



## Sports Briefs

### Blazers gain Bowie

by Gina Woods

Sam Bowie is the newest of the Portland Trailblazer roster for 1984-85. Drafted in the first round and second selection, the Blazers have gotten a true all-American. Coming to Portland from the University of Kentucky, Bowie has an interesting background. He's an all-state consensus all-American and was named by the National High School Coaches Association, Player of the Year, in the same year that Ralph Sampson was a prep senior. Named Southeastern Con-



(Photo: Oregonian)

ference Freshman of the Year in 1979-80, after averaging 12.9 ppg and 8.1 rpg. He played 26.1 minutes per game during his first season at Kentucky and secured a spot on the 1980 U.S. Olympic team, with Darnell Valentine, which boycotted the Moscow game. Bowie stood out in Gold Medal games vs. NBA stars during the summer of 1980. He was considered among the top collegiate players throughout the 1980-81 season and was named to most all-American teams after scoring 17.4 ppg and grabbing 9.1 rpg, while playing his usual 32 minutes.

He also led University of Kentucky to the 22-6 record, Southeastern Conference runnerup and No. 8 in both wire service polls.

Sam led the Wildcats with 10 points and 11 rebounds in the NCAA national semifinal matchup against Georgetown (53-40 loss). Also topped Kentucky in rebounding during NCAA wins over Louisville and Illinois with 12 and 14 respectively.

Sam has always strived to play professional basketball. "It is not only a sport, but a profession," he commented. His basketball career has not been easy. During the summer of 1981, he began to feel discomfort in his left leg. After expecting shin splints, doctors reported a stress fracture of the left tibia which is the main weight-bearing bone of the lower leg. He was fitted for a cast in the fall of 1981, and opted to sit-out the 1981-82 season. When the leg failed to heal properly, electrical stimulation was attempted. When that failed, bone-graft surgery was performed on October 20, 1982. Bone chips from the pelvic area were used to fuse the stress fracture. He underwent a painful rehabilitation period stating, "I always approached it from the standpoint that I had a broken leg and one day it would heal."

After two years of rehabilitation from the stress fracture of his left shin bone, Sam returned to action for the 1983-84 season and affirmed all-American status. He was named to NBA Today, the Sporting News and several other pre-season all-American teams. He started all 34 games and averaged 10.5 points and 9.2 rebounds per game, while playing the power forward position. He received six votes from NBA coaches on post-season all-American selection.

With the scoring power of Kiki Vandehay teamed up with Sam Bowie's superb ability to maneuver the ball, the Blazers may still have a winning team for the 1984-85 season.



Morning Star Church says goodbye to Blazer star. (l-r) Reverend Tony Lewis, Rachel Corbin, Brenda Natt (expecting their 3rd child), Joseph Natt, Calvin Natt and Vera Poole.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

### Natt says goodbye

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W.—For Calvin, Brenda and Joseph Natt, leaving Portland means more than just hanging up a red jersey. It means a termination of membership at Morning Star Baptist Church.

The congregation gathered Sunday, July 1st, to display a "Basketball Jones" for Natt's leaving but expressed hope for renewed recognition on another team. "It is Portland's loss and Denver's gain"—a common sentiment that ran throughout the reception party.

Alberta Phillips, Director of Christian Education, said, "I feel upset. It makes a difference when you learn to love someone and they leave. Calvin wanted to be a part of life and the heritage that he has known—his people. It lets the world know that wherever he goes, he will be with his people."

Natt said the trade surprised him but he faces his journey realistically. "It is part of my regular job. When management moves you, you have to go."

He said his spiritual foundation and beliefs were among the reasons he is playing professional basketball. "God gave me the ability to play."

Brenda said they had been official members of Morning Star for one year, but had attended the services for three. "We visited around, but I liked the people here at Morning Star. They are so homesome. I felt right at home."

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### Summer fun

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"Education for Summer Fun" will utilize several certified teachers who reside in the Northeast area of Portland. Parents are encouraged to become involved in their children's learning experiences and every effort will be made to utilize the resources within the community. There will be five Portland Public School sites: King, Vernon, Sabin, Humboldt, and Woodlawn. Activities will be coordinated with the programs offered by the Park Bureau and several branches of the Multnomah County Library. For more information, call 288-6708.

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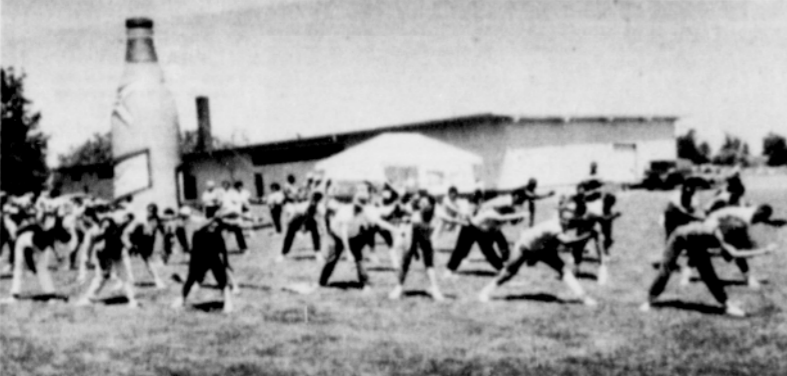
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