



Sports Briefs

Blazers look toward champion season

by Nathaniel Scott

Will the Trail Blazers capture a second championship in 1985? What is your answer: yes, no, maybe, don't know, or what?

OK! Now that you have made your adventuresome guess, try this one on for size.

"Next year should be a championship year (for Portland and the Trail Blazers) as long as we can keep people healthy," said Mychal Thompson, as he gazed into his bull's-eye hoop future.

Thompson's remark came Saturday, during Union Square's festive celebration. He attended the event as player-representative for the Blazer organization's free-throw competition.

Thompson said he was "shocked" when he first heard about Calvin Natt leaving the team. "But," he added, "from a basketball standpoint, I think we will be stronger."

While expressing regrets over Natt's departure, and calling him "a tough player," Thompson was adamant about Kiki Vandeweghe's chances of adding significantly to the team's overall play.

"Vandeweghe's outside shooting," according to Thompson, "will open up the middle," and with Sam Bowie's inside game, that spells trouble. Trouble enough, that is, for Thompson to say this about his goals and aspirations for the upcoming season.

"I would like to lead the team in rebounds, aid in assists, and play 82 games," Thompson said. "I would also like to get the entire team to attend Chapel Service before every game. 'If they did, the Trail Blazers pre-game religious service would be identical to those of the Utah Jazz and Denver Nuggets," he added. "You have to put God first, (because without the religious aspect to life) all else is superficial."



Identical twins Sylviane and Patricia Puntous of Montreal, Canada, will be favorites in the women's field at the Portland stop of the Bud Light U.S. Triathlon Series set for Sunday, July 15th, at Hagg Lake in Washington County. The French speaking twins finished first and second, respectively, at the 1983 Ironman endurance triathlon, a grueling 140-mile race held annually in Kona, Hawaii.



Members of the International Arnis Ass'n of the Philippines present, to Prof. Ali Muhammad of Portland, a certificate making him a member of the Arjuken (Arnis, Judo, Kendo) Karate Association. The team is touring the United States and Europe, holding seminars and promoting Arnis (cane fighting), a uniquely Filipino method of self defense.

Muhammed has also earned a rank making him one of the highest Arnis practitioners in the U.S. (l-r) Guro Dominador A. Gall; Grandmaster Ernesto A. Presas; Professor Ali Muhammad; Master Roberto A. Presas; and Master Wilfredo L. Madia.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Run to benefit Palsy research

The Fifth Annual Sun Run, a TAC Certified 10 kilometer benefit run for United Cerebral Palsy, will be held at the Portland International Raceway Friday evening, July 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by the Oregon Governor's Council for Health, Fitness and sports, this 10,000-meter run is open to all age groups and wheelchair participants, and has a "Team Challenge" division for company teams.

Interested runners can register at any Far West Federal Bank office in the Portland metropolitan area or at the United Cerebral Palsy office located at 7117 S.E. Harold, through July 19th. Registration fees are \$5 for individuals and \$35 for teams. Day of race registration is \$6 and begins at 5:30 p.m. at the raceway.

The 1984 Sun Run is sponsored by Digital Equipment Corporation, Far West Federal Bank, Care Ambulance, Universal Gym Equipment, Jubitz Truck Stop, Hansen's Natural Soda, Portland Distributing, Portland Athletic, Sport-Co., Converse, Crystal Springs Water, and U.S. National Bank.



Sporting race number 271, Portland Trail Blazers Coach Jack Ramsay received a good luck handshake from a fellow athlete at the start of the Bud Light U.S. Triathlon Series held at Hagg Lake last year. Ramsay will compete again in his third try at the annual event on July 15th in Portland.

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