



U.S. OLYMPIC BOXING TEAM HOPEFULS—1984 national champions of the Budweiser National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions which took place in St. Louis recently, will now move on to compete in the Olympic boxing trials next month in Ft. Worth, Texas, in hopes of winning a spot on the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team. The 1984 champs by weight classes are: Israel Acosta of Milwaukee, 106 pounds; Les Fabria of Las Vegas, 112 pounds; Robert Shannon of Las Vegas, 119 pounds; Victor Levine of Kokomo (Ind.), 125 pounds; Marvin Chambers of St. Louis, 132 pounds; Timmy Rabon of Broussard (La.), 139 pounds; Mylon Watkins of Las Vegas, 147 pounds; Ronnie Essett of Indianapolis, 156 pounds; Virgil Hill of Minneapolis, 165 pounds; Evander Holyfield of Knoxville, 178 pounds; Michael Tyson of New York (not shown), heavyweight; and Michael Williams of Louisiana, superheavyweight. The 1984 Golden Gloves team title went to Las Vegas.

The 1983 Legislature met for a total of 208 days. During that time, the incumbent legislators—including Mr. McCoy and Mr. Priestley:

- ★ Failed to provide tax relief or reform.
- ★ "Made a mistake" which released dangerous juvenile offenders from custody. (HB 2936)
- ★ Increased your income taxes by eliminating the \$1000 personal exemption and substituting an \$85 credit. (HB 2201)

In addition, while voting to raise your taxes, incumbent McCoy:

- ★ Voted to increase legislator's salaries and expenses. (SB 532)
- ★ Sponsored a bill to build a fancy mansion for the governor in Salem. (SB 604)
- ★ Since 1979, traveled more than 40,000 miles at the taxpayer's expense.

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Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes, Sports Editor

The big showdown, or coin flip between the Houston Rockets and the Portland Trail Blazers will not come off as expected.

Due to very extenuating circumstances, the May 10th "flip off" has been postponed until further notice. The reason being: alleged misconduct by both Portland and Houston officials. The *New York Post* alleged last week that the following scheme took place: That Akeem Olajuwon had already accepted an offer from Portland to play basketball for something like 1.2 million a year. The story had it that Georgetown's John Thompson had told both Portland and Houston that his star, Patrick Ewing, would not play for either team.

Then, as the story goes, the Blazers and the Rockets worked out a deal that would have Portland drafting Olajuwon, while the Rockets would take Ewing to Boston or New York, two teams that Ewing, supposedly, would be happy playing for. When the rumor first surfaced, Blazer officials vehemently denied each rumor. Akeem Olajuwon, contacted last Monday, also flatly denied the story.

Portland fans should not despair. The Blazer officials didn't gain their reputation as an organization by engaging in stupidity. For thirteen years they (Blazer Organization) have been a class act. And there's no reason to think they will change now. The *Post* has been known to create more than a few far out stories in the past. NBA commissioner David Stern will hold his investigation on May 17th and after that Portland will be able to get on with the business at hand. That being to win the flip and grab the big "Nigerian".

And then there's the story on Jim Paxson, Portland's all-star guard. Paxson is in the last year of his contract with the Blazers. A contract that reportedly pays him \$125,000 a year. Now, to the average working stiff that is a handsome salary, right? Well, Paxson is undoubtedly underpaid when one considers the high salaries now being paid in professional basketball.

But, before we start feeling sorry for Jim Paxson, we must remember that the 6'6" flyer out of Dayton signed the contract. And, I'm sure there was no coercion involved. The Blazers have always believed that one should honor their contract. From this standpoint, they have never wavered. Negotiate they will do, but renegotiate, never.

Remember, that it was Maurice Lucas' desire to renegotiate his contract that led to his being traded. Luke reportedly received "everything" he asked for, but the very next year endeavored to renegotiate. The Blazers flatly refused and Luke walked. Whereas Paxson never made a fuss about renegotiation he has often criticized

his employers for not signing him earlier. Just what is Pax's current market value? When Calvin Natt signed for \$750,000 last year, Jimmy openly stated that he would not sign for less. Some Blazer fans are bemoaning the possibility of losing their hot-shooting guard. But if Paxson is leaving it's only because he wants to go. The Blazer brass is most willing to meet Paxson. They've stated more than a few times that they will match any offer Pax receives, if given the chance. Therein lies the key "if given the chance" to the whole deal. Portland cannot sign Paxson before they sign their 24.1 pick.

The "cap" is the beast in the woods. The beast that will force Portland to leave Paxson dangling. The lid on Portland, like all other NBA teams, is 3.6 million. Now, one does not have to be a Albert Einstein to figure that Portland will exceed the cap if they sign Paxson now. What with the big salaries of Mychal Thompson, Kenny Carr and Wayne Cooper, the cap would easily be destroyed. Portland could retain Paxson if Jim would only be a team player.

Paxson has been known for his team play in the past. But that was on the court and not in his pocket book.

The Blazer situation is easy to understand. They would like to have their cake and eat it too. And this could be done only if Pax would agree to becoming a team player ...off the court. By being a "team player," Pax would wait until after the Blazers have signed their No. 1 pick before going out on the free market. If this happens, then the Blazers would be allowed to match any offer he receives. The rules state simply that a team can exceed the cap in order to keep their own players. However, should Paxson begin seeking employment right after the playoffs, and he has indicated that he would, the Blazers would not be able to retain his services. It would be unrealistic to think that they could come to terms with a top draft pick that quickly. So, where will Paxson play next year? Cleveland, Indiana, San Diego or Seattle? Seattle could use Pax ideally with Gus Williams. Paxson could be the good big guard that Lenny Wilkins so desperately needs. You would think that Pax would want to go with a contender.

Only Seattle of the above four clubs fit that category. The Lakers, with their abundance of talent, are probably not interested. But, Pax would be in seventh heaven on a team with Magic Johnson. "Portland will have to choose between signing its center or re-signing their captain," Paxson said. And we all know that a center comes first. If Portland could just get Paxson to be patient. They could then have the cake and eat it too?

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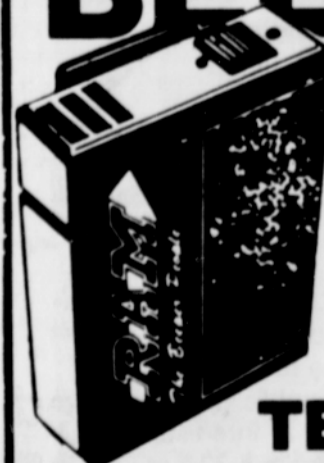
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