



THE LOCKER ROOM

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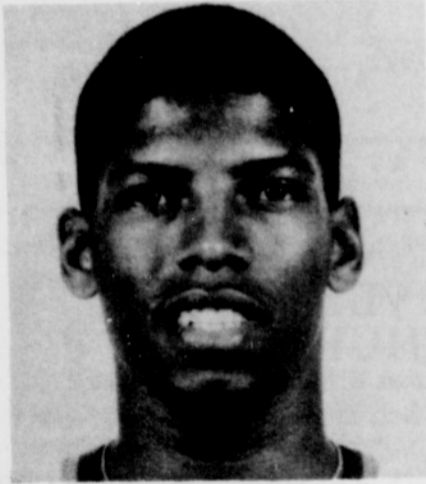


Terry Porter: "Determined To Win At All Cost"

Regardless of the outcome in their quest for an NBA Title, the members of the Portland Trailblazers will remember this season as one full of adversity, personal tragedy, and an extreme test of character or intestinal fortitude.

Blazer star guard Terry Porter has learned a great deal about himself and his running mates this season. Porter uses words like supportive, love and determination when he describes his teammates. This team has watched a fellow teammate recover from a near fatal car accident, lost two mothers (Mark Bryant and Porter) and played during critical periods without centers Wayne Cooper and Kevin Duckworth. Malcolm X coined the phrase "... by any means necessary," but the Blazers live by this statement and have found ways beyond reason to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

"Our team has really been through a



Kevin Johnson

lot," said Porter. "When you have 12 guys on a team, you have got to fight for each other and support each other to get the job done. Despite all that has happened to us, we have remained focused on what we have to do and it will stay that way."

Without a doubt, Terry Porter is the heart and soul of the team. While Buck Williams, Jerome Kersey and Clyde Drexler have played well, it is Porter who came through with the best performances of his career against the San Antonio Spurs. He scored 38 points,

including five three-pointers and dished out five assists in game five. He also scored 36 points and had nine assists in game seven.

Porter realizes that nothing will come easy against the Phoenix Suns. He has won playoff battles against Derek Harper of the Dallas Mavs and he took Rod Strickland to point guard school. Kevin Johnson is in a class all by himself. Porter knows that "KJ" can present problems for his teammates as seen by his play in the first two games. Problems are what this team overcomes best.

"Kevin and Phoenix are tough," said Porter. "They just keep coming at you with so many people. At this stage of the season, neither team is going to lay down or go away. We all have the same objective and that's to make it to the finals.

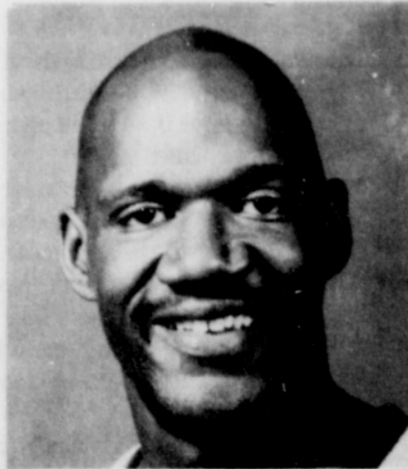
A first round draft pick (24th selection) out of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1985, Porter has tallied more than 700 assists in each of the last four seasons and was voted the team's Most Improved Player by Blazer fans last year. He came back this season to average 17.6 points per game (second behind Drexler) and in the process established himself as one of the better point guards in the NBA. Porter's assist totals (ranked 4th with 9.5) might not be as high as John Stockton, Magic Johnson or Kevin Johnson, but when you consider that Drexler averages six assists per game from the big guard spot, that's great production from the backcourt. "We work really well together," he said.

When questioned about the type of individual it takes to overcome adversity or periods of uncertainty, Porter was quick to point out that it takes guts and determination. He believes, also, that the same principles apply in real life.

"Life is not always fair but you've got to hang in there anyway," said Porter. "When your back is against the wall, the last thing you want to do is lay your head down. No one in this locker room is going to do that. We are a

determined group and we want to get the job done."

One last thing about Terry Porter. He has never been afraid of hard work and competition. You learn those things when you are the youngest child. Por-



Terry Porter
Portland Trailblazers

ter, who has his mother's initials inscribed on the NIKE shoes he plays in, said that she (Louise Porter) always stressed hard work. She died April 6, 1990. Porter and Mark Bryant got together this past Mother's Day for some male bonding. It was the first Mother's Day of their life without "moms" around. It was an emotional moment for both young men. Deep inside his heart, Porter knows that his mother is enjoying the success of the Trail Blazers and cheering her son on to victory. "Mom is giving high fives in heaven," he said with a smile. So are the local fans.

Short Shakes: Buck Williams was named to the Master Lock All NBA Defensive team. Congratulations Buck ... Elvin Hayes, Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, and Washington, D.C. native Dave Bing are now members of the NBA Hall of Fame. What high school has two members in the NBA Hall of Fame? Spingam High in Washington, D.C. (Dave Bing & Elgin Baylor) Sherman Douglass of the Miami Heat also attended the famous high school basketball power.

PENINSULA LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM OF THE WEEK



Mathew Marine

PENINSULA LITTLE LEAGUE
1990

Cleatis Goodlow, Coach

Row 1 - Brandon Branch, Marshall Hart, Chris Sutton, Sean Johnson, Tiantie Tims, Gabriel Branch, Andre Goodlow;
Row 2 - Joe Johnson, Andre Moore, Komar Harvey, Theotis Cason, Matt Crum, Massie Johnson, Sean Sutton, Cleatis Goodlow.

PENINSULA LITTLE LEAGUE MID-SEASON REPORT

by Dennis G. Payne
League President

Our Little League Baseball season has reached its half-way point and I'm writing to the community to present a status report on our activities.

Peninsula Little League covers the area between Lombard and Burnside (north to south) and Albina/Mississippi and 15th Avenue (west to east). We have 13 teams competing in 4 different divisions of play. There are 6 Minor Teams (ages 7 to 10 years old), 5 Major Teams (ages 10 to 12 years old), 1 Junior Team (age 13 years old) and 1 Senior Team (ages 14 and 15 years old).

The Minor and Major Teams play within the league against each other within their divisions, whereas the Junior and Senior Teams compete district wide (District Number 1) with teams from other leagues. Minor and major teams

play their games on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays at Peninsula Park and Junior and Senior Teams play district wide with some games at Irving (Irvington) Park.

This year the number of youth who are participating in baseball equals approximately 200. Assisting in supporting the league efforts are over 50 adults who serve as Coaches, Managers, Umpires, Scorekeepers and Board Members. We have also reactivated the Parent Auxiliary this year and have several parents who in addition to league officials are providing support of our youth development through baseball and citizenship training.

We have been supported in the community this year by sponsors who assist in paying the necessary bills to run the league. Our sponsors are:

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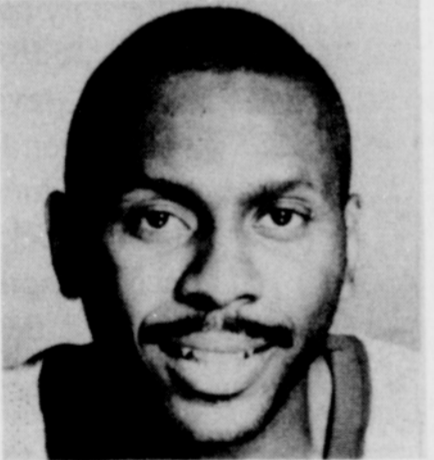
Our Board of Directors includes myself, Dennis G. Payne, as President; Omar Sahbazz as Vice President, Jay Hernandez as Secretary, Mark Mills as Treasurer, A.J. Mashis as Player Agent and Larry Porter as Umpire In Chief. We invite the community to come out and support the teams and our youth at the ball parks. Your willingness to show your concern will mean a lot to our youth as they strive to learn teamwork and sportsman skills.

Walker Awarded Allstate Good Hands Award

Point Guard Darrell Walker of the Washington Bullets was named the winner of the Allstate Good Hands Award for the NBA's 1989-90 regular season, after totaling 714 rebounds, 652 assists, 139 steals and 173 turnovers in 2,883 minutes played over 81 games. Walker, who won the monthly Good Hands Award in February, compiled 1,298 Good Hands points.

Good Hands points are based on a ratio of statistics that includes assists, rebounds, steals and turnovers.

Walker was one of two guards in the league -- Fat Lever of Denver was the other -- to finish in the Top 20 in rebounds, assists and steals. During the course of the 1989-90 campaign Walker posted career highs in minutes played, rebounds, assists and FG percentage (.454).



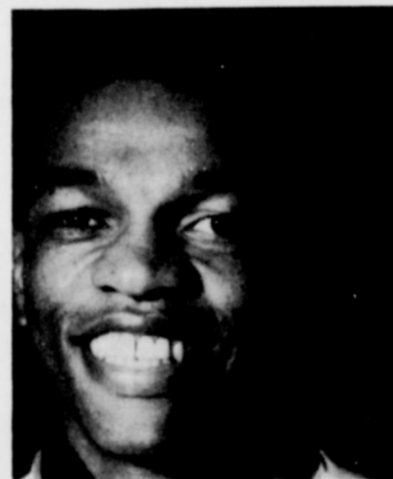
Darrell Walker

The four other Good Hands winners this season were John Stockton of Utah (November), Magic Johnson of the Lakers (December), Charles Barkley of Philadelphia (January) and Muggsy Bogues of Charlotte (March).

Allstate Good Hands Leaders for Regular Season

Player	Team	Ast	Reb	Stl	TO	GH Pts
Darrell Walker	Was.	652	714	139	173	1,298
Fat Lever	Den.	517	734	168	156	1,275
John Stockton	Utah	1,134	206	207	272	1,210
Magic Johnson	LAL	907	522	132	289	1,115
Muggsy Bogues	Cha.	867	207	166	146	1,114
Akeem Olajuwon	Hou.	234	1,149	174	316	1,099
Michael Jordan	Chi.	519	565	227	247	1,044
Charles Barkley	Phi.	307	909	148	243	1,026
Larry Bird	Bos.	562	712	106	243	1,000
Alvin Robertson	Mil.	445	559	207	217	984

"Doc" Rivers Wins Citizenship Award



Glenn "Doc" Rivers,
Atlanta Hawks

Glenn "Doc" Rivers of the Atlanta Hawks was named the recipient of the 1990 J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award by the Professional Basketball Writers Association of America. Since 1975 the award has been presented to an NBA coach, player or trainer for outstanding community service. He will receive the award at the Hawks' home opener next season.

Rivers was cited for active participation in community service in the Atlanta area. A frequent visitor to Atlanta's children's hospitals, Rivers also serves as Chairperson of the Autism Society of Georgia; Chairperson of "Hugs not Drugs"; and Spokesperson for the Brauner Psychiatric Institute. Rivers, a flag carrier at the 1989 Georgia Special Olympics, was also named as that organization's "Person of the Year."

The balloting for this year's award by PBWAA members was very close, with Rivers edging out Rick Mahorn of the Philadelphia 76ers and Bob "Chopper" Travaglini, trainer of the Denver Nuggets, by four votes.

The award is dedicated to the memory of the late J. Walter Kennedy, who served as NBA Commissioner from 1963 until his death in 1975.

Rodman: NBA Defensive Player Of The Year

Dennis Rodman of the Detroit Pistons, the 6-8 forward whose defensive tenacity was a major reason why his team allowed the fewest points in the NBA this season, was named the 1990 Master Lock NBA Defensive Player of the Year, beating out Akeem Olajuwon of the Houston Rockets.

Rodman, one of the league's top sixth men before stepping into the Pistons' starting lineup for the final 42 games of the season, received 49 out of a possible 92 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Olajuwon finished second in the balloting with 35 votes, followed by Detroit's Joe Dumars and Dallas' Derek Harper with two votes each, and Chicago's Michael Jordan, New York's Patrick Ewing, Milwaukee's Alvin

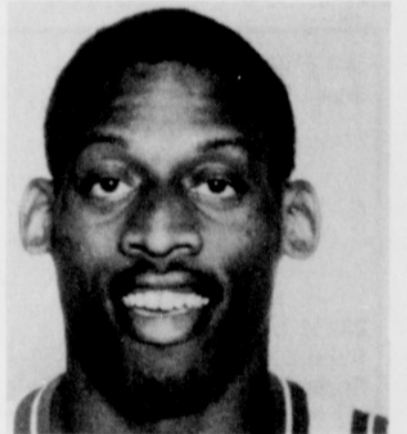
Robertson and Utah's Mark Eaton with one apiece.

Rodman led the Pistons in rebounding with 9.7 per game, and his defensive prowess helped Detroit surrender just 98.3 points per game, the lowest figure in the league.

"We're a defensive-minded club to begin with," said Coach Chuck Daly, "but he sets an integral part of our defensive tone, particularly down the stretch of games. Dennis is probably as hard a worker as there is in the business."

After Mark Aguirre was injured in a game against the LA Lakers on Jan. 21, Rodman stepped into Detroit's starting lineup and sparked the team to 25 wins in their next 26 games, and he remained there for the rest of the season.

"When you're a scorer," Rodman



Dennis Rodman
Detroit Pistons

said, "you take pride in leading the league in scoring. I'm a defender, so this (Master Lock Defensive Player of the Year Award) is the biggest tribute you could pay to a player like me."

Early Entry Draft In 15th Year

The 1990 NBA Draft will mark the 15th year that the Early Entry rule for draft eligibility will apply.

Since 1976, the NBA has not had a "hardship" draft. Instead, the league and the Players Association agreed to specific rules to govern college undergraduates' eligibility for the NBA Draft.

That agreement called for the NBA to grant eligibility to any athlete whose high school class had graduated and who notified the league in writing at least 45 days prior to the NBA Draft that he wished to be eligible.

Since that time, a total of 124 players have applied to the NBA for early entry. Of those, 88 were drafted by NBA teams, 35 were not selected and one player was permitted by the NCAA to withdraw his name due to unusual circumstances.

Some of the league's brightest stars have entered the NBA early, including the likes of Chicago's Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson of the LA Lakers, Akeem Olajuwon of Houston, Charles Barkley of Philadelphia, Utah's Karl Malone, Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins and Isiah Thomas of the defending NBA champion Detroit Pistons.

From last year's NBA Draft, college stars Nick Anderson (now with Orlando), J.R. Reid (now with Charlotte) and foreign star Vlade Divac (now with the LA Lakers) were all early entry candidates.

But for every success story, there are players who apply for early entry and are not selected. They find themselves unable to compete at the NBA level and ineligible for competition under NCAA rules.

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