

SPORTS

Adelman Gets 200th Victory

BY ERIC NOON

The Portland Trailblazers kept their undefeated record intact with two victories this last week. As of Tuesday, morning the Blazers are the only undefeated team on the road and one of two undefeated at home.

Friday's 104-99 victory over the improved Sacramento Kings, was a lackluster win at best. Cliff Robinson led all scorers with 21 points, as the Blazers almost let the Kings steal victory in the closing minutes. Saving the Blazers, was the Blazer bench outscoring their opponents 52-25, in route to another fine performance.

Sunday night, it was the boys from Motown, the Detroit Pistons, in town seeking a win or some semblance of defense after getting spanked 138-101 up north against the Seattle SuperSonics the previous night.

The game had early Motown overtones, as the local act the Arnold Brothers (from Detroit) sang the National Anthem. But those didn't last long as the Blazers let the Pistons know whose house they were in early, with a 25-19 first quarter lead.

Rick Adelman's 200th career victory came rather easily from there on in. The 115-90 final score was reflective of the great defensive intensity, including 17 steals, which in turn led to the open court transition game were the Blazers usually flourish.

For the third straight game reserve forward, Robinson led the Blazers in scoring with 20 points. Robinson has shot .683 from the field (28-41) the last three contests and seems to be overflowing with confidence.

"I'm just out there taking advantage of my opportunity," said Robinson, "I just wasn't to keep improving my game, if the shots there I'll shoot and if not I'll move the ball."

With the Blazers in command going into the fourth quarter, Adelman called on his men at the end of the bench (the rookies). Tracy Murray came fired up, and sank 2-3 from three-point range while scoring 13. Dave Johnson and Reggie Smith also played some minutes, and made the best of it. Smith tipped in his first NBA bucket as the crowd chanted, "Reggie, Reggie, Reggie", in the closing seconds.

"It felt good, I've been waiting along time to get that opportunity," Smith said on scoring his first points. Smith's reaction on the crowd hounding him to score; "That's all right, I wanted to score, now I can go out and relax a little."

Not to be left out of the bench effort, Rod Strickland's around play gave him his first career triple double, with 11 points, 10 rebounds, and 13 assists. Asked about his 10 rebound game as a point guard;

"I was up among the leaders in that category last year," Strickland said. "I let him have a couple of those, he's not that big yet." Robinson added.

And for all the big Bill Laimbeer fans, Laimbeer had as many fouls as points...six.

Tonight's game against the Phoenix Suns should be the Blazers biggest challenge of the early season. With the bench stepping up, the way they have so far, and the consistent defense from everybody, the Blazers should give the Round Mound of Rebound, and the Suns a game to remember. The game is on FREE T.V. (KGW CH 8) at 6:30 or 1190 KEX on your AM radio dial.

Rep. Gordly Attends Anti-Apartheid Conference; South Africa Violence Focus Of Meeting

"The thing we've got to do locally and nationally is raise awareness about the violence that is increasing in south Africa."

Rep. Avel Gordly, D-Portland, brought that message back to Oregon after participating last week in a national conference in support of a democratic South Africa. Gordly was invited to participate in the conference as a representative of Portland's American Friends Service Committee. The gathering was held November 13, 14, and 15 in New York City and was sponsored by the African National Congress and leading anti-apartheid organizations in the United States and Canada.

Rep. Gordly described the event as a "phenomenal experience." She reported Nelson Mandela sent a video taped message, and all the leading representatives of the US anti-apartheid movement addressed the conference

including Jesse Jackson, Rep Maxine Waters, Sen. Howard Wolpe, Corretta Scott King, Randall Robinson (Director, TransAfrica), and Mayor David Dinkens.

Gordly participated in a workshop panel on violence in South Africa. She said the panel came up with three general points:

- Violence is aimed at destabilizing the liberation forces in South Africa.
- The violence is orchestrated by the South African regime, particularly by the security forces.
- There is no such phenomenon as "black on black" violence. The violence is political with the objective of strengthening the hands of the apartheid forces.

Gordly said activists will be urging President-elect Clinton to reimpose US economic sanctions on South Africa. She noted most conference attendees

expect Bill Clinton to be receptive to reimposing the federal sanctions. The activists feel sanctions will pressure the South Africa government to sit down with ANC and negotiate for a new constitution leading to a democratic South Africa.

Gordly restated her commitment to reimposing Oregon's sanctions. "People at the conference were very, very pleased that we were going to do it," Gordly said. "People were disappointed when Oregon lost its sanctions in the last legislative session."

Rep. Gordly, along with Rep. Gail Shibley, D-Portland, and Rep. Margaret Carter, D-Portland announced last August plans to submit legislation to reimpose the Oregon Divestiture Program aimed at South Africa. Gordly said the sanction legislation will be targeted for support by anti-apartheid groups in Oregon.

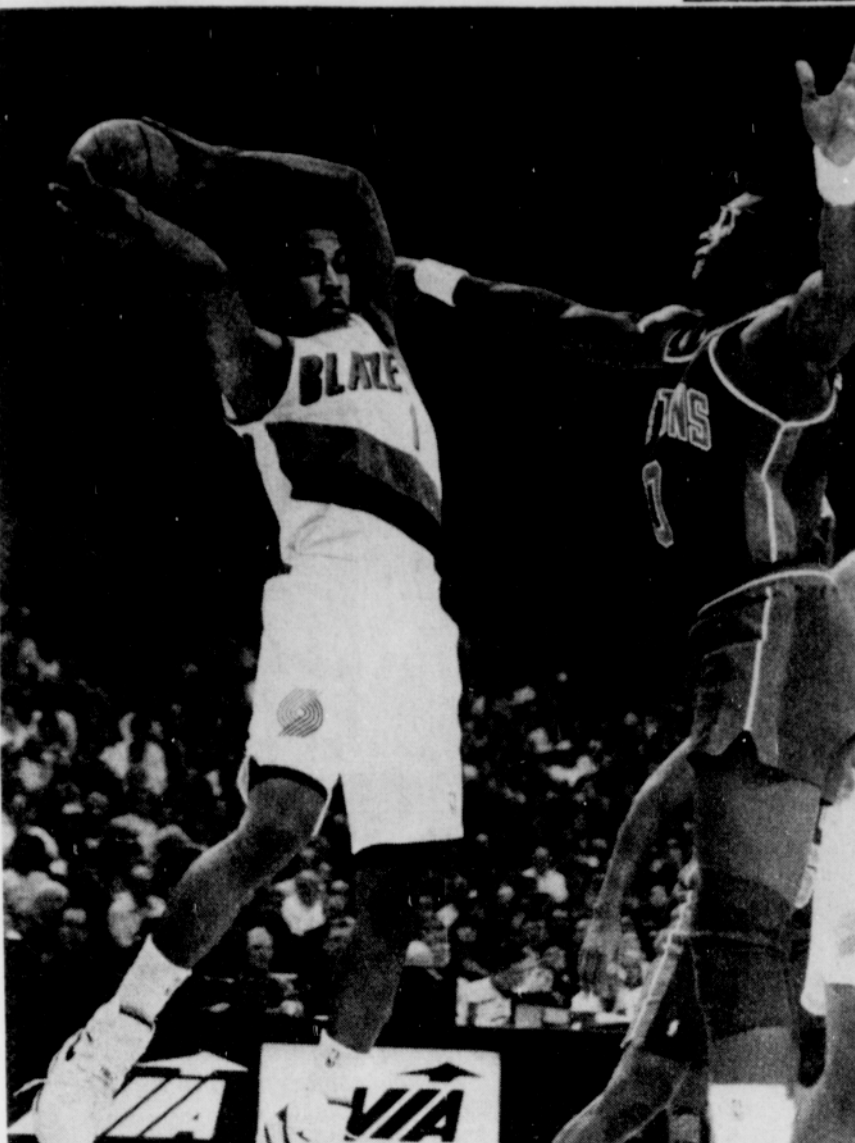


photo by Veronica Green
Rod Strickland grabs one of his ten rebounds Sunday night as the blazers beat Detroit 115-90. Strickland added 11 points and 13 assists to notch the first triple-double of his NBA career.

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This year's them is Go Tell it on the Mountain (Son Mountain). We're located at Church of Christ; 3908 NE Mallory, Portland, Oregon, 97211.

Everyone will benefit from attending VBS. Call if more information is needed. There's no charge. Ask for Pat at (503) 281-3330.

Blazers Join In Stay In School Awareness Effort

Recently former NBA player Nick Jones of the Portland Trailblazers visited three Portland middle schools as part of the NBA National Stay in School Awareness Day. The NBA effort was organized to encourage students to stay in school and complete their high school education. The Blazers were joined in this observance by the other 26 NBA teams, all of which participated in similar rallies across the country.

Jones, the Blazers' community activities coordinator, visited Gregory Heights, Vernon and Fernwood middle schools where better than 1300 students heard the Stay in School message. NBA National Stay in School Awareness Day is a joint initiative of the NBA, its teams, the National Basketball Players Association and the National Basketball Coaches Association.

Over the course of the 1992-93 season, Trail Blazer players will make eight appearances at Portland middle schools. A future drawing will deter-

mine which schools will be selected. Portland-area middle schools interested in holding a Stay in School assembly are asked to submit their request in writing to: Traci Rose, Team Liaison, Portland Trail Blazers, 700 N.E. Multnomah, Portland, OR 97232-2172. All requests must be postmarked by Tuesday, December 1, 1992.

"Throughout the season, Trail Blazer players will be joining me as we visit area middle schools to stress the importance of staying in school and getting a high school degree," said Jones. "If we can instill pride and self-esteem in some of these young people I know we can make a difference in the dropout rate."

Jones brings his message home through a simple but direct presentation of outlining the letters of the word pride-"P" stands for Positive Mental Attitude; "R" stands for RESPECT; "I" stands for Intelligent Decision Making; "D" stands for Dreaming Dreams and

Goal Setting; "E" stands for Effort in Education.

Traditionally Blazer players, coaches and front office staff participate in the NBA's National Stay in School Awareness Day, but this year's date coincided with the NBA Hall of Fame Game in which Portland took on the Charlotte Hornets in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The NBA Stay in School program in its fourth year-utilizes current and former NBA players and coaches to encourage young people to earn a high school diploma. The program's national chairman is NBA Hall of Famer Bob Lanier, who has spent the last three years traveling the country giving students a message of pride and self-esteem. Lanier has visited more than 300 schools to date, working with players from every NBA team. As a group, NBA players have made more than 5000 visits to their local schools in the last three years.

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Operation EASY

The 2nd annual fund raising event of Operation EASY was held on Thursday, November 19, at the Bijou Cafe, 132 SW Third Avenue in downtown Portland. Operation EASY is a program that provides counseling, tutoring and special activities, including field trips for students from neighborhoods in Northeast and Southeast Portland. The program targets youths from 5th through 8th grades who may lack the extra support from home and school that is the necessary foundation for building productive lives.

Dr. Dapo Sobomehim, founder and director of Operation EASY, and volunteers spend time six days a week counseling and tutoring the students. The time, care and love they contribute is now paying off in improved behavior, grades and self-esteem.

Dapo and the Board of Directors of Operation EASY needs your financial and volunteer assistance to help increase opportunities for the students.

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