

Sport Talk

What a difference a few years make. Bay area press is now calling for Coach Al Attles to step down. Attles has spent the last 14 years as Warrior head coach and Boston's Red Auerbach is the only coach to equal that. Some Bay area visitors are saying that Attles no longer has the interest in coaching. And a few players are bad mouthing the coach for not practicing and for holding short practices.

Remember back in the golden years when the Rick Barry-led Warriors were the scourge of the league? Well, then Attles was given credit for revolutionizing the game. Attles was the first coach to win consistently by using 10 players. Using this system Golden State won the NBA championship in 1968 and barely missed in 1969. It is rumored that club owner Franklin Mieuli is high on Indiana coach Jack McKinney should Attles decide to retire.

Now that the collegiate football recruiting wars are over who came out best?

Notre Dame lured 11 of the top 100 prep players to South Bend. Coach Jerry Faust, in a produce or else year, signed more of the nation's top players than any other school. In comparison, the Pac-10 as a league signed only 11. Of those 11 Southern Cal grabbed four, while UCLA and Washington gained three apiece.

Last year the U. OF O signed Kevin Wilhite and Dana Hill. Both selected are blue chippers.

Boxing promoter Don King, after building an empire in toe fight game, is now said to be interested in purchasing the Cleveland Cavaliers.

It is reported that King has formed a group comprised of heavy-weight champion Larry Holmes and WBA champion Michael Dokes. If successful this would be the first black-owned franchise ever in professional sports.

Seattle's Super Sonics are continuing their struggle in the NBA. The Sonics jumped off to a 12-0 beginning and threatened to run off from their Pacific division fold. The trade for David Thompson helped the Sonics in their early romp. David did it all in the early part and had all Seattle talking about his out of sight play.

Now Thompson has been benched in favor of Oregon State's Mark Radford.

So one should keep an eye on just how much playing time David will get since the team is losing. The more Thompson plays with the Sonics, the less money it's going to cost the Nuggets.

Unless Thompson plays at least 1,800 minutes, the Nuggets reportedly will have to pay half of

NBA Actual Standings

Eastern Conference			
	W	L	Pct.
★★ 1. Philadelphia	46	7	.868
★★ 2. Boston	39	14	.736
★ 3. Milwaukee	36	18	.667
★★ 4. New Jersey	33	20	.623
★ 5. Detroit	26	28	.481
★ 6. Atlanta	25	28	.472
★★ 7. Washington	24	28	.462
★★ 8. New York	24	29	.453
★ 9. Chicago	19	35	.352
★ 10. Indiana	16	38	.296
★ 11. Cleveland	13	41	.241

★★ : Atlantic Division
★ : Central Division

Western Conference

	W	L	Pct.
★★ 1. Los Angeles	40	12	.769
★★ 2. Portland	33	21	.611
★ 3. San Antonio	33	22	.600
★★ 4. Phoenix	32	23	.582
★★ Seattle	30	24	.556
★ 6. Kansas City	27	26	.509
★ 7. Dallas	26	27	.491
★ 8. Denver	26	29	.473
★★ 9. Golden State	22	32	.407
★★ 10. San Diego	19	36	.345
★ Utah	19	36	.345
★ 12. Houston	10	44	.185

★★ : Pacific Division
★ : Midwest Division

Blazer Schedule (this week)

Feb. 23 San Antonio (away)
Feb. 25 Dallas (away)
Feb. 27 Cleveland (away)

Thompson's \$800,000 salary.

And what a shame that Portland's Calvin Natt was by-passed for the All-Star team. Portland's small forward is playing some of the best ball in the league.

At present the man nicknamed "the pit bull" is averaging 20.2 ppg and 10 rebounds. Natt is shooting .551 from the field and .804 from the line. Consistency has been the main ingredient in Calvin's game.

When the voting is over in the NBA for coach of the year Portland's Jack Ramsay should win hands down. Ramsay, with a bunch of average NBA talent, has won 33 games, while losing 21. That computes out to a .611 mark, second best in the Western Conference and sixth best in the entire league. That's right—out of 24 teams, Portland owns the sixth best overall record.

The Blazers were picked in pre-season polls to finish either fourth or fifth in their own division. Since there are no real super stars on the

team all credit must go to Mr. Ramsay for putting it together. Miracle workers?

And Moses Malone should never have been permitted to sign with Philadelphia. It was an injustice to the rest of the league. Before the coming of Moses the Celtics and Sixers would battle down to the wire with no more than one game separating the two teams. Now the Celtics have a 39-14 record, but find themselves 7 games behind the high-flying sixers.

WBA lightweight champion Alexis Arguello is blaming veteran trainer Eddie Futch for his loss to Junior Welterweight king Aaron Pryor. Alexis blamed Futch for allowing him (Alexis) to overtrain.

Arguello, long thought to be one of the class individuals in the boxing world, is rapidly destroying his image by blaming everyone but himself for his loss to Pryor.

Harrington speaks

Social activist Michael Harrington will speak on "Capitalism in Crisis," at 8:30 p.m. in the University of Portland's Buckley Center auditorium Tuesday, March 1.

Harrington, the author of 13 books, including *Socialism*, *The Twilight of Capitalism*, and *Unfinished Democracy: The American Political System*, is a political science professor at Queens College. He has chaired the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee since its founding in 1973, and was a national chair in the Socialist Party from 1968-72.

Active in the movement for civil rights since 1954, he helped organize the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom and the Youth Marches for Integrated Schools. He became a member of Martin Luther King's advisory committee in 1965, was part of the White House Conference on Civil Rights. He is working with Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders to create a new thrust for full employment for minorities and all workers.

As a member of the American Federation of Teachers, Harrington has also been involved in the labor movement. He was a member of the Fund for the Republic Trade Union Project from 1956-62 and has spoken at union conventions and educational meetings for several unions.

The program is free and open to the public.

"The patient conquer."
Latin Proverb

Arguello claimed that his trainer "made" him run for 1 1/2 hours a day, a claim that Futch vehemently denied. Alexis Arguello is a super fighter, but he must someday recognize the truth and the truth is Aaron "The Hawk" Pryor is just a better man.

The USFL, scheduled to begin play on March 5, had made another offer to sign an NFL super star. The Michigan Panthers reportedly offered Redskin running back John Riggins one million dollars for two years. That's a lot of Moola to put out for a 33-year-old running back.

It's realized that the new league in order to gain credibility must go for some big names. But someone should do their homework before dishing out these astronomical salaries. Remember the mistake the old AFL made when they signed Larry Csonka and Jim Liick?

They were both all-pro running backs with the NFL's Miami Dolphins. They were both hired away and signed lucrative contracts with the "other" league. Both never produced in the AFL, mainly because someone forgot to bring along that great Miami offensive line.

And the same thing would happen to Riggins, should he leave without bringing along those "Hogs."

INTERESTING FACTS

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The millionth home run in Major League Baseball history was scored by Bob Watson, Houston Astro first baseman on May 6, 1975.

The spoon as we know it today, with its spatulate handle, dates from only the 18th century.

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