



Sports Talk

By Ron Sykes, Sports Editor

OSU's Steve Johnson certainly deserved better. The 6-10½ center who led the nation in field goal accuracy (76%) for the second consecutive year, was chosen by AP as a second stringer. Johnson lost the first team berth to Virginia's 7'4 Ralph Sampson. Sampson is deserving, he's a marvelous athlete, but then so is Johnson. Steve has an amazing ability of getting open and then converting.

Johnson was the best at his position this year and rightfully should have gained the berth. Hard work and dedication brought about a tremendous change in his game. And when a person dedicates himself, works hard, achieves unparalleled accomplishments, then that person should be rewarded accordingly. This week, big Steve Johnson wasn't, but his day will come. Steve Johnson will prove his

critics wrong by becoming a star in the NBA; not at power forward as some suggest, but at center. Johnson plays the post position as it should be played. He seldom leaves the "paint" and scores in the area you would like your big man to score.

Oregon State lost one and won one. Their season final, the 87-67 loss to Arizona State had to be disappointing but just how disappointing can 26-1 be? They certainly won one with the NCAA tournament selection committee when the smoke cleared in the West last Sunday, the Beavers were seeded No. 1 in Los Angeles and should have little trouble advancing to Salt Lake City.

Now, her is where the trouble for OSU will begin. Also at Salt Lake City will be the Bruins of UCLA, my pick to join Iowa, Kentucky and DePaul, to battle in Philadelphia

for that coveted 1981 NCAA Championship. For some strange reason, pride or whatever, UCLA seems to always rise to the summit during the NCAA's. The key, however, lies in big Steve Johnson. If Johnson can play enough minutes, then OSU could very well make it, but since this is a feat Steve never has accomplished, then our belief is that OSU can't make it against stiff competition with their big gun drawing splinters on the bench.

OSU placed Johnson, Mark Radford and Ray Blume on the All Pac-10 team, and all three of them will be chosen in the NBA draft. Both Blume and Radford possess outstanding basketball skills. They are fundamentally strong and both will become excellent scorers once they leave Ralph Miller's game.

Not that there's anything wrong

with Miller's teaching, the man is a great "team" coach, which is good for any college player. The OSU players will have a lot going for them when they turn pro. Both Radford and Blume are ideal at 6-4, good speed, excellent passers, strong and "intelligent" defenders and great shooters. "Intelligent" sure feels good to use when describing Black players. Now, only more writers should try using it.

Kelvin Ransey, Phil Ford, Magic Johnson, Nate Archibald and Kevin Porter, are all guards who run their respective offenses. Now how many of them have been referred to as anything but quick. Strange isn't it? Oh yeah, my pick to win the NCAA title is the Iowa Hawkeyes of the Big-10 with UCLA second. Of course, this is only one Black man's opinion.

Affirmative Action rule suspended

The Department of the Interior announced suspension of the obligation to file written affirmative action plans under regulations established to assure non-discrimination against minority and women-owned business enterprises in Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) leasing activities.

Under regulations which became effective January 2, 1981, lessees were required to file written affirmative action plans within 60 days of the issuance of an OCS or other specified event and make an annual compliance report.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is reviewing the reporting and record-keeping requirements of the regulations. While that review is in progress it is necessary to suspend the collection of information and record-keeping requirements.



Artie Hopwood uses Portland as a base to key his sound around the Pacific Northwest. Artie plays what is marketed as "Beautiful Music". (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Tuskegee celebrates 100 years

A ceremony honoring a former slave and a former slave owner will be held at Tuskegee Institute recently as this famed Black university marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the charter that created it.

Descendants of Lewis Adams, the former slave and George Campbell, the former slave owner will be on campus to note that significant day in American history.

Adams and Campbell led the effort which moved the State of Alabama to approve a school to train Blacks to be teachers. It was on February 12, 1881 - Lincoln's birthday, that Alabama Governor Rufus Cobb signed into law, House Bill 165 which created Tuskegee Institute and provided \$2,000 a year

for teacher salaries.

From this modest beginning sprouted one of the nation's foremost universities.

Starting the school was the idea of Adams who saw hundreds of ex-slaves struggling to exist on small farms.

Having learned to make shoes and harnesses as well as tinsmithing while a slave, Adams who began his own business, attempted to teach some of the men his trades, but the number overwhelmed him.

Recalls a granddaughter, Mrs. Lillie Wilson, 86 year old of Tuskegee, "Grandpa Adams had a family of 16 to support and when these men just kept coming to his shop he had to tell them he was sorry, that he had to go on. But one

day he said, 'what is needed is an industrial school where you learn to make a living for your families now that you are free.' That's how it started."

Adams enlisted Campbell's help and they talked with two candidates for the Alabama Legislature.

The politicians told Adams if he could pledge the support of Black voters and they were able to win the election, they would present a bill to authorize the school.

At that time, the waning days of reconstruction, Blacks were still voting in large numbers across the South. Adams campaigned for the two and they won their contests.

True to their word, they introduced the bill and in November 1880, one wrote to Adams, "Lewis get your teacher, the bill passed."

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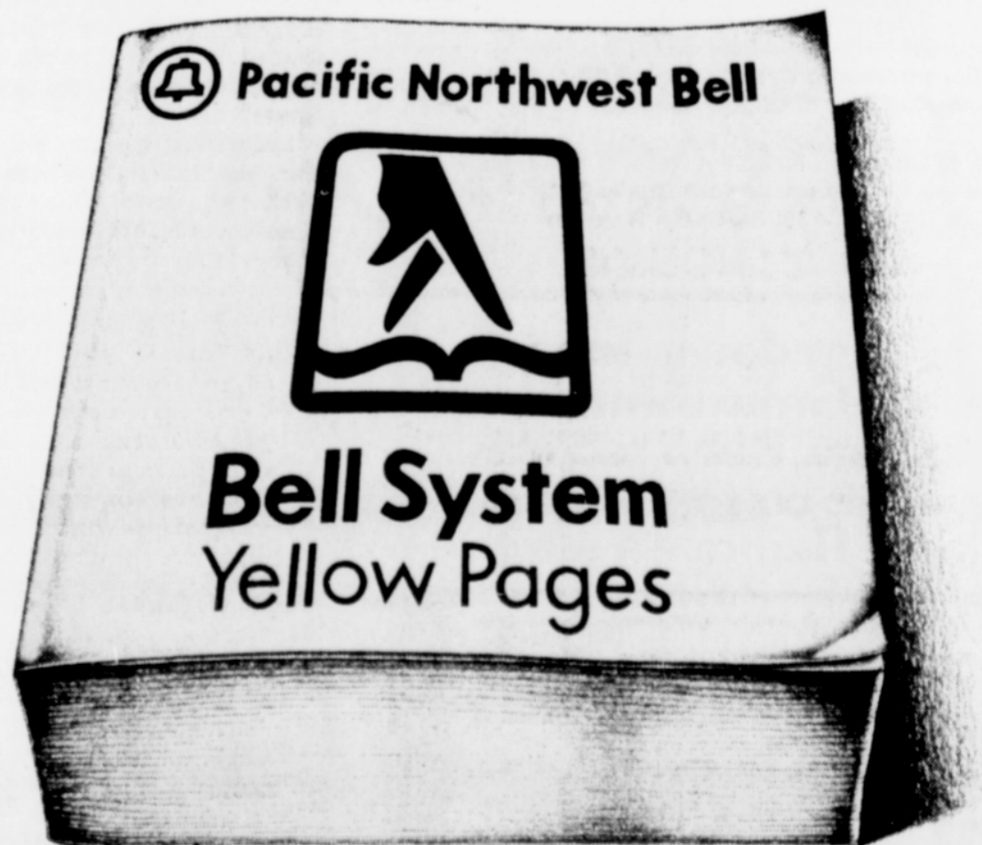
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