

Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes, Sports Editor

Grant's Cindy Brown, 6-foot-2 senior center, was chosen to *Parade Magazine's* all-America girls basketball first team.

Brown, a four-year starter for the Generals, was one of 10 girls so honored.

For Cindy this was her second time around. Last year she was picked on *Parade's* second team.

The silk smooth Brown led Grant to a second-place finish in this year's class AAA state championship.

Cindy holds ever individual scoring and rebounding record in the class AAA books.

Brown, a native of Portland, has over 35 major college offers. The question on everyone's lips is just where the sweet smiling young lady will matriculate.

"I'm strongly considering USC, Louisiana State, Texas and California," said Cindy. "And I haven't ruled out either Oregon State or Oregon. I've had strong pressure," the little senior said, "to stay in-state. But right now I have to see what's best for Cindy Brown."

Brown appears to know which direction she's heading and the two-time all-American says she's interested in becoming a veterinarian after basketball and college. "I realize that there's more to life than basketball," Brown said, "and I want to use college as a vehicle to something better in the future."

Brown's prep honors include all-City, all-Metro, all-star and now all-American. The sky is the limit for Cindy Brown.

The fledgling USFL, after their second week, is still drawing well. And ABC reports that the fans are still watching. Although attendance showed an average decline of some 1,500 fans, no one is pushing the panic button. The jury is still out; it's much too early to tell whether the USFL will survive. The question lurking out there still remains as to just how much football the fans can stomach.

George Allen, coach of the Chicago Blitz, thinks America is ready for football on a year-round basis. That, in my opinion, is yet to be proven.

Everyone keeps reminding us that this new league will make it because they're doing everything right. One thing they did was to go with proven coaches. They have such names as Chuck Fairbanks, New Jersey Generals; Red Miller, Denver Gold; Dick Coury, ex-Portland Storm coach in the WFL, now with the Boston Breakers; Ray Jauch, ex-Canadian Football League coach, now coaching the Washington Feds; Hugh Campbell, successful CFL coach, now head mentor at LA Express, and probably the premier coach of the USFL in George Allen,

who's guiding the powerful Chicago Blitz.

Where do most of the USFL players come from? You've heard of the territorial draft—if you haven't it works like this. The entire United States was divided into regions. Each team was then assigned the colleges and universities in their region. And they were given exclusive territorial rights to those players.

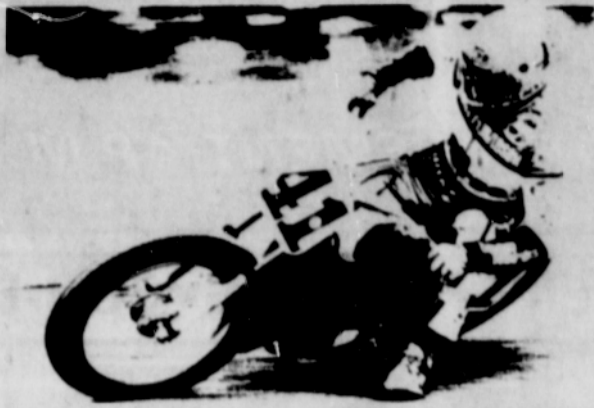
"The system sure in the heck didn't help me," chortled Dick Coury. Coury's Boston Breakers were given Harvard, Massachusetts, Boston College and Connecticut. And only two of those schools offer football scholarships. If you scan the rosters of NFL clubs you'll find players from such powerhouses as USC, Oklahoma, Texas, Ohio State etc. Occasionally you'll find one or two from the Slippery Rocks and Guilfords, but those are exceptions.

But in the USFL it's the other way around. Here are a few names you'll see dotting USFL rosters: Fort Valley Star, John C. Smith, None, Ft. Lewis, Salisbury St., Norwich, Ursinus, Adrian and who out there can tell me where in the h--- is Millersville State. The list goes on: William Jewell, and if there's a school out there you've never heard of, there is a good chance you'll find it by checking the USFL roster list.

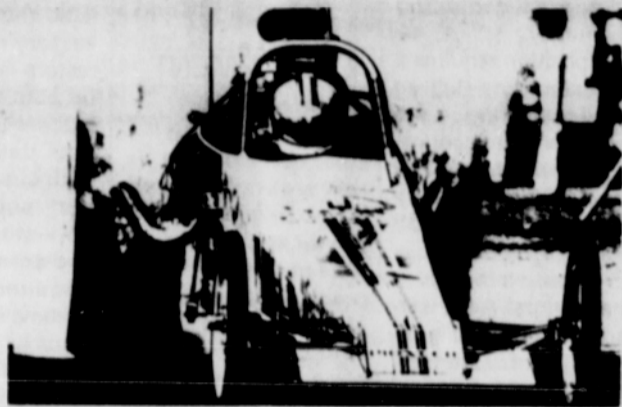
Most teams signed players from their own area, maybe due to familiarity they figured on drawing fans. As a result there are very few State of Oregon players in the USFL, and neither Oregon State nor Oregon was included on anyone's exclusive list. Remember Reggie Ogburn, ex-Duck QB? Well Reggie's now earning his money as a Running Back for the Boston Breakers. The Chicago Blitz has Rock Richmond, a defensive back from Oregon. Daryl Tanner, who last played for the Oregon City Steelheads, is listed on the Oakland Invader roster as a defensive tackle. Portland State's Fred Nordgren and Ron Seawell are listed on the Tampa Bay Bandits and L.A. Express rosters. Ex-U. of O. offensive tackle Stu Yatsko is playing for Oakland after being cut by Denver of the NFL.

Tim Smith, ex-Beaver defensive back, is playing for the Breakers, while Roger Levasa, ex-Oregon State offensive lineman, is blocking for the Invaders.

Remember Coy Bacon, Lydell Mitchell, Cedric Hardman, Greg Landry and Raymond Chester? No, they're not ready to be nominated for the hall of fame. Not yet, anyway—they're going at it in the USFL. If you think the USFL is becoming a nursing home, then you could be right. John Walton, ex-Philadelphia back-up quarterback, is 37, Mike Livingston, who is playing for Chicago is 36, and Bacon is 39. And believe me, these guys aren't exactly spring chickens.



Ricky Graham won his first Winston Pro American Motorcyclist Association national championship in 1982 by replacing his normal 'go for it' style with a more smooth, mellow form of riding on the Tex Peel-prepared Harley-Davidson. Graham won four races last year to edge three-time Winston Pro champion Jay Springsteen by two points.



Shirley Muldowney and her Pioneer Stereo dragster were almost unbeatable in 1982 as she won four national events and her third Top Fuel Winston World Championship on the National Hot Rod Association-Winston circuit. No other driver, male or female, has ever won more than one Top Fuel title.

Somehow, I just have to believe that there will be more than a few injuries before this season is done. Ray Chester does appear to have more going for him than the other old guys. Chester is assistant coach and can take himself out whenever the going gets too rough.

The fight to unify the Light-heavyweight championship between Dwight Braxton and Michael Spinks will take place Friday, March 18th. And it will be a donnybrook.

This will not be your classic confrontation between boxer and puncher. Both men are adept in both categories. Spinks, at 6-2, is a clever counterpuncher with power in both hands. Michael is probably the hardest hitting Light-Heavy since Archie Moore.

Michael uses his job very well; however, most boxing experts figure if Spinks is to win it will be his good right uppercut that will put the smaller Braxton away.

For some strange reason the odds makers have made Spinks a 7-5 favorite in this Friday's encounter.

Braxton, at 5-6, will give away eight inches in height, but not one inch in heart. Dwight Braxton will bring an unrelenting style of fighting to Spinks, a pressing style that just may be too much for Michael to withstand.

"I'll take him out between 7 or

8," Braxton said. "Just look at his (Spinks') body—it was made to order for me."

One thing Spinks can look for, and that's for the shorter man, Braxton, to be right in his face at all times. Whereas Braxton will give away many inches in reach, he still will have the most effective jab. Braxton's arms are extremely long for a man of his stature.

Look for Braxton to come out early, work hard to Spinks' body, to never tire, and to win the fight. In today's fight game, Dwight Braxton is the closest thing to Superman around. Did you hear that Lawson Peters and all the good brothers at OSP?

Ambers wins

Jason Ambers, age 10, tied for first place in the OMSI State Chess Championship by winning 4 1/2 games out of a total of five games. Jason won in the fifth-grade-and-under category. There was a total of 39 players in this category. This event was held on March 12, 1983.

For the first-prize, Jason received a trophy, gift membership to OMSI and a cash award.

Jason is the son of Jasper and Floreid Ambers. He is in the fifth grade at Robert Gray School.

Fentress requests new trial

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loss of her freedom and her children if she did not repeat the story that she had not been with Fentress during the entire night. Because she has eight years to serve on parole, this was a frightening prospect.

Besides Ms. Moffett's inability to provide an alibi for Fentress, the other damaging testimony was from Joe Sartin, who came to the attention of the police through an informant who was aware of a story Sartin told his employer.

Sartin said he was driving north on Union between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m., and saw a woman walking south. He saw a black man—26-27 years old, 5'10" to 6' tall, 165 to 180 pounds—walking from Sacramento and Union. He was suspicious and afraid the man would snatch the woman's purse so he drove around the block. When he drove by again he saw the woman on the sidewalk, but did not see the man. He did not stop but continued to Killingsworth. Then he returned to return when he arrived he found the ambulance and police car. He said he recognized Ms. Williams as a woman he often saw walking in Northeast Portland. Sartin selected a photo of Fentress from six photographs.

Prior to Fentress' January trial, a witness, a Mrs. Smith, appeared. She had seen Fentress' station wagon at the scene and when she later saw it at his home, she dropped by to ask what had happened that morning. She made a statement for attorneys but left town before the

"What nobody seeks is rarely found." Pestalozzi

trial and not called to testify.

Mrs. Smith said she had gone to Union and Sacramento at about 6:30 a.m. to contact her daughter. She parked on Sacramento near Union to check an apartment building where her daughter's friends lived. She decided not to knock and returned to her car, which would not start. She saw a white woman and a black man—"middle aged with a big belly"—walking on Union. She got out of her car to go to ask the man for help. She heard what she thought were firecrackers and when she turned the woman was on the ground; the man's back was to her.

She returned to her car and soon a man in a small grey car, a white man, age 50 or so, stopped. She heard a bus, then saw the driver. Then a blue van pulled into Sacramento from Union. The driver parked and went to the corner. She described him as "tall and thin." She saw him talk to the white man; then her car started and she left.

Following Fentress' conviction, a woman responded to a newspaper ad and in response to her information, Birkland is requesting a new trial.

Darla Wilson said she was driving on Union Avenue, looking for an address where there was to be a garage sale. Two children were with her. At Fremont she began having car trouble and was moving slowly. As she approached Sacramento Street she noticed a couple walk-

ing—they were arguing and appeared to be drunk. "The man was fat and his belly hung over his belt." They were both screaming and the man hit her in the face and she fell. As she walked away he struck her again. "The man was behind her when she fell to the sidewalk near a small tree in a patch of grass in front of the building on the Southeast corner of Sacramento and Union. The man just turned and walked away east on Sacramento. Then he turned and looked back."

Frightened, Mrs. Wilson drove away. She remembers hearing what she thought were firecrackers.

Fentress' and Moffett's attorneys have many avenues for appeal, alleging that their constitutional rights were abridged.

Whether the appearance of two corroborating persons who have no personal interest in the crime and who were unaware that they were witnessing a murder will bring Fentress the opportunity to be a new trial is the next question to be answered.

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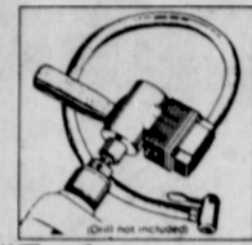


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