

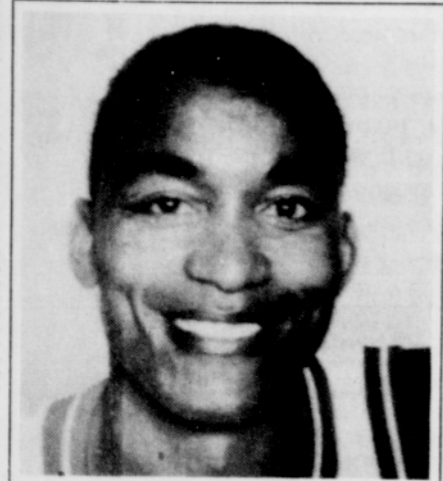
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## Trail Blazers Set For Pistons Rematch

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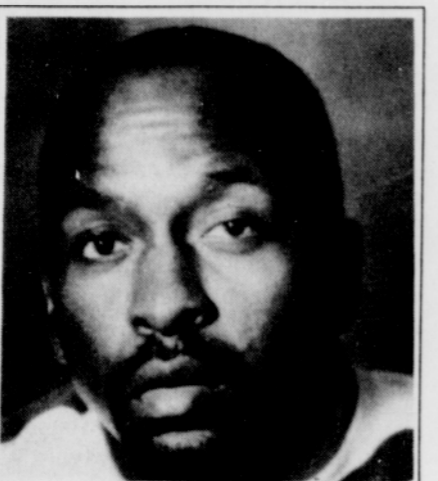
Tomorrow night's match-up at Memorial Coliseum against the defending World champions should provide an interesting psychological battle between two of the NBA's elite teams. Detroit is seeking its third straight title and the Blazers, projected to win the title by Sports Illustrated (the kiss of death?) want to "kick some butt" and send a message. Outside of rookie Lance Blanks, a 6-4 shooting guard out of Texas, nothing has changed in the Motor City. You know the story, Isiah Thomas, Bill Laimbeer, James Edwards, Joe Dumars, John Salley, Mark Aguirre, Dennis Rodman, and the gang. Portland should be more competitive with Danny Ainge and rookie Alaa Adelnaby (Duke). The



Isiah Thomas

bench, which proved fatal to the Blazers in the Finals last year, is their biggest strength this season. Cliff Robinson, Mark Bryant, and Wayne Cooper have been playing solid basketball. Look for Chuck Daly to win the "best dressed" coaches battle on the court. Rick Adelman is no slave to fashion. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m. after sixteen years in the National Basketball Association, Moses Malone is still one of the most dominating centers in the game. He is the only ABA alumus playing in the NBA today. At 35, Malone averaged 18.9 points per game and ten rebounds for the Atlanta Hawks

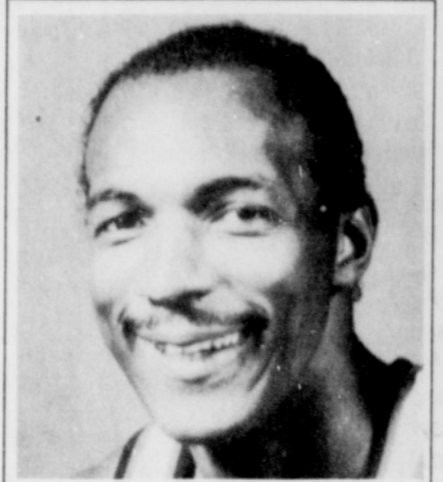
last season. Before the 1990-91 season is over, Malone should increase his career totals in points, rebounds, free-throws, and consecutive games played without fouling out. With 27,039 points, Malone needs only 275 points to pass Elvin Hayes, 444 points to pass Dan Issel, and 961 points to become the fourth player to score 28,000 points. Abdul-Jabbar, Julius Erving, and Wilt Chamberlain are the others. He needs only 132 points to join Jabbar, Chamberlain, Hayes, Jerry West, and John Havlicek as the only players to score 25,000 points in the NBA. When it comes to rebounds, all Malone needs is 517 to become the fifth player in NBA history to reach 15,000, joining the elite group of Bill Russell, Chamberlain, Jabbar, and Hayes. If Malone plays 81 games without fouling out, he will break Chamberlain's record of 1,045 consecutive games without being disqualified. Chamberlain went his entire career without fouling out, while Malone has fouled out five times (first two NBA seasons) before starting his current streak. This week, Malone broke the NBA's all-time free-throws made record of 7,694, held by Oscar Robertson. Malone holds the NBA/ABA combined record (8,177) also. Rumor has it that Malone will not finish the season in Atlanta. Persistent rumors suggest that



Moses Malone

he will end up in Minnesota with the

Why are some professional athletes so irresponsible sexually? Last week, former San Antonio Spurs forward David Wingate was formally charged by a grand jury on charges of sexual assault. He is charged with a June 24th attack of a woman at his San Antonio apartment. Wingate faces up to 20

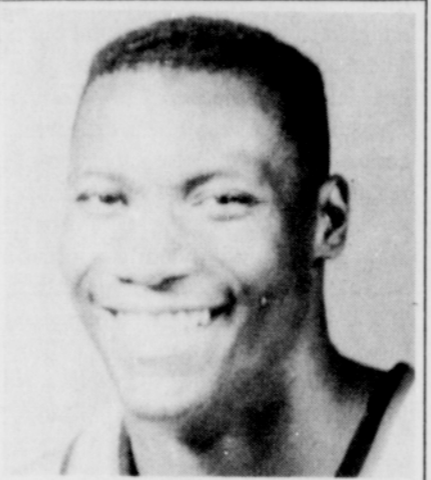


Clyde Drexler

years in prison if he is convicted. Wingate faces a January trial in Maryland on charges of an alleged sexual assault of a seventeen year old woman who lied about her age. Regardless of whether he committed the acts or not, David Wingate, an intelligent Georgetown University graduate, should not have put himself in such a position. In the process, the Spurs took a million dollar contract offer off the table and terminated their relationship with him. He was a free-agent. Covering the NBA, this columnist sees more than he writes about, especially the "groupie" type females who get recycled by players opposing the Blazers each home game. Women camp out at the Marriott, Red Lion, and the Benson waiting to be chosen or blessed with tickets to the game. The faces are always the same and in many cases, players refer other players to women or pass on telephone numbers. If hotel walls could talk. Being a professional athlete is no excuse for abusing or using other human beings.

Many athletes are use to having their way, people pampering or patronizing them, or getting special privileges. It is time for athletes, Mike Tyson included, to realize that they are fortunate and blessed. Athletes should make use of their opportunities as professionals and be a credit to the community. Youngsters look up to athletes and model their behavior after them. Some women should also wise up too. There are twenty-seven teams in the NBA. An athlete in this league could have one in every city if he wanted. Don't be special or abused for a night...

Several coaches around the league, who would love to bid on Jerome Kersey as a free-agent, suggested that he play out his final two years with the Trail Blazers. In the meantime, he should take out an insurance policy with Lords



Jerome Kersey

of London (against injury) for the projected value of the contract he might sign. If he is expected to sign a deal worth \$2.5 million annually, then take out a policy and pay the premium for that amount. If he does not get hurt in the next two years, he is a free-agent and if he does, the policy will pay him the projected earnings. Even if he does come to terms with the Blazers, he still has to wait two years before the contract to kick in just like Clyde has to wait for the \$8 million or buck the \$4 million at the end of their current contracts. Imagine the Blazers taking or moving \$8 million from their account and sticking it in some high return account for the remainder of Clydes' contract. Annual interest on eight million dollars is (at 10%) \$800,000 x the four years remaining on Drexlers contract=\$3.2 million. The Blazers definitely have more than \$8 million dollars in their various accounts. Point being, Drexler can be paid by the Blazers on the interest alone from these accounts scattered around the world. They lose nothing. He had no real leverage because time (four years left on his contract) is not on his side.

He will be four years older as opposed to Kersey being two years older at the end of his contract. Kersey has developed into one of the strongest small forwards in the NBA. Not many playing his position averages eight rebounds and 17.0 points per game. Not many of them pack 239 lbs either. Kersey will definitely command the "Hot Rod" Williams type of dollars. What Kersey must ask himself two simple questions, "do I want to spend the rest of my career in Portland, or is it about money". Time will tell...

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## PSU's Carter lives for life after football

by Aaron Fentress

After five years of running around Civic Stadium hitting people for the Portland State Vikings Nick Carter is about to hang up his helmet.

A three year starter at right corner Carter came to PSU in 1986. That first year Carter red-shirted. In 1987 Carter found himself on special teams before becoming a full-time starter in 1988. Since that time Carter hasn't missed a single game. According to Carter he won't miss the game itself too much after his final performance this Saturday against Southern Utah.

"It's been a fun five years but it's time to move on," said Carter. "I know it's a worn out phrase but the truth is football isn't everything."

Unlike other players on the Vikings who have dreams of furthering their football career Carter is content with the way his career has gone. Some PSU players may be drafted like running back Curtis Delgado. Others may get free agent try outs like Carter's fellow corner Domonique Hardeman. But despite a good career Carter's playing days are over. For some players that realization turns out to be devastating. For Carter, with his intelligence and soon to be Economics degree, it's simply time to move on in life.

"Once I'm done I'm done," said Carter. "It's time for me to enjoy some other aspects of life."

A graduate from Franklin High school in Seattle Washington, Carter has always played football wearing Green. From his little league team, to high school, to the Vikings Green has always followed Carter's career. "If I did play pro ball I'd probably have played for the Packers or Eagles," jokes Carter.

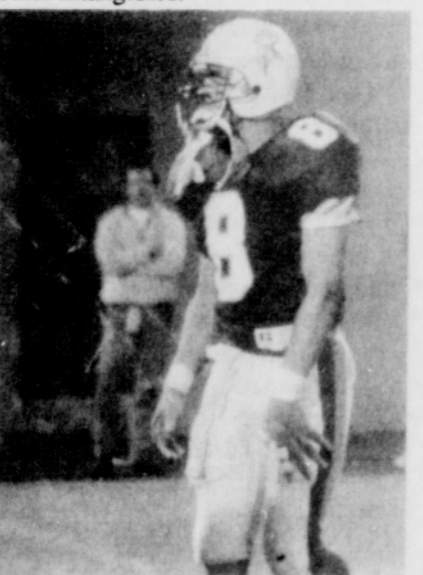
At Franklin Carter played Quarterback and led the Quakers to a 6-3 season. Being the teams quarterback Carter didn't get much playing time on defense. Consequently he was passed up by a lot of bigger schools and finally received a scholarship from PSU.

"I had some opportunities to walk on at other schools like Washington," said Carter. "But money talks."

At PSU Carter said he learned quickly the difference between high school and college athletics.

"In high school the best athletes play the most," explained Carter. "But in college you learn that it takes hard work, dedication, discipline and concentration to play. Talent is a big part but if you don't have the other things then someone else could beat you out because it's so competitive."

In Carters second season in 1987 he played behind senior corner Scott Laboy. Although Carter was faster, bigger and quicker he could never quite crack the starting lineup because of those other intangibles.



Nick Carter

"It was a little frustrating because I knew I could be better than Scott but I did understand that I had a lot to learn," said Carter. "The college game is very sophisticated. There's a lot of things going on and it takes time to grasp everything."

Once Carter did grasp everything he had no problem. Carter's personal most memorable game came last season against Division IAA Idaho. The Vikings beat Idaho for the first time ever

and Carter posted 13 tackles against the Vandals.

"That was one of our finest games," said Carter. "We beat them for the first time in 10 years and I played well."

On the flip side Carter can also recall a game he would rather forget. This years mid-season 19-18 loss to Cal. St. Northridge. The game that has ultimately led the Vikings to their 1990 collapse.

"We're winning and they mounted one last final drive," recalled Carter. "They were down close to our endzone when we called a blitz which left our corners in a man to man situation."

Despite Carter's good coverage the Northridge's quarterback's pass was a little better. A fade to the corner of the endzone and a one foot tippy-toecatch gave the Vikings a heartbreaking loss and left Carter with a bad taste in his mouth. It was the only major touchdown Carter had ever given up.

"It was frustrating because I had him as good as you an have someone in that situation," said Carter. "We didn't get pressure on the quarterback, the pass was perfect, the receiver barely got one foot down and we lost. That's life."

For the Vikings life in 1990 has been filled with more downs than the team is used to. The Vikings were pre-season picks to return to the Division II national playoffs for the fourth consecutive time but find themselves 5-5 trying to salvage a winning season this week against Southern Utah. Although Carter does feel disappointment he's happy with his career and the success he has experienced in previous seasons. He also is happy with what he has learned experiencing the college life.

"Playing sports and going to school has given me a large perspective on the college experience," says Carter. "Being here will help me later in life cause I've experienced and learned what it takes to be number one."

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