

**Obituary**

In loving memory of Eddie Eldridge Tate. He was born March 7, 1912 in Gould, Arkansas.

After moving to Portland in the early 1950's he joined New Hope Baptist Church and served as Deacon there until his death Saturday, February 7, 1987.

He is survived by his wife Fannie Tate, his brother Walter Tate; nieces, Anna Jackson, Nia Turner and Tammy Tate; nephews, John Robert Tate, Thomas Tate and De-



norval Tate; grand nieces and nephews, Nicole Threadgill, Malik Turner, Rieko and Tony Tate and a host of friends.

**Countdown To Victory**

by Eyem-id

CBS sports analyst Dick Stockton gave away the Portland Trailblazers' secret recipe for success during a recent NBA telecast—secret ingredient: Steve Johnson.

Since the devastating injury to Sam Bowie, Johnson has more than temporarily filled the void left by Sam's sudden departure. One of the NBA's top shooters from the field hitting at .555 (282-508), Johnson has come into his own this season and has led his team to a 30-19 record—fifth best in the NBA.

I called Steve "Kareem II" Johnson. That's right. We're on a first name basis—always have been. I told him what I had heard on TV, and I could just sense the enthusiasm in his voice when he said, "Oh, yeah?" and I said, "Oh, yeah!" But wait, there's more. I said, "During the last Laker victory that was telecast, one of the announcers said that you had the only legitimate hook shot in the game—

aside from Kareem Abdul Jabbar, of course." He acted like I wasn't telling him something I didn't already know.

As we all know by now, Portland stopped L.A.'s 10-game winning streak against them. But it wasn't easy.

Combative Terry Porter and Steve Johnson led the Trailblazers to victory (105-104) in an exciting playoff or All-Star-like contest. However, the Blazers had to literally use every second to pull this won (pun intended) out. And, yes, it was as exciting as the NBA All-Star game that saw Magic Johnson lead the west to a 154-149 O.T. victory over the East All-Stars who were led by Washington Bullet's Moses Malone.

Portland has the ball with 2:06 left in the game and L.A.'s up 99-98. Portland gives the ball to S. Johnson (23 pts, 9 reb), and he promptly takes the lead from L.A.

—James Worthy scores—Terry Porter is fouled and converts both free-throws. Now the stage is set; 47 seconds left and the Blazers are up 103-102. Magic Johnson, guarded by Jim Paxson, dribbles the ball upcourt. Magic shakes him left, he shakes him right, he shakes him both ways at once. It's TWO! . . . bad Paxson fouls him and Magic converts the two free-throws. It

looks like it's gonna be another L.A. victory. Up jumps three star gen. Terry Porter (18 pts, 13 assists, 10 reb), decides he's gonna be all that he can be and attacks the basket. When the roar of the crowd subsides, Kareem is forced to retreat from the game with his 6th foul and the unconditional terms of surrender are two made free-throws and the game.

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Trailblazer Terry Porter's (with ball) two free throws with four seconds left in the game against the L.A. Lakers ended the Lakers' ten game domination over the Trailblazers. The final score was 105-104. Photo by Richard J. Brown

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