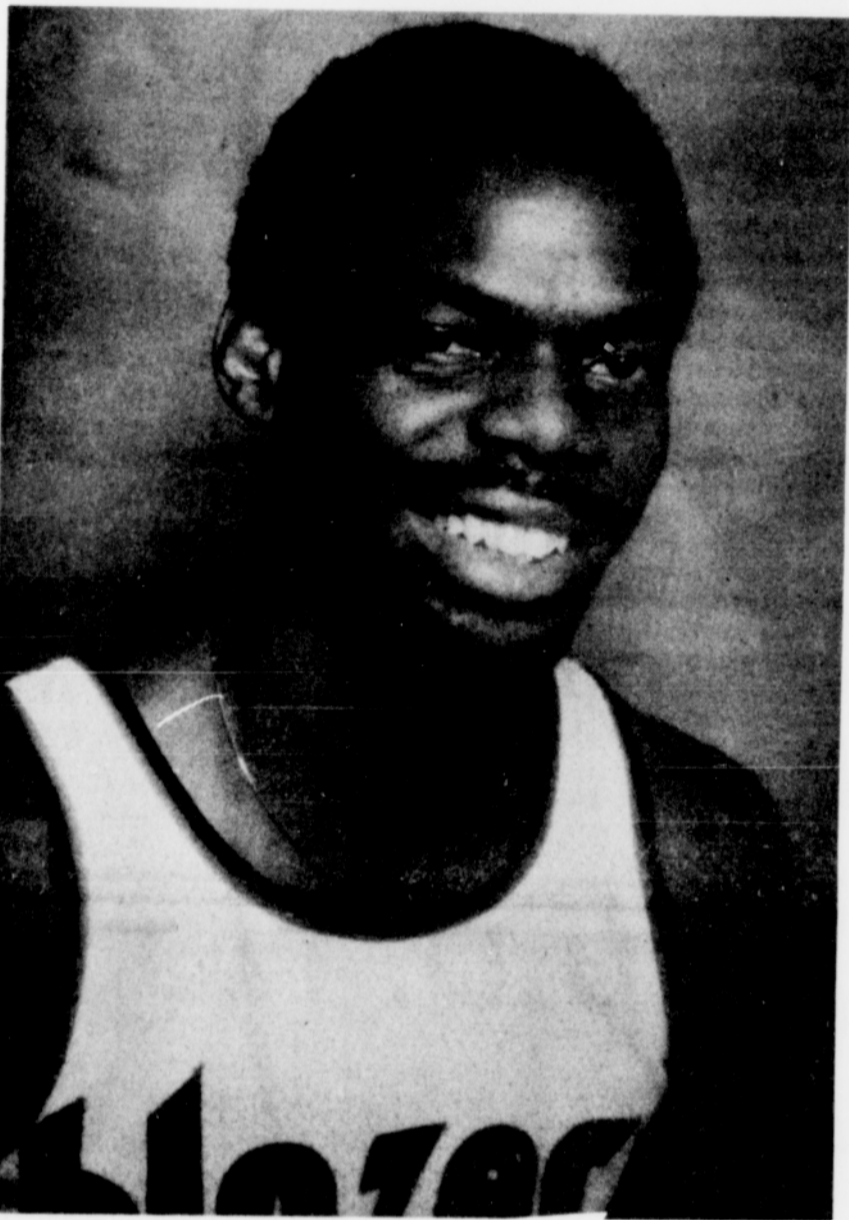
put out what the front office thinks he's worth. A grin as before...

This is only one Black man's opinion.

NFL PICKS

Seattle to beat NY Jets. Minnesota passing should overcome Cincinnati, even though they appear to have a hex over the super Steelers. San Diego should clobber Giants. Chuck Muncie should finally get untracked for the pass happy Chargers. Detroit in a squeaker with Chicago.

Houston over Tampa Bay easily. Baltimore over New England; Dallas to beat Philly; Buffalo will get by Miami; Kansas City in an upset over Denver; Washington and St. Louis, a toss up; Cleveland to romp over Green Bay; Atlanta will keep Saints record intact; LA again over San Francisco. Rams are improving steadily behind Ferragamo. Monday's game...Pittsburgh easily past Oakland.



RON BREWER

Brewer looks good

By Ulysses Tucker, Jr.

Ron "Boot" Brewer is back in Portland and playing some of his best basketball in a Blazer uniform since he was drafted in 1977.

The former Razorback stats have not changed but he now plays with intensity, more aggressively on offense, defense, and Brewer has finally developed into the "premier" guard N.B.A. scouts predicted. What took you so long?

"People talked about my year being up and down all last year and I understand their point. But, what they fail to realize is that we have had a lot of turnover in personnel last season.

"It's hard to blend your game around players like Luke and Lionel and then they are gone all of sudden. That alone took away from my performance on the court," he said seriously. "I also had to learn exactly what I could do on the court and that's taken a year and a half."

Brewer notes quickly, "personnel won't be a problem this year because we have an excellent bench. We have some powerful big men and a nice group of guards. All we have to do is start off winning, build up our confidence and hang tough. We have championship material here."

When questioned about how Kelvin Ransey, the Blazers number one pick in the 1980 draft is going to help his overall game, Brewer said,

"Kelvin is going to help me a lot. He'll help me get my baseline shot and the ball will be getting in my hands where I want it. That's not to take anything from Paxson either because he's doing a fine job. Kelvin will add a whole new dimension to our total team attack from what I hear."

Brewer continued, "I played the lead guard several times last season but now I'm playing in my natural position. I prefer to play the shooting spot because it's difficult mentally to be lead and shooting guard at the same time. Like last year, I had the green light to shoot and it'll be the same this year. I plan to go for it."

"Go for it" he did not against the Milwaukee Bucks and Brewer is the first to admit the mistakes he made.

"Being at home altered my concentration," he said. "I didn't play with any intensity at all. The games were basically for the people at home to see Sid (Moncreif) and I since they never do. I should have taken training camp more seriously and I didn't do much this summer because of the heat in Arkansas. But it will be much different from this point on."

One thing Brewer did have time for this summer is the hundreds of kids in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Brewer gave several basketball camps for the youngsters who look up to him as their hero.

James P. Beckwourth, who in 1850 discovered a pass in the Sierra Nevadas near Reno that still bears his name, was a Black American explorer who became a chief of the Crow Indians after marrying an earlier chief's daughter.



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'Minority voters' deciding factor

(Continued from Page 1 Col 5) organized along partisan lines.

The Hispanic Republican Assembly, though it organized back in the Nixon era, is suddenly getting strong support from the Republican National Committee in a major drive to expand. It includes virtually every Hispanic who held office prior to the Carter era, and is out to double its present 4,000 members this year.

Led by Los Angeles businessman Fernando Oaxaca, who served in the Ford Administration, its vitality can be judged by the fact that three out of the seven new Hispanic candidates for the California legislature are Republicans.

The Democratic counterforce is called Hispanic American Democrats (HAD), which now has chapters in 22 states. Its clout is demonstrated by the number of Hispanics chosen as delegates to the Democratic Convention this year. Four years ago they numbered only 46; this year there were 310.

Sad HAD leader David Lizzarraga, a Los Angeles community developer, "We realized political power would not be given to us, to set out to penetrate the Democratic Party system. We are organizing, block by block, in city districts, legislative districts and congressional districts, to make ourselves felt. We will get Hispanics to the polls this year."

Other Hispanic leaders credit the recent census with fueling the sense of political clout among qualified voters. The campaign to persuade Hispanics to participate in the census stressed political issues pertinent to low-income people: government funding of services, unemployment benefits, urban assistance. "Basically Hispanics will be guided

by bread and butter issues in their votes," said Esther Estrada, a San Francisco official of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "They may be disenchanted. A few may turn to Reagan or Anderson, but the majority," she predicted, "will stay Democratic. And I think they are turned on to voting now. The census count made them realize they can have power."

Black officials are equally optimistic about a good voter turnout, if somewhat less certain about how the vote will turn. The recent "Black Pulse" poll, conducted by the National Urban League, found profound disenchantment with the Carter Administration's economic policies, reflected in the fact that 44 percent of the respondents said they were "worse off" today than a year ago.

Such views have fueled the skepticism of the Congressional Black Caucus toward Carter. Said Don Hopkins, an aide to Caucus member

Representative Ron Dellums (D. Ca.), "A large number are going to the polls, but not to pull the lever for the Presidency. They'll be interested in the lower part of the ticket: local offices and local issues like rent control."

Nonetheless, President Carter is certain to benefit by the strong support he is receiving from California's two big city Black mayors, Tom Bradley of Los Angeles and Lionel Wilson of Oakland. He can also count on considerable support from the 232 other Black elected officials in California and the 328 Black officials appointed by Governor Brown.

Yet California remains an uphill battle for the President, and it is states like California and Texas, with their growing Hispanic voices, that will probably call this election. That fact, if clearly demonstrated on November, should serve an important lesson to the next President of the United States.

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UN responds to Front letter

The Black United Front has received word from the United Nations in response to its September 26th letter alleging human rights violations against Blacks in Oregon.

"In accordance with the institutions of the Chairman of the Commission your communication has been forwarded to the appropriate procedure dealing with the questions of violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms handled by the Communications Unit with the Division of Human Rights."

Ron Herndon, co-chairman of the Black United Front, said the organization is enthused with the

response and plans to send more information. The BUF has also heard from Helsinki Watch, a private organization in New York that investigates violations by the signators to the Helsinki Accords. Helsinki Watch, in 1979, stated that the United States is not keeping the Helsinki commitments in relation to Blacks.

"The fact that we heard so promptly from the United Nations, which is in Geneva, Switzerland, and still have not received a reply to our August letter to President Carter shows us how this country feels about the human rights of Black folks.

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ALL MEETINGS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.

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