

SPORTS

No Play, No Pay

BY ERIC NOON

For all those fans who drove up to Seattle to watch the Portland Trailblazers get manhandled by the Seattle SuperSonics (126-109) in front of 36,000 fans, last Friday night, it was payback time.

The best thing when talking about a rivalry, is getting the last word. All the Blazer fans could say was just wait until Tuesday, after the Sonics had taken the Blazer fans out of the game with their solid play.

On that note, the Northwest rivalry was in full bore as the Sonics, winners of three in a row, rolled into Portland last Tuesday for their payback. Although the Sonics were without their leading scorer Shawn Kemp and reserve center Benoit Benjamin, their stellar outside shooting set the tone for the game again in Portland.

The 107-96 final score sent Blazer fans home for the holidays wondering what Santa needs to bring to the Blazers for their championship drive in 1993. It would be nice if Santa would drop off a case or two of outside shooting to Blazerland. Their defensive intensity hasn't been there at times. It would be nice to take a little pressure off the defense with some outside scoring.

The Blazers, who shot 41 percent versus 52 percent for the Sonics, are not getting their shots to fall consistently

and having to create offense on the defensive side of the ball.

Also Santa it would be nice to have our health back. The Blazers, for the most part, have been injury free the last three years. Not having Drexler at full form (5-18 from the field), and missing those Jerome Kersey hustle plays has really hurt the Blazers overall scheme so far this season.

Cliff Robinson seems to be carrying the team's offensive load coming off the bench this year. Against the Sonics, Robinson was 11-22 from the field and had another career high with 16 caroms.

Derrick McKey is another player coming into his own this year. McKey led the Sonics with 26 points on 7-11 shooting while dropping in 12 for 14 from the charity strike.

Saturday night's game against the Philadelphia 76er's was the night the Blazers were supposed to bring those presents (shooting and health) to the game. And they did. The 121-115 overtime win was one of the most exciting games of the year. The Blazers played well the first half and when it really counted in overtime. The first half was controlled by Robinson and the Blazers. Going into the locker room at half up 67-51 on 8-10 shooting by the probable all-star Robinson things looked good.

The second half was the old Blazer

nemesis Jeff Hornacek show. Hornacek went 11-19 in the second half leading the Sixers comeback. Horny hit on five for eight from the three-point strike, one a contested 28-footer with time running down. Sixer Ron Anderson hit a three-pointer with three seconds remaining in regulation to send the Blazers into their second overtime of the season.

After allowing the Sixers to score the first four points, the Blazers went on a 6-0 run to take the lead for good. With time running down, down by three, who does the Sixers want shooting the three? Jeff Hornacek, Hersey Hawkins, Ron Anderson, right? Wrong! Manute Bol, the seven-foot-seven long-range specialist. Bol was able to get the shot off with his height. He was unable to connect from the top of the key for the tie as Kevin Duckworth nabbed to rebound to ice the victory for Portland.

The Blazers are still banged up pretty good as Drexler and Kersey didn't play Saturday and probably won't play for another week against Utah. Tonight the Blazers host the (2-20) Dallas Mavericks. It's not even a rebuilding year for the Mavs as they look for only their third win of the season. Look for those three guys on the end of the bench licking their lips at an opportunity to play in this one.

Freedom Of Speech, Not In The NBA!

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

I have been around the National Basketball Association for more than twenty years and I must say that things have not changed very much. Yes, the level of play is better, the attendance all over the league is way up, but the one thing that remains the same is the plantation mentality of the NBA's front office located in New York City, New York.

Years ago I was in New York having a discussion with one Gary Bettman of the NBA about a summer basketball game in the Bahamas he did not want an NBA player to play without the NBA's approval. Bettman made a statement to me to the effect that the NBA players were "his property." I inquired, "Your 'property'?" Aren't they human beings?" Then he countered, "Well, I didn't mean it that way." Nevertheless, he did say it. I felt then, and I hold to the same opinion now, that he did indeed mean it.

That scenario made me think of what has gone on lately regarding the fines assessed by the NBA that has been inflicted upon certain players because of what they have said concerning NBA officials, better known to the fans as "refs."

The quality of refs has not been commensurate with the quality of players. The quality of refs has diminished greatly. Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippin of the World Champion Chicago Bulls team were fined \$5,000 each for comments both made about the poor job of officiating the refs did in a game a few weeks ago.



photo by Veronica Green

Seattle SuperSonics' third year guard Gary Payton is off to a great start this season. Payton has directed his team to second place in the Pacific Division. One of the knocks against Payton his first two seasons in the NBA was inconsistent outside shooting, but a lot of hard work this past summer helped Payton overcome this problem.

Applications Now Available For Adelman's "Hoop Heaven"

Applications are now available for "Rick Adelman's Blazers Hoop Heaven Basketball Camp." The camp, now in its fourth year, is sponsored by Bank of America and is open to boys and girls, age 8-18, and will take place in July at Lewis and Clark College and Tualatin High School.

Campers will receive personal instruction from Trail Blazer head coach Rick Adelman, who will be assisted throughout the camp by leading college and high school basketball coaches. In addition, current and former NBA players will be on hand to discuss and answer

questions about the fundamentals of basketball and specific game situations.

Three sessions are scheduled this year, with "day camp" and/or "overnight accommodations" offered at each session. Two boys camp sessions are scheduled for July 12-16 (day) or July 11-16 (overnight). The fee is \$200 per person for day camp and \$310 per person for overnight. Deposits of \$100 for day campers, or \$150 for overnight participants, is required with their application. Final payment for all sessions is due June 11, 1993. Deposits are non-refundable after May 7, 1993.

All campers will receive a "Hoop Heaven" sports bag, sports water bottle, a camp handbook, an official camp T-shirt, shorts and a camp photo. Prizes will be awarded for individual and team champions. Meals will be provided for all campers with overnight accommodations.

Applications for "Rick Adelman's Blazers Hoop Heaven Basketball Camp" are available at the Trail Blazers office, 700 NE Multnomah, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon, 97232. For more information, please call (503) 234-9291.

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Every long distance call made by a Cellular One subscriber through the month of December will result in a 25 cent donation to the children's wards of four Oregon hospitals.

Cellular One of Oregon and SW Washington anticipates raising about \$40,000.00 to benefit children through donations to Doernbecher Children's Hospital-Portland, Sacred Heart General Hospital-Eugene, Rouge Valley Medical Center-Medford and St. Charles Medical Center-Bend. Last year, Doernbecher Children's Hospital received \$30,050.00 from Cellular

One's holiday giving program. The contribution to the hospital went toward the purchase of a neonatal monitor.

"Our holiday giving program is a means for our customers and employees to help children throughout Oregon. The program is also a way for Cellular One to say thanks to our subscribers and our community for being very good to us," said Rich Begert, General Manager of Cellular One for Oregon and SW Washington. The program is in its fourth year. Volunteers from Cellular One will

visit children in the pediatric wards of the four hospitals during the holidays. The children will be able to call Santa Claus or friends and relatives on portable cellular phones. Santa Claus will be answering the calls from the Cellular One Service Center in Bend.

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Cavalcade For Peace

On January 1, 1993 beginning at 11:00 A.M., Oregonians are invited to join in a strong and eloquent expression of a desire for peace throughout the world, and most particularly in the Middle East.

The Cavalcade for Peace will begin at Congregation Neveh Shalom...will move on the Portland Rizwan Mosque...and conclude at First Christian Church. The entire program will last approximately ninety minutes.

Co-sponsored by the Oregon Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East, Mercy Corps International and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, the program offers an opportunity to begin the new year with a clear and united call for the resolution of world conflicts through peaceful, constructive means, as Jews, Muslims and Christians join together in prayer.

Congregation Neveh Shalom 2900 SW Peaceful Lane Portland, Oregon (just North of the intersection of Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy and Dosch Road)

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First Christian Church 1314 SW Broadway Portland, Oregon
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Compassionate Black Healers; Physicians Of Today And Yesterday

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

Whereas my last two articles in this series were about the inventors of hardware and machines that made life safer and/or more convenient for mankind, the following men and women of medicine deserve our honor and appreciation for their contribution to the Health Sciences. They will be included in my presentations as I am invited into the schools during Black History Month (and at other times).

We may begin with the American Red Cross Center on North Vancouver Avenue where the canteen is named after Dr. Charles Richard Drew, the black physician to whom so many tens of millions around the globe have owed their lives; "Every blood bank in the country and in the world is a living memorial and a tribute to the genius of this brilliant man" (Black Pioneers of Science and Invention, Louis Haber, 1970, Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc.).

Given the scope and breadth of the doctor's pioneering and seminal developments in his chosen field, one might wonder why the Red Cross might not have named the entire center after this compassionate and dedicated man--rather than just the "cafeteria." Think of what that could mean to the motivation and self-esteem of passing northeast school children whose teachers and parents could build on this wonderful American story. Is it too late to ask? Shouldn't some of our community organizations be pursuing this issue? Dr. Drew was educated in the Wash-

ington, D.C. School System and then went on to prestigious Amherst and then to McGill University Medical School in Canada. It was in 1931, a depression year that he was fortunate enough to win a Rosenwald Foundation scholarship which enabled him to complete his medical education--placing second in a class of 137 and a prize in neuroanatomy; also elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical honorary scholastic fraternity.

The turning point in Drew's life--and in the affairs of mankind--came in 1940 when he was granted a research Scholarship by the Rockefeller Foundation. This was the real beginning of the work that led to the first effective method of separating and preserving blood and the convincing of the world's medical fraternity that this methodology was the key to "banking" and shipping plasma--as opposed to shipping whole blood which quickly deteriorated.

World War II had begun and Dr. Drew went to Britain to supervise the formation of blood banks in that country (you would have thought that, later, he would have been given a parallel position in this country). However, many millions of soldiers on both sides of the conflict survived their wounds because of the compassion and dedication of this African American genius. In the irony of all ironies, we find that in 1950, Dr. Drew, severely injured in an auto accident, died from loss of blood while three physician companions (all

black) searched for an Alabama hospital whose emergency room would admit him. Yes, I say name that local Red Cross Center after him--never mind the "coffee and donut room".

An interesting aside is that in the recent special fashion edition of "Essence Magazine" you will find an article on the famed black blues singer, "Bessie Smith." You will get the "blues" when her son describes his mother's death under the same tragic circumstances as Dr. Drew--she bled to death while the ambulance crew searched for a hospital that would admit her. This sometimes happens to people today when they look like a possible indigent with no health insurance--the ambulance crew has to decide where to take you--hopefully based on their interpretation of your condition.

Earlier this year I had an artery to burst in my nose from a sudden surge of elevated blood pressure--off the scale at 300. After dialing 911, I thought, "oh ho, Dr. Drew". I went downstairs to wait on the ambulance (9 minutes flat), sitting in the doorway with "my health insurance card in my hand." I ain't no fool! After a week of specialists of assorted disciplines and finally Provident Hospitals best surgeon, I racked up \$14,500 worth of attention. You may or may not get that kind of attention without health insurance. Don't gamble if you don't have to.

This series on African American (and African) contributors to the health sciences continues next week.