

# Sport Talk

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Portland Trailblazers open their quest for 1983-84 championships September 30th. Go, Blazers!

Once a fighter is knocked out by his opponent, it is most difficult for him to win in a rematch.  
Louis Harris

Alexis Arguello, seeking for a second time to become the first man ever to win championships in four divisions, was mugged by junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor.

Ten months ago Arguello, then 76-5, battled Pryor, 34-0 before being KO'd in the 14th round.

The first encounter was one of the best boxing matches of the century. It was later voted the fight of the year by the WBC. Pryor entered the ring last Friday as a 2 1/2-1 favorite. The odds should have been 14-1.

"I will come out faster than before," beamed Pryor, "and by the sixth round one of us will be gone." For those of us who saw the first fight, it was hard to imagine Pryor coming out faster.

In fact, when the bell sounded for round one, last November, Pryor met Arguello before Alexis could walk out of his corner. But start faster he did. In the first two minutes of round one, Aaron had landed a left right combination to the challenger's head that left Arguello sprawled on the canvass. Many thought it was all over; and for all practical purposes it was.

Arguello survived the third and fourth rounds strictly as a defensive fighter.

"I knew, Alexis said, "by the end of the fourth round that I had no chance of being the champion."

Arguello is a tough hombre and for such a man to be completely broken... just has to be a tribute to the skill and strength of Aaron Pryor.

"He is the fastest man I have ever faced," lamented Alexis, "and he is so strong."

Aaron Pryor is far and away the most relentless puncher in the game today. The man seemingly never tires. He throws punches in bunches and sooner or later will simply overwhelm his opponent, as his 34 consecutive.

Alexis has promised wife and God that last Friday's bout with Pryor was his last. Pryor, too, says he will retire unless fellow Ohioan and lightweight champion Boom Boom Mancini will agree on a fight.

### Bob Toledo to join Ducks

The Oregon Ducks hired Bob Toledo, and promised Duck fans a new and imaginative offense.

Last year, Oregon's offensive scored a total of 10 touchdowns on the year.

Simple mathematics would easily tell us that that totals out to less than one a game in an 11-game schedule.

After two games, the Ducks are no more entertaining than last year. They've scored two TD's in two games. Both were on fumbles by the opponent. Toledo came to Oregon from the University of Pacific highly touted as an offensive coordinator, especially strong on the passing game. After seeing the Ducks against both Pacific and Ohio State, one can easily see how effective his schematic could be. The receivers run excellent pass routes, the running backs go out on the short ones, the whole thing is beautiful to see.

Now all that is left is someone to orchestrate this beautiful symphony. The Ducks need a quarterback.

Junior Mike Jorgenson, 6-1, 185 lbs. in two games is just 16-40 for a total of 160 yards. Too often receivers are open only to find the passes either too high or too low. Now, common sense will tell you that this will not work unless you have either a Lynn Swann or a James Lofton. The Ducks have neither.

Mike Owens, junior, 195 lbs. seems to have the strongest throwing arm of the two quarterbacks. And, since Jorgenson has failed in his bid for consistency, then maybe Owens should be given the helm. The Ducks, 0-2, will have a bye this week and will play host to the Houston Cougars of the SWC on September 17th.

Oregon senior defensive tackle Ed Rhone suffered a fractured shoulder blade in the third quarter of the Pacific game and now it's feared that he just may be out for the season.

In two games the Oregon Ducks have rushed for a total of 177 yards. Against Pacific fullback Ladarja Johnson led all Duck rushers with 39 yards on 10 carries. At Ohio State it was freshman tailback Kevin Wilhite the leader with 34 yards on 10 carries. It's obvious that the Oregon runners aren't causing PAC-10 defensive coordinators many sleepless nights.

### Portland Trailblazers on the rebound with Washington

The Portland Trailblazers will open their quest for the 1983-84 championship on Friday, September 30th.

The camp will again be held at Green Meadows Athletic Club located in Vancouver, Washington.

The current Blazer roster lists 15 players vying for 12 spots.

The addition of 6-8, 230 lb.

shooting touch, he doesn't need that. It's only his superior strength that's needed. And if he doesn't have that, he'll have little trouble gaining a place in the Blazer sun.

The pre-season roster lists eight men at the forward position. Calvin Natt and rookie Clyde Drexler can easily be the first two penciled in at the small forward position. Also, with the trade of Linton Townes to Cleveland, it is believed that Jeff Lamp is still in Jack Ramsay's plans. Which is bewildering to moi. If three centers are to be carried, as Ramsay says, then starter Wayne Cooper will get help from both Mychal Thompson and rookie Tom Pitorowski.

Washington should have little trouble beating out Audie Norris or Hank McDowell for the big forward spot. Kenny Carr is a lock. Just as Darnell Valentine, Jim Paxson and Fats Leven are rocks at the guard position. Rookies John Smith and Tim Dunham would appear to be the odd men out.



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