



Celtic forward Larry Bird stands ready to hit the open man in Boston's win over Portland. Certainly a valuable asset to the team. Bird scored 25 points as Boston toppled Portland 127-117.



Home again, home again: Former Portland State great Freeman returned to Portland Sunday by way of Atlanta. Williams was recently traded by San Diego for two players. Freeman scored 8 points as the Hawks downed Portland.



Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes, Sports Editor

They're doing it with Sampson

If Ralph Sampson, Virginia's Junior center and basketball's premier player, doesn't become another Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the next decade, he can only blame himself. To put it another way, he has grown physically and has certainly matured to where he's college basketball's most dominant player. As productive as Sampson was last week, Virginia while maintaining its number one ranking, has only managed to win by 14 points in their last 5 games. The Cavaliers struggled against Clemson twice winning by two and five before beating NCS by a mere 2 in overtime.

And as productive as Sampson has been Patrick Ewing of Georgetown continues to challenge as the best center in the East. Ewing's Georgetown Hoyas have shown continuous progression and now have moved in as the nation's 12th-ranked team.

And why is this local writer still trying to give Billy Ray's job to one unproductive Jeff Lamp. This character, whom we shall not name, has openly declared that Billy Ray, who is productive, will lose his job to Jeff Lamp, whom we all know is unproductive. If Portland should make such a move, then we all should band as one in protest. Billy Ray needs only minutes to prove his worth. All one has to do is check out the games in which Billy has played 20 minutes or more to check out how productive he's been.

Portland does need to rid itself of some dead weight, and that dead weight is Jeff Lamp, Bob Gross and all 7 feet of Peter Gudmundsson.

Yes, this will be the year in which the Blazers will not make the playoffs, and no one will be more at fault than Coach Jack Ramsay.

University of Oregon basketball hit rock bottom this season. "Oregon probably has more talent than us," stated Oregon State University guard William Brew, "but we just have the togetherness to get the job done."

If the U of O has good players, then why such a disastrous season? The problem lies in the coaching. Under Jim Haney's regime, Oregon has had an embarrassing season, 9 wins to 14 losses.

And no one understands Haney's shortcomings—lack of skill in the area of basketball coaching—better than Haney himself. He quickly gave senior guard Barry Walker the pink slip for making remarks that Haney considered "detrimental to the team." That was a typical reaction from someone who knows that he is in a position where he cannot perform.

Haney's reaction was quite the opposite from that of Jack Ramsay, who is a winning coach (28-35) and has every confidence in his abilities. When Trailblazer forward Bob Gross criticized Ramsay for not giving him (Gross) more playing time, the result was more time on the court for Gross.

The Oregon basketball problem was not solved with the dismissal of Barry Walker. Jim Haney is the problem. If a coach has little material to work with, one can hardly expect more than a small effort. But if the players are there and the effort is still small, then the coach should go. Haney's departure may not solve all of Oregon's basketball problem but I'm sure it won't hurt the program either.

The Dodgers and their all-anything pitcher, Fernando Valenzuela, are in a salary struggle. Last year's

Cy Young award winner, according to agent Tony DeMarco, is asking for a cool one million dollars per year. The Dodgers have offered three-hundred fifty thousand to the second year southpaw. That would make him the club's third highest paid player. Third baseman Ron Cey reported he receives three hundred ninety one thousand while first baseman Steve Garvey takes home three hundred seventy thousand.

His eyes still twinkle when he smiles. He still looks and acts like the prototype of a Brigham Young follower, the kind you wouldn't mind sharing a back alley with.

In fact he still looks like he should be attending classes at North Eugene High School. But at the tender age of 23 Danny Ainge has been through the wars of two professional sports, baseball and now basketball, on the major league level. There was a brief stay in the class triple A league, but after mid-season Ainge found himself in a Toronto uniform and barely hitting his weight. "I have no regrets," Danny said. "I made a mistake, I've paid for it now. I just want to get down to the task of becoming a good NBA guard."

A good guard Ainge will be but that, too, is in the future. He must now sit and watch, and learn from, Tiny Archibald and Chris Ford.

"I don't mind the sitting. I'm looking at it as a learning experience. You might say this is like a year on the farm club," Danny said. "Coach [Bill Fitch] believes my time will come so I'll wait."

From High School superstar to college All-American, just how has this bench sitting affect Ainge's attitude toward the game.

"I'm perfectly at ease as a Celtic, I've had good practices so it really doesn't bother me."

Ainge only made a brief appearance against Portland. On his first defensive assignment Billy Ray Bates gave him a fake then blew past Danny for one of his celebrated Dunks.

"I'm learning," suggested Ainge. "I was to overplay Billy but just didn't get to his right far enough."

Danny's family and friends made the trek from Eugene. They didn't see much this time, but Danny's time is sure to come.

The 1982 Oregon State AAA boy's basketball championship will unfurl at Memorial Coliseum beginning March 11. The PIL will send number six and seven ranked Banson and Grant as their east representatives. The Metro League will send the state's top two ranking teams, undefeated Parkrose and once beaten Glencoe into the tournament. The prediction here is that Grant will battle Parkrose for the tourney championship with Parkrose, led by the six-foot-ten Steve

Woodside emerging as the winner.

Andy Mott, Grant's six-foot-two skywalker, should electrify tournament fans and garner the MVP award. Mott, the General forward, can do it all. It should be a most enjoyable AAA Tournament.

Observer AAA Boys Poll

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| 1. Parkrose | 6. Grant |
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| 3. Rosebury | 8. Lake Oswego |
| 4. Thurston | 9. Thurston |
| 5. Benson | 10. Clackamas |

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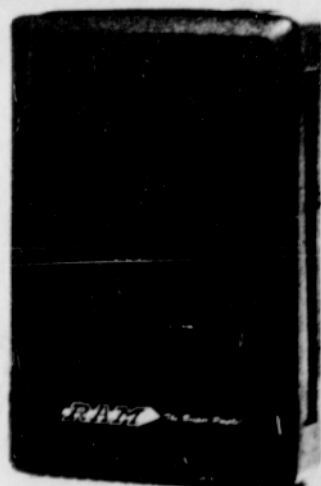
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