

Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes
Sports Editor

University of Oregon offensive lineman, Gary Zimmerman, 260-lbs., was chosen pac-10 offensive player of the week. The U. of O. offensive guard spread holes that led to the Ducks gaining 279 yards against California.

Oregon Coach Rich Brooks declared, "Zimmerman is the best offensive lineman I've ever coached." Gary was picked as a pre-season All-American.

Zimmerman, from Walnut Creek, Calif., has been a three year starter for Rich Brooks.

As usual, Blazer coach Jack Ramsay has his team in mid-season form in early October. The Blazers went into Tacoma last Sunday and blew Seattle away 117-98. Portland, using pretty much the same lineup that carried them to the playoffs last year, outclassed the Sonics from bell to bell. Jeff Lamp, as usual during pre-season and summer league, led the team in scoring. Much talk during the early season is being channeled toward the forward position.

The front office is still trying to come to terms with first-round pick Clyde "The Glide" Drexler. Drexler is missing out on the most important part of course. He should now be getting valuable experience going head to head with the veterans. What's even more puzzling is the statement made by Jack Ramsay when asked about the absence of Drexler. "That's not my concern," Ramsay stated. "When he comes to practice we'll work with him." One has to wonder how much Jack would be concerned if Ralph Sampson had been the Blazer No. 1 pick. It seems any coach should be concerned if their number one draft selection is not in camp by the beginning of pre-season.

And what about those Ducks? Oregon seemingly has put it together. Coach Rich Brooks' troops showed last week in a losing cause, 44-34, against San Jose State that their offense, that struggled all of last year, and the early part of this year, had finally arrived. But to and behold it was the defense giving up 44 points that did them in.

Oregon scored on a trick play, tight end Paul Christianson starting a reverse only to stop and hit flanker Lew Barnes on a play that covered 48 yards. All the offensive imagination of the Reggie Ogburn days. There was the shovel pass, QB options and screen passes. It was a day that the Ducks simply put it together and overwhelmed a good California team. This wasn't just a bad game by Cal but a game that Oregon clearly dominated. Oregon had six backs gaining nearly 30 yards apiece. Freshman Kevin Willhite, still nursing a sore shoulder, showed why he soon will be a premier running back. Lew Barnes, Oregon's JC transfer, is more and more becoming a big play receiver. Oregon gained 41 yards when they lined up without a huddle, all the linemen were on the left side, the ball was snapped to Barnes who was off to the races.

Remember Ed Manning the ex-Blazer out of Jackson State University? Ed played in the 70-71 season, during the hard times. Manning was just recently hired by Larry Brown as an assistant coach at Kansas University. Remember it was only a few months ago that Coach Larry Brown fired ex-Celtic great Jo Jo White. It was said then by Brown that he and Jo Jo had different views on coaching philosophies. Well, the different philosophy turned out to be that White didn't have an all-American son being recruited, as did Manning. So, coach Brown chose to give Manning, a truck driver, the job over White. Ed Manning has been out of basketball for 12 years. His son is a 6-10 highly

recruited freshman. Very interesting...

Whiz kids over Wheez kids

Everyone is saying the "Wheez kids," Philadelphia Phillies, are going to win the pennant. Not so. Sure the Phillies are loaded with great ex-giants, but the Baltimore Orioles are also loaded. The Orioles are aligned with future greats. Okay, so what if the Dodgers, too, were a good young team and they were roundly beaten by the Phils. Philadelphia was red-hot during September, 25-5, and that momentum carried them past the Dodgers, who struggled terribly the last two weeks of the National League season. And only won because Atlanta seemingly didn't want to win. My pick was the White Sox, after finishing 20 games ahead of Kansas City, and with two twenty game winners the Sox were in good shape. That coupled with the past that their last World Series appearance was way back in 1959 made them appear hungrier.

This Series will go the full seven games with Baltimore winning.

Philadelphia has had real problems when facing left-handed pitching.

Scott MacGregor, Oriole lefty, could be the difference for coach Joe Altobelli.

The Phillies are dynamite against right handers. On the season they hit 73-54 from the starboard and only 17-18 from the port side. The two left-handers the Phillies faced in the opening series, Reuss was beaten 1-0 on a first inning homer by Mike Schmidt, while Fernando Valenzuela was victorious 4-1. While left-handed pitching is the key for Baltimore, Gary Mathews is so for the Phillies. Mathews delivered key hits throughout the National League championship batting .429 with three homers. This being an odd year makes it odd man out for the DH.

The designated hitter is used only on even years. The Orioles will sorely miss the DH-ing of Ken Singleton.

The choice here is the Orioles from the American League. Here's why:

★ Catching—Rick Dempsey of Baltimore is the better all-around catcher. Bo Diaz will probably hit with a little more power, but less consistency. Dempsey has the stronger throwing arm. The edge to Baltimore, slightly.

★ First base—Eddie Murray in a landslide over the aging Pet Rose. Speed, power, defense—Murray has it all. Rose is simply over-matched. No matter what media hype Rose receives he is no match for Murray. The media has a tendency to exploit Rose's doings on the field. Pete will still hustle but one must remember that a 40-year-old hustle is not the same as that of a younger player. Rose's all-out speed is slow motion compared to Murray.

★ Second base—Baltimore's Rich Dour and Phillies' Joe Morgan. Morgan was superb down the stretch. Joe had a horrendous season... barely topping the two hundred mark. If Joe continues *a la* the big stretch drive, then we'll go with Joe. Dauer, however, was the more consistent throughout the season.

★ Shortstop—You better believe that Joe Ripken, 23, is the best. Matter of fact Ripken is about as far ahead of Ivan DeJesus as Murray is ahead of Rose. Ripken enjoyed a superb year. He hit .318, had 27 homers and 102 RBIs. DeJesus is a good, better than average shortstop, but will be overwhelmed by Ripken.

★ Third base—What can you say about the Phillies' Mike Schmidt that hasn't already been said? Schmidt is just a hands down winner over Todd Cruz.

Cruz is a superb fielder with a



Portland Trailblazer Calvin Natt stopped to visit Kayin Talton's Providence Montessori School classroom September 28th during the "Blazer Blitz" team tour of five children's hospitals. Providence Child Center, first stop on the tour, operates three pre-school education programs including the Montessori School, as well as the Children's Nursing Center Medical Care Facility. Natt, along with the entire Blazer team and coaching staff, spent the day visiting youngsters, signing autographs and bringing encouragement and joy to many young fans.

weak bat. Schmidt does it all!

★ Outfield—This is a toss-up. The edge here will be determined by the pitching. Mathews is the key, as before mentioned. The edge here is determined by how well the right-handers do against Gary.

★ Pitching—The Phillies' Charles Hudson, who started the season at Portland, has made life a lot easier for manager Paul Owens. Hudson, a rookie, has pitched with the poise of a veteran since coming up. The pick here is Baltimore.

U.S. women meet Cubans

The U.S.A. National Women's Volleyball Team will meet the Cuban national team, the Pan American champions, at Memorial Coliseum on October 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Cuba defeated the favorites from the U.S. 3-2 at the Pan American games, winning the gold medal. The U.S. team was third in the world championships held in 1982 and is viewed as one of the best teams today.

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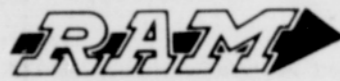
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land three times in the Oregon Legislature. She is a strong advocate of human rights and women's rights and worked for protection from family violence and for child care.

She lost the May 1982 Democratic Primary election to Rep. Jane Cease after her legislative district had been redrawn to accommodate a "Black" district—District 18, and a South-east section of her previous district was included with the Northwest Portland district to insure Rep. Vera Katz a sufficient number of Democrats to retain her position. The result of the redistricting for District 18, which Ms. Kafoury favored, was the loss of her legislative position.

The Observer was unable to reach Ms. Kafoury or Ms. Patrick by press time.

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