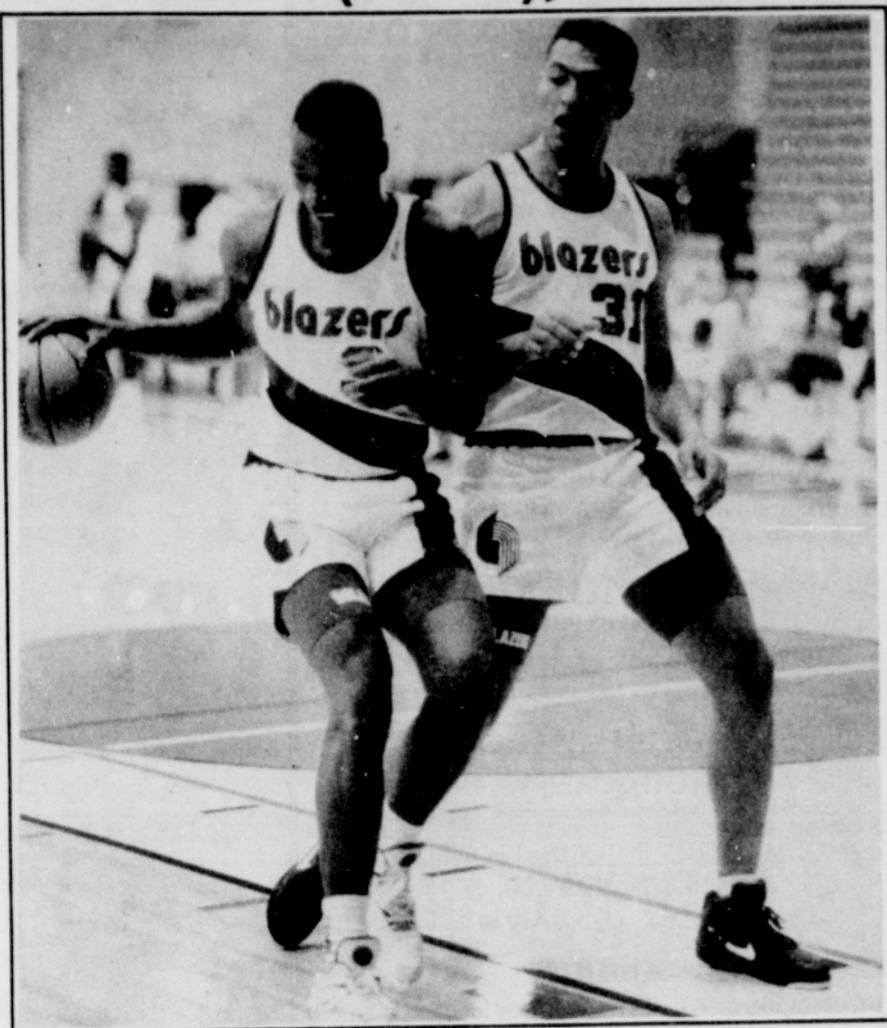


1991-92 Trail Blazer Outlook 1990-91 (63-19), first in Pacific Division



Cliff Robinson and Alaa Abdelnaby

Photo by Veronica Green

HEAD COACH: Rick Adelman, fourth year as head coach, all with Portland, 136-63 (.683).

NEW FACES: Rookie guard Lamont Strothers, free agents Randy Allen, Stuart Gray, Chris Harris, Shelton Jones, Robert Pack, Gerald Paddio.

COACH ADELMAN'S COMMENTS: "After posting the league's best record the last two seasons (122-42), the 1991-92 Trail Blazers should look very much like last year's team. Many people feel that our starting lineup is as good as any in the NBA, and with an ever-improving Cliff Robinson and Danny Ainge coming off the bench, along with Walter Davis who will have the advantage of beginning a full season with us, I feel our depth is very solid. Our starting five features four NBA All-Stars in Clyde Drexler, Terry Porter, Kevin Duckworth and Buck Williams. Add Jerome Kersey and you have a group not only capable of putting points on the board but also able to

defensively shut down the opposition. Like Detroit and Chicago before us, we have not been able to reach our ultimate goal of an NBA Championship in just one or two runs at it. Everyone from the coaches through each player on our team must take a look at what each one can do to make us better this year. We must look at what made us successful last season, and what kept us from reaching our goal of a championship. We must continue to look for ways to improve if we're to get over the hump. The Western Conference race looks wide open this year, and our team is eager to get back to work!

1990-91 RECAP: In addition to posting the NBA's best record, the Blazers finished the season with the best overall record, 63-19, best road mark, 27-14 and best home mark (tied), 36-5 in franchise history. Portland became the eighth franchise in league history to reach the 60-win plateau en route to advancing to the conference

finals for the second straight season. The Blazers ranked third in the league in scoring (114.7) and had eight players finish with scoring averages in double digits, the largest contingent of any team in the league. Opponents shot just .456 from the field. The Blazers opened the season with a 19-1 record (second best start with one loss in league history) and ran off 16 straight victories late in the season to fashion the club's longest-ever success string. Buck Williams led the league in field goal percentage (.602) and was named to the NBA All-Defensive Team. Clyde Drexler was named second team All-NBA and finished sixth in balloting for the MVP Award. Terry Porter was ninth in the voting for that award. Portland swept the season series from 13 opponents. The Blazers went the entire season without having to utilize the injured list.

1991-92 PREVIEW: The quest for an NBA Championship picks up where it left off last June in the conference finals. Portland plans to have much the same look as last year's club with the starting lineup of Buck Williams, Jerome Kersey, Kevin Duckworth, Clyde Drexler and Terry Porter opening its third year together. Danny Ainge returns for his second season, while Walter Davis will have the advantage of beginning a full season in a Portland uniform. Third-year forward Cliff Robinson is rapidly becoming one of the league's most formidable frontcourt players, able to come off the bench at any of the three frontcourt positions. Mark Bryant, Wayne Cooper and Alaa Abdelnaby lend muscle off the bench in the frontcourt, while Danny Young returns in a supporting role at guard. Lamont Strothers, obtained in a draft day trade with Golden State, enters camp battling for a spot on the deep roster. Radio announcer Bill Schonely is expected to announce his 2,000th Blazer game on January 24 against the Atlanta Hawks, the second-highest active total for an announcer in the NBA. The Blazers enter the season having sold out 631 consecutive home games at Memorial Coliseum. Following the season, Portland will be the site of the 1992 NBA Draft, and the Basketball Tournament of the Americas.

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Affirmative Action Died With Allan Bakke

As a senior communications student at the U. of Portland, I read a story (Hilltopper Newspaper) published by Howard University while attending their annual media conference. It addressed the Allan Bakke reverse discrimination case filed against UC-Davis, the potential outcome, and the conservative political trends/mindset brewing in America.

Like many educational institutions in the 60's and 70's, the University of California-Davis established programs that either reserved slots for minorities students or encouraged their participation, such programs were designed to help make up for past discrimination, racism, and overt exclusionary policies that suppressed upward mobility/opportunities for minorities.

Specifically, UC-Davis reserved 16 slots for minorities in its Medical School, but a white student by the name of Allan Bakke sued the university because he had better test scores than those accepted into the program. Ultimately, the case reached the Supreme Court and Allan Bakke won his reverse discrimination suit. He was then allowed to enter the program at UC-Davis and a strong message was sent to black America in the process. The message? That the social, economic, and political gains of the 60's and 70's were dead on the water. Actually, blacks and other minorities had a good run politically during Kennedy and Johnson, who introduced term Affirmative Action, and Carter administrations, but conservative America grew tired of these gains or advancements by minorities, who were perceived to be the biggest beneficiary of such programs.

Contrary to public opinion, the biggest beneficiary of Affirmative Action were white females. How can white females be a minority when they are a part of the majority? White women, snapping out of the June Cleaver (Leave It To Beaver) or Marian Cunningham (Happy Days) housewife mentality, realized that their husbands were the

oppressors and took to the streets. Burning bras, demanding equal rights/pay, and respect not given to them under the name of women's liberation.

In the process, white men basically "chilled" their movement by appointing them "minority" status and this fact alone decreased opportunities for the real minorities in America. Worst, it paved the way for white female headed companies/firms to benefit granted from government contracts and other SBA programs. Worst because it allowed the white economic system to keep the "money in the family" or within the race. Again, real minorities lost ground and the "great pie" of opportunity was further decreased. Still, public opinion or the Jesse Helms of the world believe that minorities are taking jobs and benefits from white people without being qualified.

It's not that type of party. Unqualified minorities are not, repeating -- are not -- reaping benefits without qualifications. As of the Reagan-Bush years, to be honest, black folks and other minorities (real ones that is) have been fighting for their lives. To make matters worse, the enlightened President of the United States of America vetoed a Civil Rights Bill that was most progressive. He called it the quota bill. When are some whites going to realize that black people are not the reason for all their problems! Really, a quota bill? All the "Q" word does is wake up all the red-necks -- low self-esteem folks looking to blame someone else for their shortcomings.

Yeah, the Bakke case scared me so bad that I enrolled in Graduate School to duck Ronald Reagan and the America that was about to unfold. All Reagan did was pick up at where Richard Nixon got caught and had it not been for Watergate, Jimmy Carter would have not had a chance.

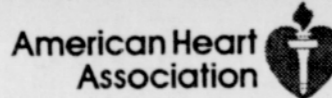
He was elected not because of his great political insight, brother Billy, or peanut farm -- Carter was elected because people were mad at Republicans.

The Iranian situation killed what chance Carter had to be successful because it hurt American self esteem, but Ronald Reagan, who acted like an actor and then acted like a President came to save the day. For who? The conservatives who wanted America back...Some progressives individuals campaigned against Reagan because he had a chance to appoint two Supreme Court Justices and if you toss in the two appointed by Nixon and the soon to be three by Bush, you have a total Republican/conservative Supreme Court. Remember, those jobs are for life and the moral tone has been set for America. It is no wonder that civil rights, affirmative action, and other issues like abortion rights are being threatened or challenged. Americans, by their own definition, want America back because they are losing it fast. In 1980, the USA was first in wages paid and by 2000, this nation is projected to rank 25th in the world. Furthermore, the workforce as we know it will be dominated by minorities (real ones) in the year 2000 (8 years and two months away) and that bothers some people (not me). Could this be a problem to those not in favor of affirmative action?

Whites are rapidly becoming the minority in this nation and many are afraid, real afraid and angry. Some say it's not about abortion rights, it's about the right to reproduce more white people since they are not reproducing like other groups.

Allan Bakke set a serious tone for this country and for my life. It taught me to not sit on my accomplishments and to keep chasing my dreams. Some of us got caught up emotionally, economically dependent on old band-aid programs of the 60's - 70's, and still believe that this country owes them something. America does not owe anybody anything because it's about net profit, not human needs. Bakke put me on the path to what the real deal is in this country; it's about getting paid.

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Shopping Spree Means Extra Dollars For Doernbecher



Bill Morrison made fast work of the meat section at Wilshire Park Sentry during a two-minute shopping spree to raise money for Doernbecher Children's Hospital. In two minutes Morrison filled three shopping carts--one full of meat, one of coffee and the third of canned fish--adding up to \$640 for the children's hospital. That quickly turned into \$1,000 when Morrison added his own \$360 on top of his shopping spree donation.

A shopping spree held at Wilshire Park Sentry in Northeast Portland, on October 3, netted \$1,000 for Doernbecher Children's Hospital at Oregon Health Sciences University.

Bill Morrison of Portland wore his running shoes for the two-minute sprint around the store. He put a hefty dent in the meat case, then drove into the coffee aisle and finished up with at 15-second foray in the canned goods section. The check register receipt for the three full cart loads of food totalled \$640.90. Morrison immediately made out a check to Doernbecher for \$360, bringing the total to \$1,000.

Morrison won the shopping spree during the Sentry Supermarkets/AIC Guisti Memorial Golf Tournament in April. Instead of keeping the prize for himself, he opted to donate the dollar value of the shopping spree to Doernbecher.

Proceeds from the Sentry/Guisti tournament go to Doernbecher and

the Oregon Cancer Research Foundation. Morrison's shopping spree brings the total amount raised by the Sentry/Guisti for Doernbecher to \$31,000 this year.

Morrison was the amateur partner of the team that won the Blue Bell ProAm portion of the tournament. He played with pro Todd Young of the Corvallis Country Club. The shopping spree was awarded as the prize for closest to the pin (KP) contest.

The Sentry/Guisti tournament is part of Sentry Supermarkets' annual effort to raise money for Oregon children's hospitals. In 1990 and 1991, Sentry stores in Oregon, southwest Washington and northern California raised \$128,000 for pediatric programs--part of the \$455,000 raised by United Grocers and its members stores, including Thriftway, Sentry, Food Connection, Food Warehouse, and many other independently owned stores.

Linnton School Rededicated as Condominium Development

A former Portland School will be rededicated as new condominium development this Friday (Oct. 11) at 10:30 a.m.

Past Linnton Grade School students, parents, teachers and others are invited to rededication ceremonies and celebration of the old school as a new housing development.

Located at 10425 N.W. St. Helens Road, Linnton School was built as an elementary school in 1929 and served area students until June, 1971.

The school was purchased in October, 1989 by West Way Investments, Glen Gordon, president, and remodeled into townhouse condominiums.

Nordstrom And The Junior League Of Portland Present Holiday Showcase 1991

Nordstrom has announced a preview of the season's most exquisite designs for women, men, and children at a formal fashion show to benefit the Junior League of Portland.

Join them Wednesday evening October 23, in the Ballroom of the Lloyd Center Red Lion Inn. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the fashion show at 7:00. Tickets are \$35.00 per person for Sponsor ticket(s) and \$75.00 per person for Patron ticket(s). All proceeds will benefit the Junior League of Portland.

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