



Sports Talk

By Ron Sykes, Sports Editor

The NBA's long season is slowly grinding to an end. Philadelphia disposed of Milwaukee 99-98 Sunday afternoon before a disappointing crowd of 6,500, and now will match talent with the amazing Boston Celtics.

Sure, this writer picked Milwaukee to win it all and since that won't happen, at least not this year, then who will win it?

On paper you'd have to go with Philadelphia but as we all know the 76ers, in the past, have always come up short in the biggies, and this is a biggie because the winner in the East is virtually a shoo-in for the NBA championship. After all, aren't these two teams, Houston and Kansas City, in the western finals, both of whom are saddled with losing records? And didn't the Celtics and Sixers both end with identical 60-22 records, and boosted as the best in the NBA? So someone should tell

Moses Malone and Calvin Murphy that they haven't a chance, because apparently they still believe. And, too, KC's Ernie Grunfeld and Scott Wedman should be reminded that their season should have ended long ago because they, too, believe and are playing like they're all-pro or something.

Your heart must go out to Cotton Fitzsimmons and his courageous Kings. After losing their best two guards (Otis Birdsong and Phil Ford) most everyone wrote the Kings off. Everyone that is-but the Kings themselves. They believed and made believers of others by thrashing the western conference champion Phoenix Suns in 7 games. Philly should beat Boston in 6 games, with the inside power game being the difference. The key in this one has to be Darryl Dawkins.

If Darryl can get off the mark the Sixers in 6. But only if Dawkins

plays well. Bobby Jones off the bench will clip the "Bird's" wings. It'll be a good one for viewers. Houston and KC will also be worth watching. Give the edge to the awesome power of Moses Malone and the deadly shooting of Calvin Murphy.

The pick here is Houston in 7 games. Kansas City's Sam Lacey will try and neutralize Moses by bringing him out to the top of the key. Lacey is extremely effective there, where he either passes or takes the jumper, and Lacey will also drive the middle if the defense allows. What we have here is too very physical centers and it will be interesting. Again, the home court advantage will not mean a thing. Both teams are capable of winning on the road. Calvin Murphy's quickness should give KC's guards a fit, and the game could be won right there.

The heavyweight boxing scene lost two greats recently; one to retirement, Muhammad Ali, and the other with the death of Joe Louis. But there's two young ones on the horizon that could make the decision glamorous once again, Mike Dokes and Greg Page.

Whereas neither fighter will come close to Louis or Ali, they both are good and will someday replace Larry Holmes as champion. Dokes is simply dynamite and Page has shown lately that he's now ready to exert some power. Both young men has the size, 6-3 and both are bona fide heavies, tipping the scales at 215 and 226 pounds respectively.

And how about "El Tiente." Luis proved he's not yet ready to be turned out to pasture by pitching a no-hitter against Spokane. Tiant fanned 10, while walking just two in seven innings. With performances like these, Luis will be back in the majors in no time!

DICK BOGLE Blazer draft looms

If the Philadelphia 76'ers win the National Basketball Association championship, guard Lionel Hollins would become the first guard in the history of the league to be a starter on two different championship franchises.

His first championship came here in Portland in the 76-77 season when the Blazers overpowered the rest of the league on the shoulders of Bill Walton, Maurice Lucas, Johnny Davis, Lloyd Neal, Bob Gross and Herm Gilliam. Familiar heart warming names aren't they? It was tough saying goodbye to those fine young men, who for one reason or another left the confines of Memorial Coliseum to carry on elsewhere.

Only Bob Gross remains and it's my thought it's going to be farewell time for him and one or two more "present" Blazers.

Stu Inman, Blazer director of player personnel, in an interview told me the number one drafting priority for the team will be a "good to great" shooting small forward.

That sounds like goodbye to Gross and tough Calvin Natt. The strange thing is when Natt came here at the tail end of the 79-80 season in a trade with New Jersey for Luke, he was putting the ball in the hole from 15 to 20 feet out. Remember we gave up Luke, an all-star power forward, and two top draft choices to get Natt. He was highly valued by the Blazer brass at the time who knew they faced a major rebuilding job to become an honest contender. What happened?

It's not exactly a secret that Natt has asked to be traded and Natt has stated publicly that unless he is included more in the offense next season, he would be more com-

fortable playing somewhere else. Even to the casual fan it was quite apparent that Natt and Gross had to work for every point they scored and that there seemed to be few, if any, set plays to take advantage of their shooting skills.

The small forwards up for the draft who are attracting the Blazer brass include Al Wood, Albert King, Jeff Lamp of Virginia, Kevin Loder of Alabama State and Kelly Tripucka of Notre Dame.

Inman says Wood is such a high quality player that he will go during the first five picks of the draft and could be the first pick, depending on which players declare hardship.

Inman feels if there's a long suit in the draft it is at the small forward position. He says he is not ecstatic about the available centers nor overwhelmed by either the power forwards or the guards coming out of college.

He thinks Darnell Valentine of Kansas and Frank Johnson of Wake Forest could be the first guards taken, unless of course, Isiah Thomas of Indiana goes hardship and becomes eligible for the draft.

When he talks about power forwards, he mentions Notre Dame's Orlando Woolridge and Utah's Tom Chambers.

To me and a lot of other Blazer fans, the most obvious need is at the center position and when I mentioned this to Inman, he admitted the center position here does need upgrading. But, he says about 16 other NBA teams feel the same way and used the Milwaukee Bucks as an example. Despite taking Philadelphia down to the wire in the battle for the division championship with big Bob Lanier at center,

next year could bring harder times for Milwaukee. That's because Lanier is just about over the hill and his backup, Harvey Catchings is not type of center to take a team to the final four in the NBA.

He predicts Oregon State's Steve Johnson will be the first center taken in the June draft and that means by the time Portland chooses, Johnson will be gone.

More than likely Portland will have picks 15, 16 and 26. Pick 15 will go for a small forward, possibly a center. Number 16 will go for the position not picked with 15, and 26 could end up going for either the best guard or best power forward available at that time.

All this could change in a number of ways. The Blazers could put together a package of a combination of players and draft choices just to move higher up in the selection process. That method could land them the small forward or center they really want.

Another consideration is that next

season, the Blazers will carry 12 players instead of the present eleven. It's expected Portland will carry three centers, four guards, four forwards and possibly a man who can swing between guard and small forward.

This leads to the question what will be the role of rookie forward Michael Harper. Inman and the coaches are high on the young Chicago product. It's his prediction that Harper will move almost exclusively to power forward, playing 15 to 20 minutes a game behind Kermit Washington.

Harper and giant center Geoff Crompton will spend part of their summer playing in the Los Angeles Summer League. Crompton, who came to Portland at mid-season from the Continental League weighing 320 pounds must get down to 260. I'm told he has good moves offensively and defensively around the hoop and at 6-11 and 260 pounds could be an awesome force for limited minutes.

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8. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	3,450			
9. a. Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	4,663			
b. Less: allowance for possible loan losses	34			
c. Loans, Net	4,629			
11. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	658			
15. Other assets	288			
16. TOTAL ASSETS (sum of 1 thru 15)	13,247			
LIABILITIES				
17. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,038			
18. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	2,606			
19. Deposits of United States Government	7,634			
20. Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States	486			
23. Certified and officers' checks	106			
24. Total Deposits (sum of items 17 thru 23)	11,870			
a(1). Total demand deposits	7,704			
a(2). Total time and savings deposits	4,166			
27. Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases	183			
29. Other liabilities	107			
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures) (Sum of items 24 thru 29)	12,160			
EQUITY CAPITAL				
33. Common stock, a. No. shares authorized 80,000				
b. No. shares outstanding 80,000 (par value)	400			
34. Surplus	600			
35. Undivided profits	79			
36. Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	8			
37. TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 36)	1,087			
38. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 30, 31 and 37)	13,247			

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a. Cash and due from depository institutions (corresponds to item 1 above) 3,407

b. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreement to resell (corresponds to item 8 above) 2,973

c. Total loans (corresponds to item 9a above) 4,756

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Alan L. Barto April 9, 1981

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