



Sports Talk

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Sports Editor

The Portland Trailblazers have selected five rookies, along with hold over Darnell Valentine, to their fall camp. They then tossed the ball into the court of big Geff Crompton. Crompton, too, is invited to fall camp but only if he reports between 270-275 pounds. Anything over will not do. Crompton now is in a position to control his own listing. The 6-11, second year center is reportedly still hovering around the 300 pound mark. It's your move Geff.

Still can't believe that Portland, after admitting they needed help up front, used this year's draft to select a pair of guards. Darnell Valentine of Kansas and Jeff Lamp of Virginia.

How much faith do the Chicago Bears have in Quarterback Vince Evans? Coach Neil Armstrong and his new offensive coordinator, Ted Marchibroda think so highly of Evans, they are letting him call his own plays.

It seems that the day of the Black quarterback is on the horizon. Warren Moon, ex-Washington Husky, Quarterback, recently out dueling the much celebrated and highly paid Vince Ferragamo. Moon threw for four TD's to Ferragamo's two, as Edmonton downed Montreal 33-17. And yes, Moon also calls his own plays.

And while on the Canadian football circuit, it is good to report that former University of Oregon tackle Vince Goldsmith is wrecking havoc on opposition running backs up North. Remember Vince was thought by NFL by NFL scouts to be too small. Vince is looking very good at outside linebacker.

Boston's General Manager, Red Auerbach, went out on the limb by choosing blond haired, blue eyed hero Danny Ainge, a 6-5 guard who was chosen as the 31st player in the second round. Ainge repeatedly said he would not play basketball and

that baseball was his game. Now, Auerbach's move looks better than ever. Boston is now in serious negotiations to buy up the Ainge contract from Toronto. And while Danny is batting only .170 and collecting splinters on the bench, the far fetched move by the Celtics suddenly looks good.

Is J.J.'s career over? The Sonics have to be concerned because of Johnson's age. The 6-7 forward is now 33 years old, and his best years are seemingly over. Johnson tore his achilles tendons while vacationing in Mexico. At his age, it will be extremely difficult for him to return, and father time is slowly closing in on teammate Freddie "downtown" Brown. Freddie will have a severe test in trying to hold off young Mark Radford for the fifth guard spot.

The Sonics have the retiring Gus Williams after a year off due to negotiation problems, and Paul Westpaul as their probable starters. Those two will be backed by third year man, Vinnie Johnson, now in his second year. Radford's chances were slim last month, but appears better after summer play in L.A. Look for the 6-4, 190 pound shooter to stick. Mark is an excellent shooter and a good passer. And the youth must have its fling. And if the youth must have its fling, someone should perhaps tell Boston's Tiny Archibald. Archibald is the best 33 year old guard in the NBA, and Tiny can still do it all.

Herb Andrew (fifth round) and Julius Wayne (Seventh) can play. But they're guards unfortunately, and those spots are filled. However, Valentine's position may be somewhat precarious at the moment. In my opinion, when Jeff Lamp agreed to go to rookie camp without a contract and he was drafted in front of Valentine; if I were the young man from Kansas, I would have been right behind him (Lamp).



W. O. Walker, (right) editor-publisher of the Cleveland Call & Post and who is considered the "dean" of all Black publishers, received a \$10,000 check from fellow Cleveland Don King (Center) for the National Newspaper Publishers Association Archives Fund. King presented the check to Walker prior to being presented a Cleveland City Council resolution by Council President George L. Forbes (left). The City Council payed special tribute to King as a native son for his contributions to and achievements in the boxing profession.

OABA discusses development

"The Oregon Assembly For Black Affairs (OABA) will host an economic summit on October 17-18, 1981 in Portland," announced Calvin O. L. Henry, OABA President. This summit will deal with the "Economic Survival of Black People."

OABA feels that economic development, as well as politics, must be the major focus of the Black movement in the 1980s. This is one of the reasons why it is hosting this summit on economics. Blacks in Oregon must understand how the economic reforms of the 1980s (at the local, state and national levels) will affect them, how Oregon's economic system affects them and how economics affects their daily lives. Also Blacks must understand how to start, develop and invest in business ventures, and the roles of government at all levels in economic development and business ventures.

Henry noted, "OABA will be asking Oregon major corporations

and businesses, as well as governmental agencies, to participate in this summit. It is OABA objective that this summit will result in economic strategies, for economic development and greater economic independence among Blacks in Oregon being developed."

Black unemployment is high in Oregon. Among Black youths, it is even higher, said Henry. With recent budget cuts, Black employees are the first to be laid off.

When President Ronald Reagan told the NAACP Convention that "Government is no longer the strong draft horse of minority progress," was he saying that government will be a stronger draft horse for majority progress? And a dual economy? OABA wants Blacks in Oregon to understand the President's economic program for the nation, says Henry, and OABA is requesting someone from the Reagan Administration to explain it at the summit.

Safety tips

(Continued from page 1 col. 6) give out information to strangers innocently. Thus, parents should teach their children how to handle telephone calls from strangers. If parents have any questions about what they should teach their children, call: The Urban League Northeast Youth Service Center at 288-6708 or the C.R.I.B., at 249-

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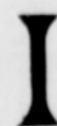
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