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SPORT TALK • SPORT TALK

There's a penalty that goes along with being the only game in town and until the Breakers show up, the Trail Blazers must pay more than their fair share. When I see a program like the Peninsula Wrestling Club needing sponsors and not getting them, it ticks me off. I grew up in New York City so maybe I'm spoiled, but I firmly believe that professional athletes should be a large part of the local athletic community. These young wrestlers are good kids and some of you Trail Blazers should help. Sweetwater Clifton, of the old New York Knicks, sponsored everything from handball teams to cheerleaders with a lot less salary than our beloved Trail Blazers.

Jerome Kersey, Bernard Thompson and Steve Colter have already mentioned to me that they intend to become a part of what's needed in Albina, so fellas this is not directed at you. When Leroy Ellis first came to town he was a fixture at Unthank Park and Kermit Washington was at King School always giving a hand. Big Luke also gave of himself and allowed the kids to be touched by his generosity.

Some of you Trail Blazers seem to swear off soul food and barber shops when you get to Portland and think that your community is a short ride down I-5 but you're wrong. What happened in New York twenty years ago should be an example for today, especially if you care about the kids that have the same dreams and aspirations that you did. The kids over here want to love you and will but you must meet them halfway. Give Roy Pittman a call at 285-4222 and check out his program. His kids are fantastic athletes and young men.

Blazers 2, East 0

The Trail Blazers locked horns with the East and came out on top. The New Jersey Nets were the first victims in Tuesday night's 117-107 overtime victory by the Blazers at the Coliseum. Clyde "The Glide" Drexler was the man in this one as he came off the bench twice to prevent an almost certain loss. With 1:28 in the game Jack pulled Clyde and inserted Valentine into the lineup and the game looked all but over for the Trail Blazers. Trailing 102-98 with 17 seconds on the clock, Clyde was back and ready for his brand of mayhem. Vandeweghe hit a jumper from the top of the key on a pass from Pax that took just three beats on the clock. The Nets inbounded to Michael Ray and with eight seconds to go Clyde went into his act. Solid defensive position enabled Clyde to make the steal and suddenly he was headed for the hole. Before he could get the shot off, Otis Birdsong lowered the hammer and Clyde was heading for the line and opportunity. With four seconds left in the game Clyde had Portland back in it as he made both foul shots. The Nets blew the last shot and we were in overtime. Clyde gave New Jersey more of the same in overtime and Portland never looked back.

Mychal Thompson had a strong game scoring 26 points and grabbing eleven rebounds. Balanced scoring throughout the lineup and winning

the battle of the boards 51-49 proved too much for the Nets.

Blazers 141, Bulls 131

Michael Jordan and company came to town Saturday night and ran into a club record .671 field goal percentage by the Trail Blazers. Sam Bowie suited up for this one and had some significant minutes, 27 to be exact. Kenny Carr has gotten into playing condition and it won't be long before we see some sterling play from Kenny.

Portland had this one wire to wire because Jack used his bench to perfection. When Dr. Jack inserted Jerome Kersey into the game in the third quarter Portland was leading 86-79 with 5:25 left; when Kersey came out in the fourth period the score read 115-100. Steve Colter finally got some time and responded like a veteran as he continually found the open man and played some tough defense. Speaking of defense... Portland needs some. Whenever Portland called out a play the defense seemed to know the plays as well as the Blazers. Torrid shooting was the difference on this night. Portland has been running the same offensive patterns so long it's almost comical watching the defense beat them to their spots.

Michael Jordan was a sight to behold weaving his way through traffic and attacking the hoop. NBA jibberish aside, the kid should have been drafted No. 1, no matter what



Three points! Kiki Vandeweghe draws a goal-tending call and a foul for 3 points in Portland's 141 to 131 win over Chicago. (Photo: Dan Long)

your need was. His play is infectious and playing with him has to be a treat. Former Oregon Stater Steve Johnson looks good on this team and should improve with Jordan keeping the defense honest.

Paxson and Vandeweghe led the scoring with 31 and 30 points respectively. Clyde came off the bench for 19 points in 22 minutes. Jordan collected 30 points, six rebounds and eight assists. He's sweet!

Grant Generals unveils varsity

Grant H.S. had a pre thanksgiving basketball feast Wednesday night and unveiled the 1984-1985 editions of the men and women basketball teams. Coach Tom McKenna has the girls' varsity ready to play some tough defense if Wednesday night's performance is indicative of what practice has been like. Guards Bridget Smith and Marlo Dishman will be formidable but the front line will have to work hard if Grant is to be successful this season. Senior Kristin Kjensrud seems to have a knack for finding good shooting position off the ball but needs to hit that open shot more consistently.

Coach John Stilwell will be hard pressed to defend his PIL championship of last year but he has the tools to pull it off. Guard Tony Ross is a junior who plays like a collegian and he should lead this team well. The inside outside combination of Ross and Mark West will be tough to defend.

Ross sees the entire floor and he handles the pill with ease and confidence. The team is loaded with leapers and if Stilwell keeps control, the Generals will provide some exciting moments this season.

Avezzano out at OSU

Head Coach Joe Avezzano has been fired by Oregon State University. Joe's record over the last five years is 6-47-2. If my memory serves me correctly that should qualify Joe for the job as Athletic Director. Dee Andros didn't do much better and got the job, Joe. In the last 15 years the Beaver record is 33-130-3, only five of those years are Joe's. 1975 was Andros' last season and he was 1-10. Coaching isn't the problem gentlemen, you must release the purse strings and hire some assistants who can recruit.

Prize Package

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Fireplace safety

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When actually lighting the fire, make certain that the damper is in an open position. Tightly crumple several sheets of newspaper, and place these where they will set fire to kindling, which will in turn ignite larger logs. Don't set fire to newspaper and then place it on the logs; use a long fireplace match to ignite paper already under the logs. And be careful to keep long sleeves and skirts away from the flames. If you choose to use artificial logs, follow the instructions on the package, and remember not to mix real and artificial logs in the fireplace.

Once the fire has begun, make sure that the fire screen, which covers the entire front of the fireplace, is in place. This will prevent dangerous flying sparks. If you must turn the logs or disturb the fire in any way, use a poker or fireplace tongs.

And some final tips: Keep kids away from the fire; never leave a fire unattended; be sure the fire is completely out before going to bed, and allow the ashes to cool for at least 24 hours before disposal.

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