

Sports Talk

by Ron Sykes, Sports Editor

Trades We'd Make

Trades. They come in all shapes, colors and sizes. Some are big, while others are like grains of sand. Some are made in haste, while others are pondered for weeks, months and sometime years.

All of you out there have heard 1,001 times that a good trade is one "that helps both teams." With training camp for '81 just about complete, we will try to do just that. This writer will now attempt to wheel and deal, and hopefully help both teams.

To start things off let's negotiate a real "whopper-dooper." Let's trade second year man Kelvin Ransey to L.A. for 6-10 center-forward Mitch Kupchak. So what if Kupchak has an \$800,000-a-year contract. Portland is strong at guard and don't you have to give up something to receive something? This trade would give Portland added strength at center and a strong rebounder in the Kermit Washington mold. Kupchak is a real banger. And L.A.'s all-everything guard Magic Johnson has stated publicly that maybe he and point guard Norm Nixon may not be able to play together. Kelvin is unselfish and could step right in for the troubled Nixon. Rookie Darnell Valentine could move comfortably into Ransey's shoes. Portland fans would be happier because Darnell doesn't look so much for the shot, and that would leave more open jumpers for their favorite Jim Paxson. Okay, now we've helped both Portland and L.A. We've secured both center and power forward for Portland and the small guard position for L.A.

Next we would send Bob Gross to Atlanta for Rudy Macklin. Macklin at 6-6 could supply valuable minutes hacking up the multi-talented Calvin Natt at the small forward position. Macklin is a strong rebounder and can nail the 15-20 foot jumper. At L.S.U Macklin played both forward spots. Gross could add experience and depth to Atlanta who appears now to be overburdened with young players. Jeff Lamp, who Portland drafted us a small forward, appears light years away at this time.

Washington Bullets should consider sending a draft choice,



Thinking?

either number one or two to New York for 7-0 center Martin Webster. With the departure of Elvin Hayes and Wes Unseld the Bullets need immediate help in the middle.

★ Kevin Magee of Cal-Irvine, last July, scored 31 points to lead the United States to a 93-87 victory over the Soviet Union in the championship game of the World University Games, held in Romania. Oregonians can see Magee, who led the nation last year in rebounding, when Cal-Irvine invades McArthur Court on November 28.

★ After three years the media is still on Tampa's Doug Williams' back. The oft-maligned Williams, the team's first pick in the 1978 draft, acquired with the selection obtained from Houston in the Earl Campbell-Jimmy Giles transaction, passed for 3396 yards and 20 TDs.

Still, the racist critics in the media constantly obscured his positive facets to rant about the mistakes and blunders he seemingly, to them, made. This action prompted the feisty John McKay to publicly denounce the reporters for their "racist views." Williams has all the tools of a Terry Bradshaw plus he can think.

Remember James "Shack" Harris the ex-ram QB who also hailed from Grambling. Well, the L.A. media literally can "Shack" out of town. It's too bad these weren't a

few more John McKays around the league.

I thought Jackie Robinson broke the color line in baseball many years ago. Even with this year's expanded play-off season there were no Black announcers.



We've seen upsets before but this week in the NFL was ridiculous. Chicago beating San Diego in overtime. The lowly Bears with no offense and people only masquerading as defensive players shut down the NFL's most prolific offense led by the unflappable Dan Fouts. And then there's Seattle. That team from up north that's not really a team. But then after losing six in a row they defeat a N.Y. Jet team that hadn't been beaten in four weeks. Simply amazing. Then there was Kansas City, a fast-becoming good team, spotting Oakland, a rapidly-becoming bad team, 17 points and then staging a second-half comeback that saw them finally win 28-17. But how about those 49ers!!!

The City of San Francisco should be proud of the direction Coach Walsh has his team headed. The forty-niners after going 6-18 last year now sport a sparkling 6-2 record that leaves them alone at the top. What a difference a draft makes.

As we see it . . .

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- Central:
1. Milwaukee
2. Chicago
3. Atlanta
4. Indiana
5. Cleveland
6. Detroit

Milwaukee:

Last year the Bucks were 60-22; this year they will be first only if all pro forward Marques Johnson returns. Johnson has asked to be traded and so far has not reported to the club. How much longer center Bob Lanier can play on creaky knees will remain a big question mark. Arizona State's Alton Lister won't be ready for a few more years. Lister is the only addition to a deep, deep Milwaukee team. Will repeat only if Johnson returns.

Chicago:

The Bulls, at season's end, were playing some of the best basketball in the NBA. Last year they were 45-37. Could easily win 55 games this year. Bulls won 13 of their last 15 regular games. Guard Ronnie Lester has reportedly recovered from knee surgery. Lester, out of Iowa, could emerge as NBA's finest at the guard position. His speed surpasses Seattle's quick Gus Williams.

Artis Gilmore is strong in the middle. Reggie Theus and Ricky Sobers are a formidable back-court

pair. David Greenwood and Dwight Jones form a wall up front. The Bulls are solid. Don't be surprised by Chicago. Only question is 6-9 Orlando Woolridge, who is still unsigned.

Atlanta:

First year coach Kevin Loughery has promised Atlanta fans an exciting year. New comers: Guards Rory Sparrow and rookie Clyde Bradshaw, rookie forward Al Wood will contribute immediately. Hawks last year led the league in injuries, hear that Blazer fans. Eddie Johnson's head seems to be in outer space somewhere. Hawks will miss Johnson. If Tree Rollins and all-pro power forward Dan Roundfield recover from last year's surgery, and Steve Hawes can continue his effectiveness at both forward and center, then the Hawks could contend. Remember Rollins missed 42 games, Roundfield 19 and John Drew 17.

Indiana:

The Pacers lost 7-0 center James Edwards to Cleveland via the free agent route. Ex-Blazer Tom Owens will move in, but the same problems, rebounding, that plagued him in Portland will also hinder him in Indiana. Jack McKinney, last year's coach of the year, will have his work cut out for him this time around. Indiana just doesn't have the horses to compete in the tough central division. With forwards like George Johnson, Mike Bantom, Louis Orr

Cleveland:

Fast becoming the laughing stock of the league. At last count Cleveland had 13 players on guaranteed contracts. The league only allows each team to carry 12. The Cavaliers may not win many games, but they'll certainly have the best paid players in the NBA. If James Edwards, 7-1 center, can stop counting his money long enough to grab a few rebounds the Cavs may very well end up with 28 wins and 54 losses.

The Pistons got the number 1 pick in this year's draft and will have the dubious honor of receiving it again next year.

Isiah Thomas will help any club but a miracle worker he is not. I mean this club is hurting, hurting at all positions. Coach Scotty Robertson will be lucky to win 25 games with this crew. Forwards like Terry Tyler, Greg Kessler and Phil Hubbard will hardly give opposing coaches much to think about. Kent Benson is a joke at center. And if Benson isn't bad enough they have somebody named Paul Mokeski backing him up. If Ralph Sampson ever decides he's had enough at Virginia then the Pistons will be surely waiting on him.

Double Threat

The Jefferson Democrats are going into the 1981 State playoffs and Michael Hornbuckle is one of the reasons.

Hornbuckle, 6-2, 180 pound senior tailback, is currently the number two scorer in the PIL East.

Hornbuckle has averaged over 5 yards a carry, while scoring 46 points.

Right: Hornbuckle is also a threat on the basketball court.



OREGON STATE FOOTBALL STATISTICS RECORD: 1-6-0

| RUSHING | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|------|------------|
| | TCB | YG | YL | NYG | AVG. TD LG |
| Randy Holmes, FB | 97 | 497 | 19 | 478 | 4.93 2 39 |
| Darryl Minor, TB | 91 | 413 | 26 | 387 | 4.25 2 21 |
| Bryce Oglesby, FB | 17 | 108 | 0 | 108 | 6.35 0 13 |
| Mike Cagle, TB | 20 | 86 | 10 | 76 | 3.80 1 16 |
| Darvin Malone, FB | 3 | 60 | 0 | 60 | 20.00 0 57 |
| James Burton, QB | 15 | 59 | 9 | 50 | 3.33 0 19 |
| James Terrell, TB | 6 | 23 | 0 | 23 | 3.83 0 6 |
| Jeff Seay, QB | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 6.00 0 6 |
| Jay Kirschenman, QB | 10 | 11 | 35 | -24 | 1 4 |
| Ed Singler, QB | 65 | 104 | 185 | -81 | 1 34 |
| OSU TOTALS | 325 | 1367 | 284 | 1083 | 3.33 8 57 |
| OPPONENTS | 403 | 2322 | 167 | 2155 | 5.35 19 49 |

| PASSING | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|----|----|------|------------|
| | PA | PC | HI | YDS | PCT. TD LG |
| Ed Singler, QB | 151 | 78 | 6 | 1061 | .517 4 48 |
| Jay Kirschenman, QB | 30 | 16 | 1 | 173 | .533 0 37 |
| Jeff Seay, QB | 3 | 2 | 0 | 17 | .667 0 9 |
| James Burton, QB | 3 | 1 | 0 | 14 | .333 0 14 |
| Darryl Minor, TB | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 1.000 0 7 |
| OSU TOTALS | 188 | 98 | 7 | 1272 | .521 4 48 |
| OPPONENTS | 135 | 71 | 4 | 959 | .526 16 71 |

| RECEIVING | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|------|------|----|----|
| | NO | YDS | AVG. | TD | LG |
| Victor Simmons, FL | 30 | 540 | 18.0 | 2 | 48 |
| Chris Smith, TE | 13 | 165 | 12.7 | 0 | 35 |
| Ron Vogel, TE | 12 | 131 | 10.9 | 0 | 36 |
| Tim Sim, SE | 10 | 118 | 11.8 | 0 | 18 |
| Darryl Minor, TB | 10 | 92 | 9.2 | 0 | 22 |
| Randy Holmes, FB | 9 | 96 | 10.7 | 1 | 23 |
| Claude Dixon, SE | 3 | 32 | 10.7 | 0 | 15 |
| James Terrell, TB | 3 | 26 | 8.7 | 0 | 12 |
| Mike Cagle, TB | 3 | 17 | 5.7 | 0 | 6 |
| Armand Chong, FL | 1 | 17 | 17.0 | 0 | 17 |
| Bryce Oglesby, FB | 1 | 16 | 16.0 | 0 | 16 |
| Kenneth Lawson, FL | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 0 | 11 |
| Ed Singler, QB | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 0 | 7 |
| Mike Laverty, TE | 1 | 4 | 4.0 | 0 | 4 |
| OSU TOTALS | 98 | 1272 | 13.0 | 4 | 48 |
| OPPONENTS | 71 | 959 | 13.5 | 16 | 71 |

Singing in the rain

Oregon State coach Joe Avenzzano on Oklahoma game. "I felt our offense early in the football game moved the football and kept the ball away from Oklahoma." Coach Avenzzano had to be referring to the pre-game warm up because if I remember correctly the half-time score read Sooners 35, Oregon State 0. Avenzzano continues to find sunshine where others see rain. The Beaver coach should come to grips with the fact that when you're getting beat continuously by landslide scores you must not be doing very many good things. Oh well, maybe next year.

Last Saturday's Black College Football Scores

- Alcorn St. 18, Southern U. 0
- Fayetteville St. 19, Livingstone 10
- Ft. Valley St. 26, Lane 0
- Grambling St. 15, Jackson St. 7
- Hampton Inst. 17, James Madison 15
- Howard U. 21, N. Carolina A. 17
- Mississippi Val. 21, Texas Southern 14
- Morehouse 67, Fisk 0
- Morris Brown 23, Alabama A&M 21
- S. Carolina St. 16, Fla. A&M 15
- Tennessee St. 49, Nicholls St. 11
- Tenn-Martin 29, Mississippi Coll. 28
- Va. Union 43, Norfolk St. 13
- Morgan St. 31, Virginia St. 0

PIL

- Jefferson 12, Marshall 0
- Benson 14, Wilson 7
- Roosevelt 14, Chehalis, Wash. 0

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