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# Clyde Drexler Scores 48 Points

BY BILL BARBER

You can always count on Clyde Drexler to give you the straight scoop on the Portland Trailblazer situation. He doesn't bob and weave. On or off the court, Clyde just drives straight to the hoop with the truth. "The Warriors played well, but we helped them a lot." The Blazers didn't really need to give Golden State much help. They came into Portland leading the NBA in scoring. Clyde said, "We have not played well this season, except for a few games. Our concentration comes and goes." The Blazers played a good game for 46 minutes. Unfortunately, the game lasted 48 minutes. "We've got to make ourselves concentrate more," Drexler continued. "We're not thinking as a team. We made some plays, that I could only describe as boneheaded, and it's hard to live with."

The San Antonio game was not "hard to live with." The Spurs went down Big Time... 111-116. The Blazers came out hot! They hit four of the first five from the field. When the team downed the first nine straight free throws, the fans and the San Antonio Spurs knew they were in for a special night.

It was Clyde Drexler's special night. The man couldn't do anything wrong on Sunday. By halftime Drexler had 29 points! To say he couldn't miss would not be much of an overstatement. He was 10 for 13 from the field, and six for seven at the charity line. The three pointers were falling too. He popped three long ones! By the time the half time buzzer blew, Clyde had already outscored his season per game average of 23.5, by pounding in 29 points. Drexler ended up the night with 48 points. That equals his January 22nd, 1989 performance against New York. Its only two short of his all-time high scoring game against Sacramento. That game on January 6th 1989 had 2

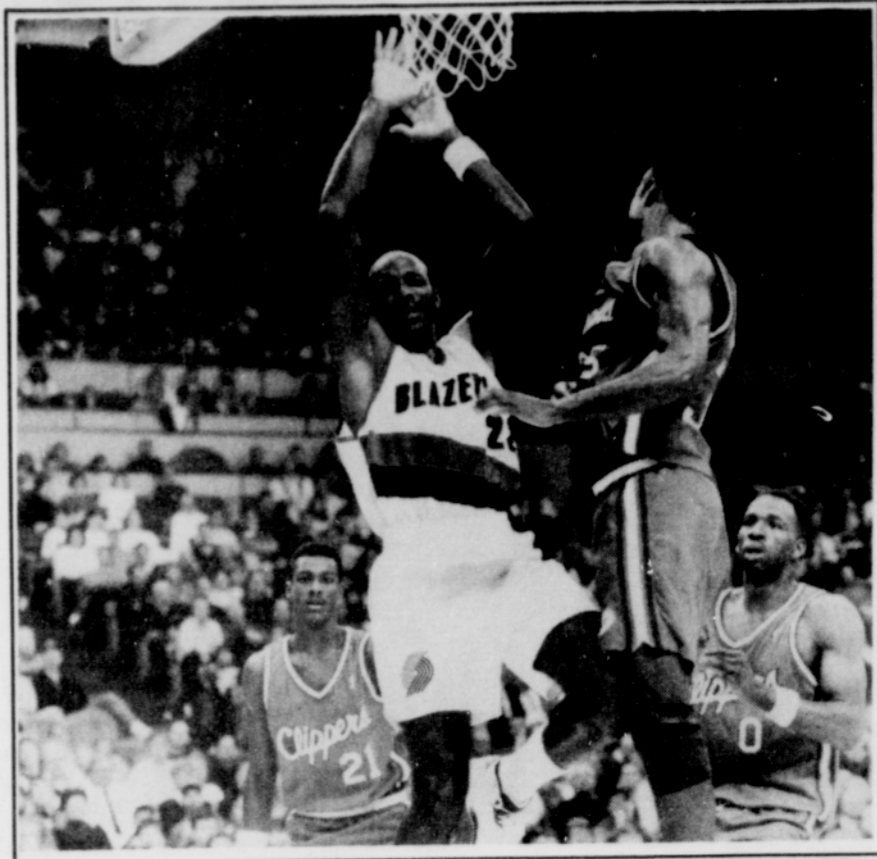


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overtime periods. Geoff Petrie twice in his career scored 51 points. Petrie, the Trailblazers all-time one game scoring leader stopped by the locker room after the game. Clyde was three deep in reporters. It was his night.

Clyde Drexler just seems to be the kind of player who makes things happen when they need to be done. The bench was not going to be on top of their game Sunday, as it turned out. They were outscored 41 to 18. Their concentration was probably broken down a little, because like the crowd, it was hard to see anything but Drexler's performance. The defense from the bench did a good job, even if they didn't score a lot. Cliff Robinsin must have gone 40' vertical on his first blocked shot. Robert "Big Easy" Pack was his usual smothering self. The

hustle that the rookie exhibits must really come as an unpleasant surprise to some of the opposing players who are complacent to just play at the fame and collect a paycheck. No wonder this town is so "Pack man" crazy.

The Blazers are 8-5 on the season now that they avenged their 119-93 setback in San Antonio on November 6th. Portland is now an even 5-5 against Western conference teams. There are three games left in this, the longest homestand of the season. The win Sunday night assured the Blazers of their 14th consecutive month with a winning record.

Clyde Drexler, had his night Sunday night. That is the kind of night that inspires the fans. It will undoubtedly inspire the rest of the team too. You can always count on Clyde.



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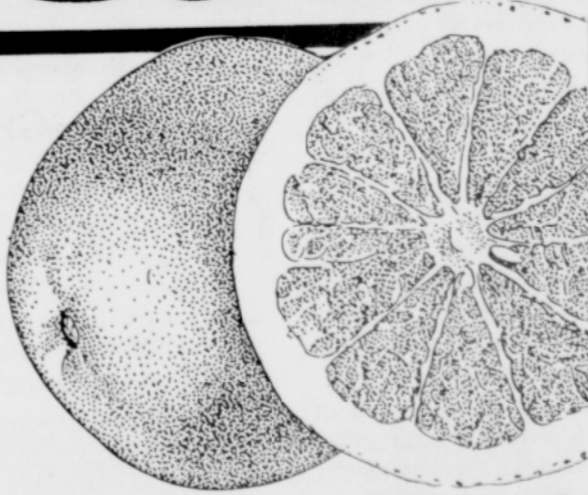
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