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SPORT TALK

THE RICH KEEP GETTING RICHER

If I know anything about basketball at all, I know this: every general manager in the Pacific Division is pulling their hair out at the roots. If there was any chance at keeping the Lakers from repeating as NBA champions, it's gone now. Phoenix Suns' general manager, Jerry Colangelo, made a deal Sunday night to trade former Portland TrailBlazer, Maurice Lucas, to the World Champion Los Angeles Lakers.

The Lakers shortchanged the Suns by sending two future second-round draft choices to the Suns for "The Enforcer." To make room for the hard-playing big man, the Lakers decided to let Bob McAdoo go. By releasing McAdoo, the Lakers can pay Luke and maybe still have enough left over to offer A.C. Green a decent contract.

The Suns have made a few questionable trades in the last few years that have weakened that franchise considerably. Dennis Johnson for Rick Robey was almost hysterical. Maurice to the champs of your own division is hysterical.



MAURICE LUCAS

Luke led the board wars during the Blazers 1976-77 season for the World

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RULE CHANGE

Among the 1985 season's 12 new regulations is one that grants defensive players an increased right to battle receivers for the ball in passing situations and another that prohibits a team from changing the color of hand and arm coverings from week to week.

"There will be fewer calls on something that shouldn't have been called anyway," said Jack Reader, assistant supervisor of officiating for the NFL, of the clarification on pass interference rulings. "We wanted to allow incidental contact without calling fouls."

Under the new rule, interference can only be called when a defender clearly and intentionally restricts a receiver's attempt to catch the ball. So long as the defender is himself legitimately trying to get to the ball, there is no penalty for any contact that results.

"The new interpretation is that when both offense and defense are playing the ball, we will not have interference called," Reader said. "They [the owners] wanted to make sure the foul was there and not put the defense at a disadvantage like we have been almost every time."

Reader gets no argument from the league's defensive backs. "Finally, it's nice to know, as a defensive back, we can play football in its truest sense," Seattle's All-Pro safety Kenny Easley said.

San Francisco defensive back Dwight Hicks, another veteran with a reputation for a physical brand of pass defense, said the rule change might dictate a significant rethinking of aerial strategy.

"The new rule is going to give the defensive backs more leeway playing the ball," Hicks said. "I think we may also see a reverse in the trend toward small, fast receivers. I think those little guys are going to have a tough time."

Champion Portland TrailBlazers and he will add mightily to the board efforts of the Lakers. Laker General Manager Jerry West made the deal to use Luke as a backup center on defense and a power forward on offense.

How does this trade affect the TrailBlazers? It doesn't really. The TrailBlazers only play for playoff spots anyway so it's no big deal other than Luke will still be lowering the hammer six times during the season.



Judging by their facial expressions, emphasizing the importance of academics in the classroom was not lost on these senior campers. (Photo: Jernigan)



The 1985 Albina Ministerial Alliance Self Enhancement Senior Camp preparing for a day's work. Film study and basic fundamentals were first on the agenda. (Photo: Jernigan)

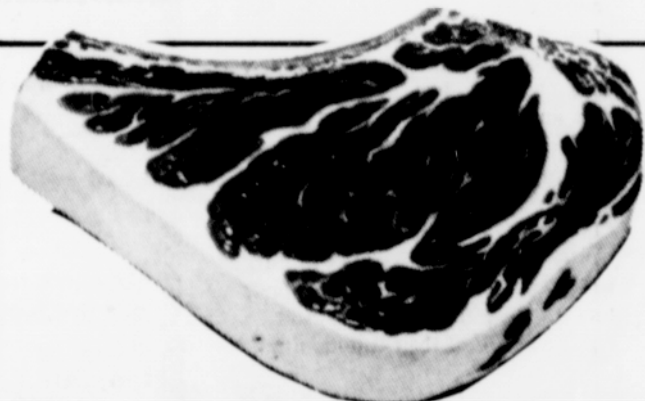


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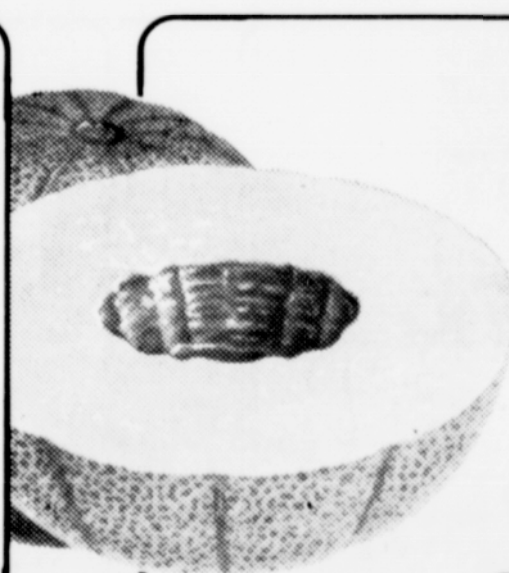
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