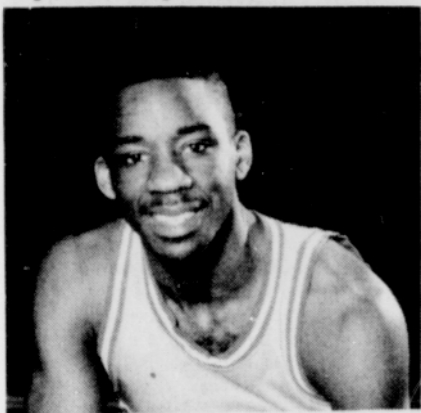


# SPORTS

## Blazers Win Opener, But Terrell Brandon Is The Real Story

BY BILL BARBER

The Blazers put the NBA on notice Friday night. "Offense wins ball games... defense wins championships," any coach will tell you. The Blazers were responsible for most of Cleveland's 21 turnovers. "We did all the things we wanted to do defensively," Rick Adelman, Portland's coach said of the Blazers everywhere-at-once defense. "We were very active, very aggressive. We wanted to put a lot of pressure on them."



Buck Williams scored the first points of the season on a follow layup 30 seconds into the game. Offensively, the Blazers never looked back. They stayed ahead of the Cavs the whole game, winning 117-106.

Traci Harris kicked off this 100th year of basketball history by almost shattering the glass backboards when she sang the national anthem. She was ready, the team was ready, the fans were ready, but the sound man on the Blazers new "Big Band" video wasn't ready. Later, when he got himself together, they played it again, and brought the house down (Milli Vanilli-style). The only time the crowd got louder was when Terrell Brandon was introduced. Imagine what the day must have been like for him! First, he goes to his alma mater, Grant High School, where he receives the honor of seeing his jersey retired. Then he starts his first NBA professional game in his home town. What a day!

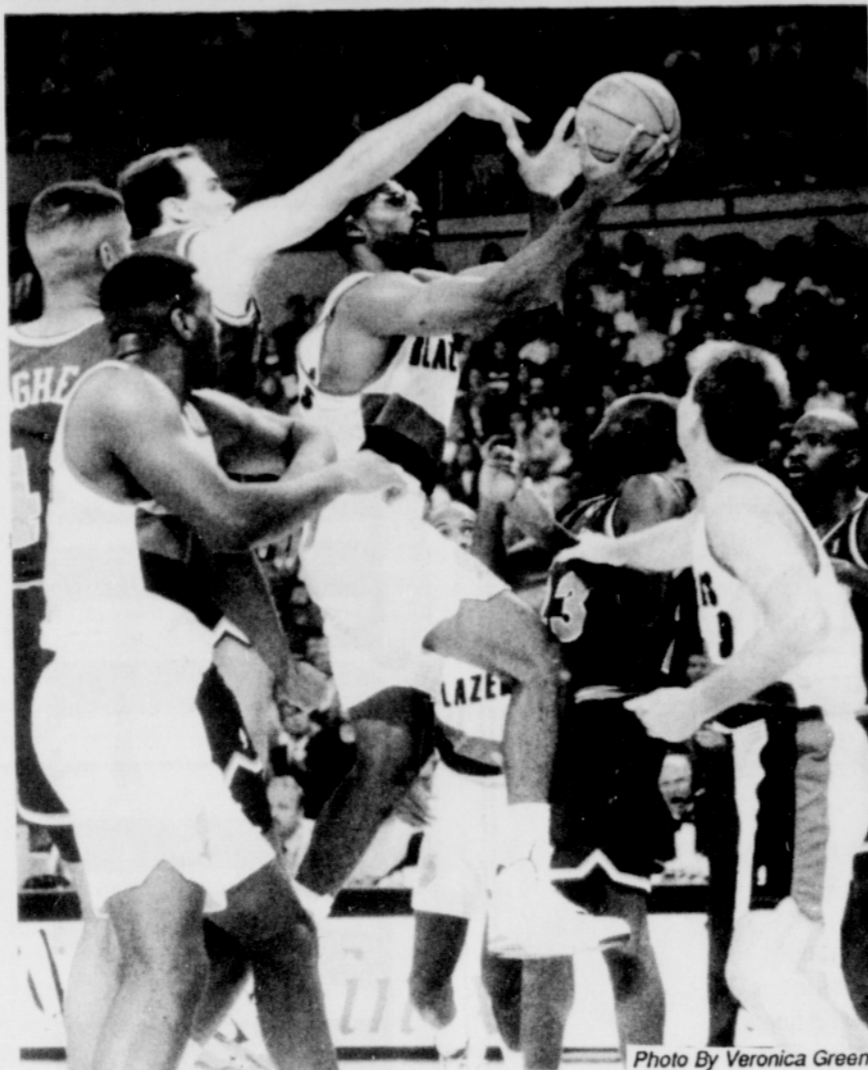
Brandon missed his only chance

for a homecooked meal during the regular season, since this is the teams only stop in Portland. "I didn't go home because there would have been a lot of distractions, a lot of phone calls, things going on around the house... I didn't want that." Missing a stop off at his house was just a price Terrell had to pay this time around. He knew his family, friends and fans all understood. What a day!

Never mind that his first stop was an air ball. After making four assists in the first seven minutes of play, Brandon scored his first two of 15 on a driving layup past a much taller Kevin Duckworth. Duck "welcomed" Terrell to the NBA with a pretty good swat. Brandon returned the "welcome" by sinking his first NBA free throw. It was a treat watching the rookie play the game. It must have been a special treat for people who have followed him at the University of Oregon and Grant High School. Brandon didn't look the least bit intimidated about playing in the Bigs. He appeared as relaxed as if he were playing a pick-up game at a local city park with the kids from the neighborhood. That reminds me, I asked Terrell if he had any message for the kids in Portland? He said, "Tell them to continue to work hard like I did...you never know what might happen. I wasn't timid...you just have to go out there and play ball...(tell Portland) I appreciated the crowd very much."

I asked Terry Porter (University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point) if he remembered the first time he played in Milwaukee as a pro? "Yeah, I remember it! It was definitely a treat!" he related with a knowing smile. "When you get that chance, that is very similar to what his (Brandon's) situation is, you want to show your team, your fans and family that you can play well in the league. I remember my first night... I had a BIG crowd. I'll never forget it."

Terrell Brandon had a big crowd, too. He'll never forget it either.



The enforcer, #52 Buck Williams, the Portland Trail Blazers' power forward is ready to make another run for the NBA championship.

Photo By Veronica Green

### Football scoring

CLASS 4A LEADERS				
TD	CI	C2	FG	Pts
Joe Doulass, South Salem	30	0	1	182
Cameron Reynolds, Lakeridge	19	0	1	116
Woody Green, Jesuit	18	0	1	110
David Ileson, Mazama	17	0	3	108
Willi Huffman, Barlow	18	0	0	108

TOUCHDOWN PASSES				
Player	TD	CI	C2	FG
Damon McPherson, Jefferson	17	0	0	0
Matt Cochran, Wilson	14	0	0	0
Jerry Bushman, Benson	13	0	0	0
Matt Geske, Franklin	9	0	0	0

METRO				
TD	CI	C2	FG	Pts
Woody Green, Jesuit	18	0	1	110
Eric Koeneky, Hillsboro	15	0	0	90
Ryan Barnard, Newberg	13	0	1	80
Rob Gullerle, Glencoe	4	26	0	62
Jim Roofner, Glencoe	10	0	0	60
Trent Staley, Tigard	9	0	0	54
Chris Zeris, Jesuit	9	0	0	54
Eric Marfin, Sunset	8	0	0	48
Sean Weiling, Tigard	8	0	0	48

PIL				
TD	CI	C2	FG	Pts
Anthony Green, Jefferson	15	0	0	90
Travis Taylor, Franklin	12	0	6	84
Joe Robertson, Jefferson	11	2	0	70
Sunley Robertson, Jefferson	11	1	0	68
Dedamon Williams, Marshall	11	0	1	68
Bryan McMahon, Wilson	11	0	0	66
Ryan Erickson, Wilson	10	0	0	60

## Final Polls Class 4A

- |                       |                     |                      |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Jesuit (9-0)        | 6 Oregon City (8-1) | 11 Williamette (8-1) |
| 2 South Salem (9-0)   | 7 Rose Burg (6-3)   | 12 Barlow (8-1)      |
| 3 Gresham (8-1)       | 8 Glencoe (7-2)     | 13 Jefferson (8-1)   |
| 4 South Medford (8-1) | 9 Sunset (7-2)      | 14 Lake Oswego (6-3) |
| 5 Ashland (8-1)       | 10 Lakeridge (7-2)  | 15 Mazama (7-2)      |

### Football playoffs

**UPPER BRACKET**  
 Tigard (6-3) at Oregon City (8-1), 7:30 p.m.  
 Benson (6-3) at McNary (7-2), 7:30 p.m.  
 Newberg (5-4) vs. Sheldon (8-1) at Autzen Stadium, Eugene, 7:30 p.m.  
 David Douglas (5-4) at Ashland (8-1), 7:30 p.m.  
 North Eugene (5-4) at Jesuit (9-0), 7:30 p.m.  
 Mazama (7-2) vs. Jefferson (8-1) at Portland Civic Stadium, 6 p.m.  
 Milwaukie (6-3) at Pendleton (7-2), 7:30 p.m.  
 North Salem (6-3) vs. Barlow (8-1) at Mt. Hood CC, Gresham, 7:30 p.m.

**LOWER BRACKET**  
 McKay (5-4) at South Medford (8-1), 7:30 p.m.  
 Glencoe (7-2) at Williamette (8-1), 7:30 p.m.  
 Reynolds (3-6) vs. Wilson (8-1) at Portland Civic Stadium, 8 p.m.  
 Lake Oswego (6-3) at Hermiston (7-2), 7:30 p.m.  
 Marshall (5-4) at South Salem (9-0), 7:30 p.m.  
 Bend (5-4) at Sunset (7-2), 7:30 p.m.  
 Grants Pass (6-3) at Gresham (8-1), 7:30 p.m.  
 Marshfield (6-3) at Lakeridge (7-2), 7:30 p.m.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Pacific Division										
	W	L	Pct.	GB	Lst10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf	
Golden State	2	0	1.000	—	2-0	W2	2-0	1-0	2-0	
Phoenix	2	0	1.000	—	2-0	W2	0-0	2-0	2-0	
<b>PORTLAND</b>	1	1	.500	1	1-1	L1	1-1	0-0	0-1	
LA Clippers	1	1	.500	1	1-1	W1	1-0	0-1	0-1	
LA Lakers	1	1	.500	1	1-1	W1	0-0	1-1	1-1	
Sacramento	1	1	.500	1	1-1	L1	1-0	0-1	1-1	
Seattle	0	2	.000	2	0-2	L2	0-2	0-0	0-2	

Midwest Division										
	W	L	Pct.	GB	Lst10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf	
San Antonio	2	0	1.000	—	2-0	W2	1-0	1-0	2-0	
Denver	1	1	.500	1	1-1	W1	1-1	0-0	1-1	
Houston	1	1	.500	1	1-1	L1	1-0	0-1	1-1	
Utah	1	1	.500	1	1-1	L1	0-0	1-1	1-0	
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1 1/2	0-1	L1	0-1	0-0	0-1	
Dallas	0	2	.000	2	0-2	L2	0-1	0-1	0-2	

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division										
	W	L	Pct.	GB	Lst10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf	
Orlando	2	0	1.000	—	2-0	W2	1-0	1-0	2-0	
Washington	2	0	1.000	—	2-0	W2	1-0	1-0	2-0	
Miami	1	0	1.000	1/2	1-0	W1	1-0	0-0	1-0	
New Jersey	1	0	1.000	1/2	1-0	W1	0-0	1-0	1-0	
Boston	1	1	.500	1	1-1	L1	1-0	0-1	1-1	
New York	0	2	.000	2	0-2	L2	0-0	0-2	0-2	
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	2	0-2	L2	0-1	0-1	0-2	

Central Division										
	W	L	Pct.	GB	Lst10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf	
Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	—	2-0	W2	1-0	1-0	2-0	
Chicago	1	1	.500	1	1-1	L1	1-0	0-1	1-1	
Detroit	1	1	.500	1	1-1	W1	0-1	1-0	1-1	
Indiana	1	1	.500	1	1-1	W1	1-1	0-0	0-1	
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1 1/2	0-1	L1	0-1	0-0	0-1	
Charlotte	0	2	.000	2	0-2	L2	0-1	0-1	0-2	
Cleveland	0	2	.000	2	0-2	L2	0-0	0-2	0-0	

### Town Hall: Re-Assessing Measure 5

Halloween came early for many Oregonians horrified by their property tax bills. Even public officials were not immune. Bud Clark and Vera Katz both saw their tax bills rise about \$2000. The average Multnomah County residence increased 20% in value, negating the anticipated savings from Measure 5. Citizens who voted themselves a property tax cut last year now wonder if they are powerless to affect their level of taxation.

In the wake of these tax bills, the fairness of Measure 5 is in question. Ballot Measure 5 was pitched to the public as property tax relief for the average homeowner. But big business appears to be the big beneficiary, prompting some citizens to call for higher higher business taxes, and caps on residential assessments.

Trust in local government has also been harmed. Local officials who predicted sharp drops in revenue before last year's election now find themselves with surpluses, and skeptical constituents.

Are big tax breaks AND drastic program cuts just a matter of time? Or have the benefits and the costs of Measure 5 been exaggerated? Were assessments intentionally raised to negate Measure 5? Or is the public overreacting to genuine appreciation in property values? Does Measure 5 fairly distribute the tax burden? Is additional tax reform needed? Join Jack Faust and his guests for this timely debate on Sunday, November 10th from 6-7 p.m. For seat reservations, please call Frank Mungeam, Alison Highberger or Liza McQuade at 231-4620. Guests should arrive at KATU studios (21st & NE Sandy Blvd) betw 5:00-5:15 p.m. The public is welcome, but reservations are required.

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