



The starting players for the Portland Community College Cascade Center basketball team are: Jerry Avery, Stanley Harrison, Kevin Luster, Fred Jones and Tracy Cage.

Young PCC Cascade team holds 4-3 record

The tallest man on the Portland Community College Cascade Center basketball team is 6'2" tall.

And the PCC team only has two players with four years of high school basketball experience.

But the team is already 4-3 for the season and PCC coach John Lee expects to see the team winning most of the 16 games left in the season.

Why? "Because they hustle," Lee said smiling.

Lee said the group is younger than last year's team, mostly eighteen and nineteen year olds but hard working as a team.

"They beat teams on just sheer hustle," Lee said. "They just don't quit. The team members are good friends. They are a happy bunch. That helps them play well."

Guards Charles "Duffy" Jernigan and Larry Collins, plus center forward Darrell "Tuna" Turner are the only team members carried over from last year. Collins is a Washington High School graduate who played varsity ball at Washington High for two years.

Last year PCC ended the season 19-16.

New players on the PCC Cascade team are: Tracy Cage, guard from Grant; Stanley Harrison, guard from Madison; Jerry Avery, guard from Benson; Mark Sumner, guard and forward from Franklin; Marty

Pine, guard from McMinnville; Fred Jones, forward from Benson and Harold Amos, forward or center from Connecticut.

Starting players for the games are usually Jernigan, Collins, Turner, Amos and Cage or Avery.

PCC Cascade basketball coach forsee a good season.

"The team is young and they don't have a lot of experience, but they play very well," Lee said.

"I think we will have a good season. I expect to win most of our games, except against Claudia's or Dr. Bernard's. Their teams are made of many college graduates and some ex-pro players so it is not realistic to expect our team to win these games, but in an even match we'll win. The kids have a winning attitude."

Lee said he hopes more people in the Northeast Portland area around the PCC Cascade campus at 705 N. Killingsworth will come to the games.

"The games are free and the players are good, but people just don't know we have a team," Lee said.

The Portland Community College team plays other major AAU city league teams plus major small college junior varsity teams during the season.

Home basketball games schedules for the PCC Cascade gym at 7:30 p.m. are:

January 16 - Linfield College
January 21 - Claudias
January 28 - Lewis & Clark
February 13 - Dr. Bernard's
February 14 - Pacific Power & Light.

February 20 - Claudias
February 26 - Judson Baptist
Two PCC basketball home games are scheduled for the PCC Sylvania Center gym this season. They are:
January 23 - Pacific University
February 9 - Willamette University.

Terry Cage, a new Portland Community College Cascade Center basketball guard, said "the fans won't get bored when they come to our games because we are an exciting bunch to watch. We have a good display of basketball."

Cage played freshman ball at Grant High School, then dropped basketball and worked on his studies until he came to PCC this fall where he is in his first year as a business administration major.

The 19-year old, 5'7", 142 pound player doesn't have the height usually associated with college basketball, but he ducks and darts through practice and games at a speed which keeps the ball moving and taller players scrambling for the ball.

"We're a pretty good running team," Cage said. "If we just run more, then nobody will be able to hang with us."

Colbert headlines fight card

Portland's world ranked middle-weight Mike Colbert, will headline a main event 10-rounder, January 22, 1981 at Portland Exposition Center.

Colbert is one of only two fighters to go the distance with WBC Welterweight Champion Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns and fought former Olympic Champion Sugar Ray Seales to a draw. Mike, fighting away from home the last couple of years, hold wins over Rocky Mosely, Tony Licata and Renato Garcia.

On the undercard, Eugene's hard-hitting Bantamweight "Sweet Baby" James Manning 3-1 will be seen in a 8-rounder. Manning, only 18 years old was shown the ring savvy of a veteran and is certainly one to keep an eye on.

Portland's undefeated Middle-weight Billy Minnix 5-0 is scheduled for 6-rounds. Minnix in his last bout in Portland, came off the canvas four times in the first 2-rounds against tough Frankie Duran to stop Frankie with a desperate rally in the third.

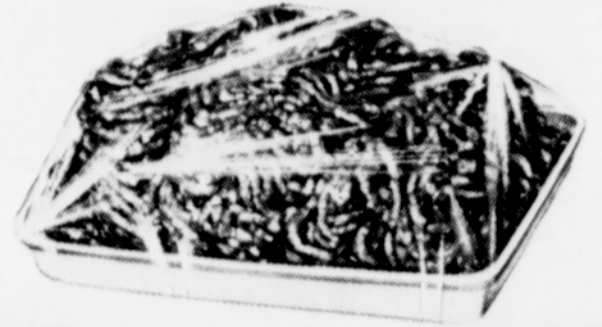
A couple of good, young, Portland Featherweights will see action in separate 4-round bouts. Bobby Newcomb 1-0 who impressed boxing people with his spectacular 2-round KO win over Carlos Chavez will return. Brian Tinker will fight in front of the home folks for the first time. Brian made a successful debut in Boise, whipping Lorenzo Garcia in a 6-round decision.

In another 4-rounder, Portlanders will get a chance to see the latest Northwest Heavyweight sensation. Tony Gallo 4-0 at 260 pounds has simply proven too strong for the competition so far, having KO'ed all four of his opponents. Matchmaker Fred McNally will name the opponents later in the week.

Professional boxing is on the move in the Northwest and this is just the start of bigger and better things for the boxing fan.

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Winning good to Mychal Thompson

By Ulysses Tucker, Jr.

Mychal Thompson, the Portland Trailblazers star center/forward has been playing some of the best basketball of his young career lately as his team is starting to play winning basketball.

"It's nice when you're winning," he said. "When we were losing during the early part of the season I felt really bad and I hated to show my face in public. I ended up spending more time at home than usual during the losing streak, but it's good to be back out again."

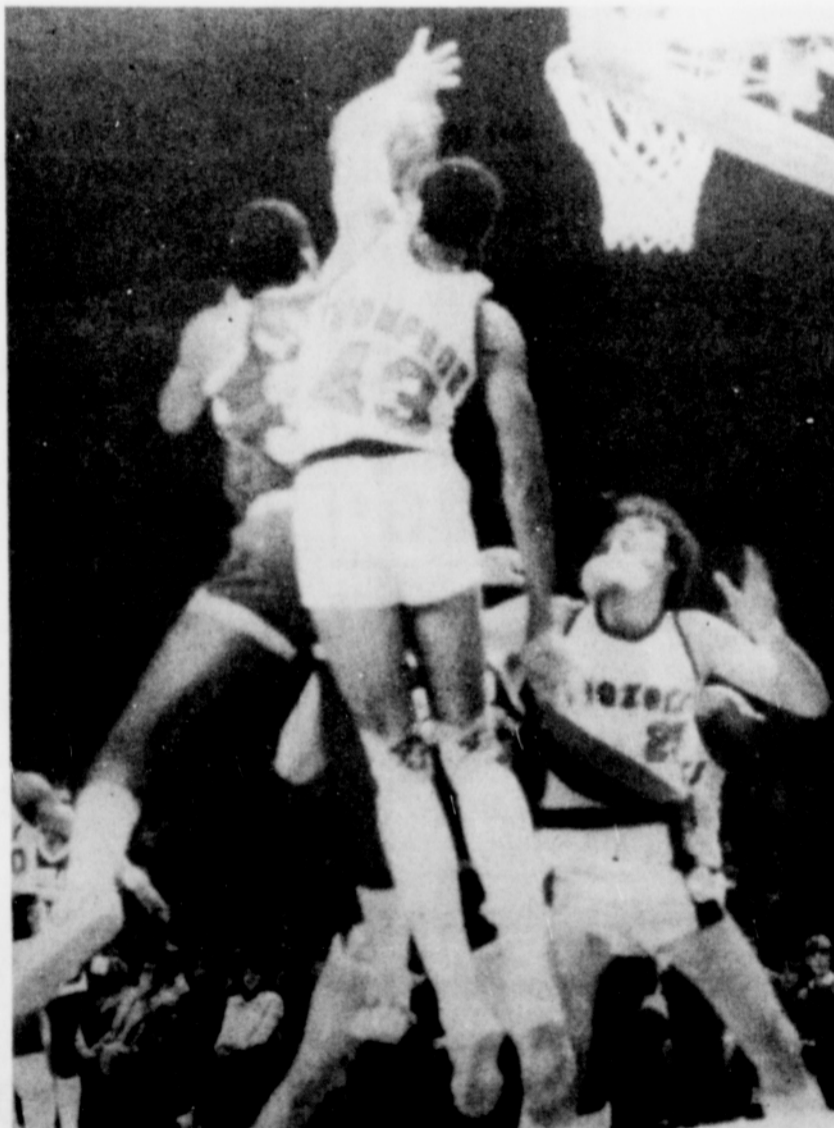
Thompson, a native of the Bahamas has been criticized by several local writers for his "spacey play" during a few of the Blazers early losses. Mychal explains.

"It's not that I'm not trying hard," Thompson said quickly. "I don't understand why they choose to single me out because I work hard all the time. Naturally, I'm a very cool and laid back person and most of it comes from growing up on the Island. I guess if people want to label my actions as such, that's their business. I know better."

Currently Thompson is the Blazers second leading scorer with a 15.3 clip and leads the team in rebounding. He also leads the team in block shots and turnovers.

During the Blazers nine game winning streak, Thompson led the team in scoring four times and on the boards five times. Thompson says that he enjoys the extra responsibility of playing the post position when Tom Owens or Kevin Kunnert gets into foul trouble.

"I find playing the hole very challenging," said Thompson. "I played center in college and I think I've been holding my own against some of the centers around the NBA. Bob Lainer and Kareem are



Mychal on defense; blocking a two pointer.

the only ones who have given me problems."

Thompson, a former All-American at the University of Minnesota and a member of the 1978-79 All NBA Rookie Team, broke his leg last season. After a one year lay-off, Thompson thinks his leg is in excellent shape for the physical

NBA play.

"In the beginning, I wasn't sure how it would respond," he said. "But now I feel pretty confident since I have a couple of good games under my belt. You can look for me to go even more harder from here on out."

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FROM THE FRONT DOOR

By Tom Boothe

From the Front Door, I wish to share the following with our citizens here in our local community. It appeared in the Thursday, January 8, 1981, *Wall Street Journal*.

THE DUMBEST PERSON IN THE WORLD

How dumb? Very dumb is the American who knocks what he's got. Here's what he's got: A country of unbounded beauty. Almost unlimited natural resources. A judicial system that is the envy of the rest of the world. Food is so plentiful overeating is a major problem. A press nobody can dominate. A ballot box nobody can stuff. Churches of your choice.

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