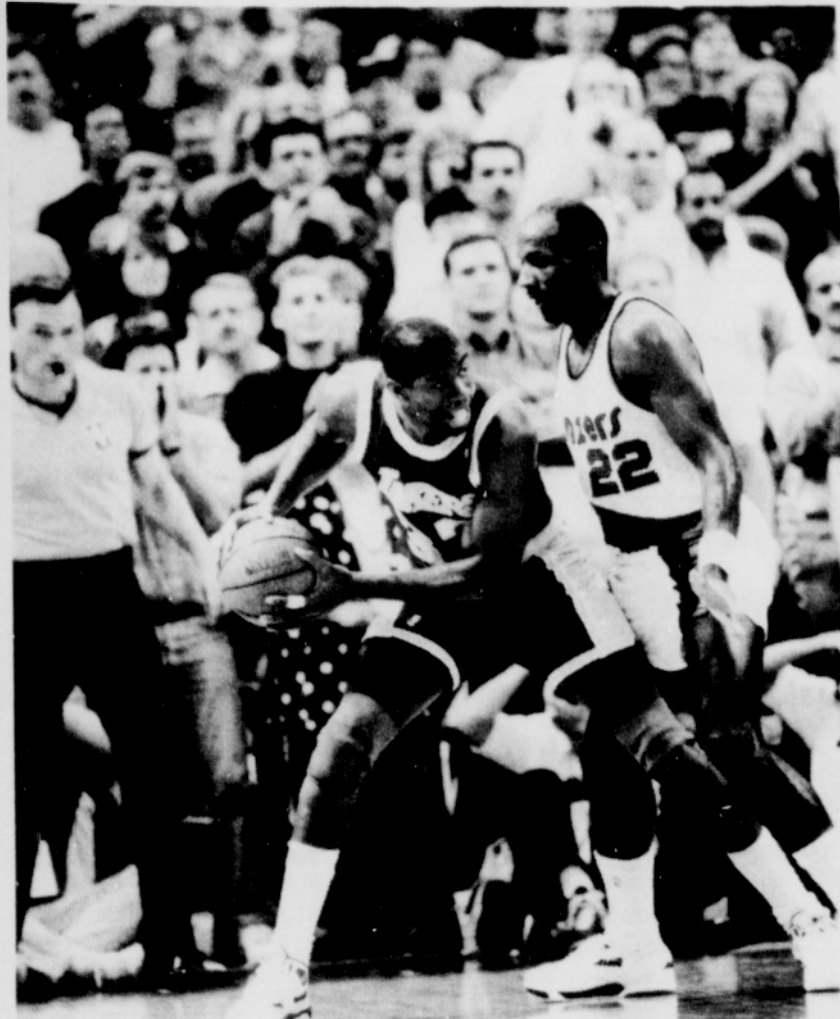


# THE LOCKER ROOM

## Blazers Win Game Two Series Tied 1-1



NBA Superstars Magic & Drexler  
Magic Johnson lead his team to victory in game one, but the Blazers came back in game 2 to beat the Lakers.

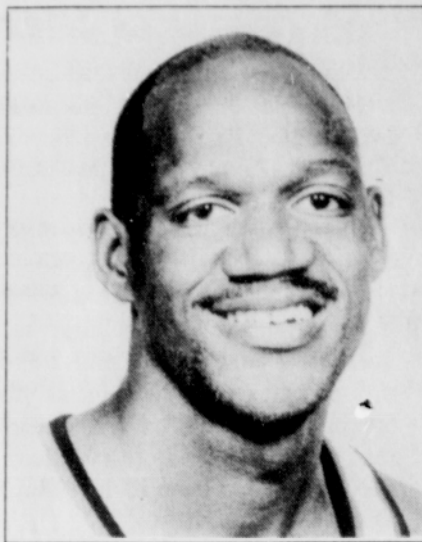
## Organizational Leader



Photo by Veronica Green

Mike Dunleavy is the organizational leader, ie head coach of the Lakers, but some insiders suggest that Magic Johnson runs the show. A marginal NBA player at best, Dunleavy has never participated in a NBA Final or a Conference Final. He is relying on the experience of Magic Johnson, Byron Scott, James Worthy, A.C. Green, and Mychal Thompson for leadership

## Trail Blazers Head To Los Angeles



Terry Porter

BY ULLYSSES TUCKER, JR.

"...the Lakers and Magic Johnson are like buzzards circling around some poor soul dying in the desert of dehydration and thirst. They just stick to their game plan and wait for the opportunity to strike."

Overheard statement made by a frustrated Blazer fan in the fourth quarter of Saturday's 111-106 loss.

The Portland Trail Blazers have and will have a pretty tough hoop to loop when facing a team like the Los Angeles Lakers. There is something about their leader, Magic Johnson-five NBA championship rings and all the trimmings associated with being one of the greatest players in basketball history. Magic is poised, most confident, and he does an excellent job of keeping his teammates focused on their mission.

In some respects, the Blazers know that their objective is to win the NBA championship in 1991, but do they know how to go about bringing it home to Portland? It is one thing to want to win "the ring" and knowing how to win is another. Worthy, Scott, Thompson, and A.C. Green have all lived through the dream, attended the rallies with Mayor Tom Bradley, and walked on the White House lawn with various presidents. It's all part of a magical lifestyle in La La Land. Portland is very capable of living the same dream if they improve in their shot selection, eliminate turnovers, show patience, and learn to put teams away when they are down; even Rick Adelman can improve on his judgement during very critical moments. "One thing about the Lakers," said Magic Johnson, "is that we always stick to our game plan and we never lose our composure. We know what our objectives are." Like those buzzards, the Lakers, will hang

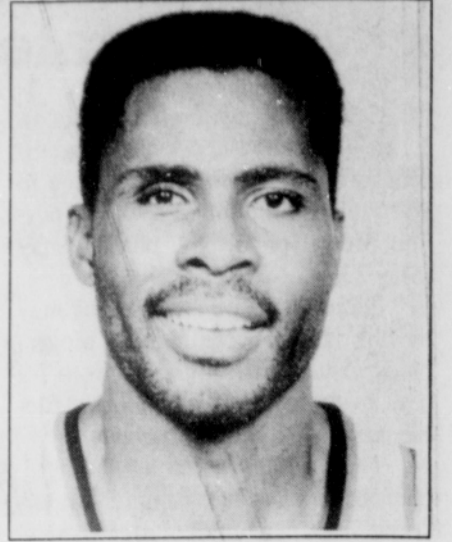


Jerome Kersey

around until the Blazers weakest moment or fly away because there is no chance of choking or falling face down in the desert.

Like Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls need to do with the Detroit Pistons, the Blazers need to do to the Los Angeles Lakers and send them home for the summer. Both Portland and Chicago need these psychological victories to purge themselves of demons from the past. Can you imagine the self-doubt, finger pointing, and criticism that will occur over the summer if both Portland and Chicago falter? To both franchises, it's time to move to the next level and be considered an elite team. Winning the Eastern and Western Conference Titles will do just that for both, regardless of who wins it, because it will be new blood. Boston, and Los Angeles (Philly got lucky in 1983) clearly dominated the 80's as Detroit came up the rear after years on the bubble. Now they, like Boston, are old and battered. Buck Williams wore a tee-shirt during pre-game warm-ups that says "Everyone can talk the game, but can you play the game?" All of his teammates wore the shirt also. It's time to go to L.A. and play the game.

\* Best Tee-Shirt Award goes to designer Mike Lee of TEEZ-2-PLIEZ Creative Shirt Co. Lee, Ala Late Night with David Letterman came up with a shirt entitled "Late Night In Portland." On the back, it lists the: Top Ten Reasons Portland Will Win The Championship. They are: 1) This is our year; 2) Kiki is in New York; 3) Cliff's headband; 4) L.A. Sucks; 5) We get so much respect, yeah right; 6) We have 3-Point Range; 7) Riley picked L.A.; 8) Clyde walks on AIR; 9) Magic is a crybaby; 10) Lickety Brindle Up the Middle Bingo, Bango, Bongo! It's the best one directed this way during the



Buck Williams

NBA play-offs. For details, call Mike at 629-9484.

\*James Worthy on whether or not the Lakers received a gift in winning the first game of the Western Conference Finals. "No, we felt like we played hard enough to win the game. We don't feel like we were given a gift. We executed and stuck to our game plan. We earned it," said Worthy. "I don't look at it like a gift."

\*The Atlantic Coast Conference is the big winner in the NBA Western Conference Finals with seven of the 24 players on the roster of Portland and Los Angeles. They are Buck Williams (Maryland), Walter Davis, Sam Perkins, and James Worthy of North Carolina; Danny Young of Wake Forest, Alaa Abdelnaby of Duke, and Elden Campbell of Clemson. "The ACC has always been a strong conference," said Laker Assistant General Manager Mitch Kupchak, a product of North Carolina himself.

"There are a bunch of conferences that are very strong and every now and then there are independent players that come from schools that are not as big or affiliated with a conference and it just so happens that there are that many ACC players in this series," he continued. "It's great to see and it's great for the guys and those guys who just so happen to play in the conference." Just in case you're wondering about ACC players in the Eastern Conference Finals, Air Jordan (UNC) rookie Scott Williams (UNC) and John Salley (Georgia Tech) are the only ones. Dean Smith coached (including Kupchak) six of them.

ShortShakes: Tim Jackson, please contact me at 284-3117 or 321-4239, you've got two Blazer tickets coming your way compliments of Double-Tee Promotions. Better hurry and bring some ID to confirm your identity.

## The African Corner

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# BLAZER ARENA: PUBLIC MEETING

The Portland Trail Blazers want to hear your thoughts on their plans for a new arena.



You are invited to attend an open meeting on issues concerning the Portland Trail Blazers' new arena project. This meeting will be the first of a series, and Senior Vice President of Marketing, Marshall Glickman, will be on hand to hear your input. If you would like to voice your opinion, mark your calendar for the date below:

Thursday, May 23rd • 7 pm to 11 pm  
Georgia Pacific Room at Memorial Coliseum



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## Damon Stoudamire Stars in Soviet/All-Stars Game



photo by Michole Jensen

BY BILY DON MOORE

On May 15th the Multnomah Athletic Foundation brought the Soviet National Junior Basketball Club to the Pacific Northwest to play Oregon Select AAU All Stars featuring Oregon Prep Player of the Year, Damon Stoudamire. This exciting event took place at the Chiles Center on the University of Portland campus. The preliminary game featured Oregon All time Greats, Willie and Charles Stoudamire, Ray Blume, Billy Moore, and Criss Winkler. The All Time Greats put on quite a show, but the real stars were a scrappy group of undersized Oregon AAU All Stars who did not knuckle under the presence of the Soviet team touring the

U.S.

The Oregon coach, Nick Robertson of Beaverton High said, "After the two teams exchanged gifts at center court, you could see a big size difference in the teams, and why we would have to shoot well. Rebounds would be hard to come by against this Soviet team."

The Oregon team seemed to be a bit confused and with Damon Stoudamire having a poor shooting first half, the Oregon team is lucky to be down by only a 28-21 margin at the 6:28 mark.

Good defense by Oregon All Stars forced a turnover and after Ray Ross knocked down a jump shot the tempo seemed to change a bit. However Ray Ross, the senior from Parkrose headed

to OSU, took a bad shot the next time down and the Soviets got the rebound. Oregon just can't beat the Soviets playing that brand of basketball. With Damon on the bench for a brief rest, Kasey Flicker gives a nice pass off to Jason Liebal for a bucket.

The second half gets underway with a shot blocked by the Soviet team and a Soviet run. The Russians are playing aggressive defense and take a commanding lead 45-31 with 17:25 left in the game. Oregon All Stars have to force the tempo in order to get back in the game. Damon leaves the game but returns with 12 minutes left and the score 55-42 USSR. Damon has to change the tempo with his quickness. After a steal by Damon and a breakaway layup by Ray Ross off of a Stoudamire feed, Oregon is within 2 at 61-59. A basket by JD Vetter ties the game at 61-61. Damon hits a big basket and puts the U.S. up for the first time.

The final score is 75-74 for the Soviet Union, but this was an exciting basketball game. The fans and citizens of the state can be proud of their team.

This was a great event in Oregon Sports History, let's hope the MAC Club Foundation and the terrific sponsors come together and make this an annual event, and something very positive, for the city and state and a great time for the basketball fans and kids. Thanks MAC...looking forward to the next game.

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