

Tribune Entertainment To Re-Release "Final Shot: The Hank Gathers Story"



Hank Gathers succeeded with the loving support of family and friends. The people who influenced his life the most included, counter clockwise from top right: friend Bo Kimble, played by Duane Davis; mother Lucille Gathers, played by Nell Carter; brother Derrick, played by Kevin White; Hank Gathers, played by Victor Love; and Father Dave Hagan, played by George Kennedy. "Final Shot: The Hank Gathers Story" airs nationally March 29 - April 11. Check local listings for date, time and station.

"Final Shot: The Hank Gathers Story" is available as an encore performance from Tribune Entertainment Company for airing during the Final Four basketball playoffs. The two-hour movie stars George Kennedy, Nell Carter, Victor Love and Duane Davis. Syndicated nationally by Tribune Entertainment, the heartwarming story of Loyola Marymount basketball star Hank Gathers will air between March 29 and April 11, 1993. Produced by Jim McGillen Productions and distributed by Tribune Entertainment Company, "Final Shot" tells the story of Hank Gathers' rise from the projects of North Philadelphia to the basketball court of Loyola Marymount and the many lives he touched along the way.

"We tell the story of how Hank Gathers lived," said Donald Hacker, president and CEO of Tribune Entertainment. "Hank's heroic spirit and

ing it back as an encore performance during this year's NCAA play-offs." The television drama also tells the story of Father Dave Hagan, played by George Kennedy, the Catholic priest who risked everything to bring a glimmer of hope to Philadelphia's inner-city. Father Dave's friendship and guidance, combined with the strength of Hank's mother Lucille, played by Nell Carter, gave Hank and his boyhood friend Bo Kimble the courage to escape the drugs and violence of the projects and become the country's top college basketball stars.

During his junior year at Loyola Marymount, Hank was the second player in NCAA history to lead the nation in both scoring and rebounding. By their senior year, Bo was the country's leading scorer, and Hank was closing in on his second rebounding title. Both were projected to be the country's number one picks in the

upcoming NBA draft. But on March 4, 1990, during the West Coast Conference tournament semi-final game against the University of Portland, Hank Gathers collapsed on the court and was pronounced dead from heart failure.

Set to air during the NCAA finals, "Final Shot" remembers Hank Gathers—not for the way he died—but for the way he lived.

Tribune Entertainment Company, a subsidiary of Tribune Broadcasting, develops, produces and distributes programming for television. Tribune Broadcasting operates seven television stations, six radio stations and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tribune Company, a diversified entertainment and information company also engaged in newspaper publishing and news print manufacturing.



1992 WESTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Blazers Forego Bid For CFL Franchise

The Portland Trail Blazers announced Wednesday that they will not file a formal application to acquire an expansion franchise in the Canadian Football League. The Blazers' management had spent the past several months investigating the possibility of bringing a CFL team to the city.

"The CFL game is exciting, and the league has great potential," said Marshall Glickman, senior vice president of marketing for the Trail Blazers. "Their commissioner, Larry Smith, is bright and committed. The league is poised for rapid growth."

"However, our staff would have had to spend an inordinate amount of time focusing on the CFL's business affairs," Glickman added. "Due to the development of the new arena, we're concerned we wouldn't be able to devote enough attention to the CFL. We just feel that we can't commit the necessary amount of time required right now."

The Blazers had researched a number of issues surrounding acquiring a team beginning with the 1994 league season. A local CFL team would have played a summer schedule of games at Portland's Civic Stadium. Glickman pledged the Blazers' support should another group step forward with an attempt to bring a CFL franchise to the city.

Portland Rose Festival Named In Top 100 Events

The Portland Rose Festival has been named one of the top 100 events in North America by the American Bus Association (ABA) for 1993.

The ABA, the national grade association of the intercity bus industry, selects events from hundreds of nominations based on their appeal and accessibility to motorcoach group travel as well as diversity of themes, community support, national reputation and expected attendance.

"We are truly honored that members of the tourism industry have again distinguished the Rose Festival as one of the top events in North America," said 1993 Rose Festival Association President Gerri Tisdell. "The Portland Rose Festival is Oregon's largest civic celebration and generates more than \$60 million for the regional economy through tourism, retail sales, and media sales."

Since 1982, ABA has gathered top motorcoach tour and travel professionals from the United States and Canada to select the Top 100 Events. The Portland Rose Festival has been named in the Top 100 Events several times in the past.

The only other Oregon event selected for 1993 is the World Championship Timber Carnival, July 3-5, in Albany.

The Portland Rose Festival will be held June 3-27. The theme is "Among My Souvenirs."

Drexler Placed On Injured List, Rudd Activated

The Portland Trail Blazers announced that they have placed starting guard Clyde Drexler on the injured list and activated guard Delaney Rudd from the injured list.

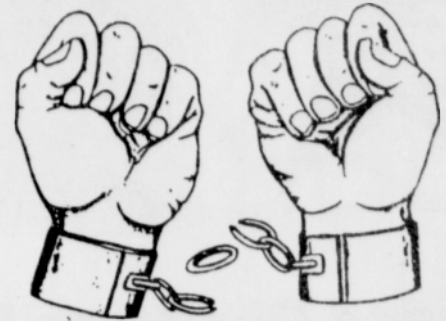
Drexler, who in accordance with league rules must now sit out a minimum of five games, is expected to be sidelined at least 10 to two weeks because of a left hamstring tendon strain. He sustained the injury early in the fourth quarter of Portland's game at Boston. This is the second time this season the all-star guard has spent time on the injured list. A sore right knee resulted in him missing a seven-game stretch in early January. This will mark the first time in

Drexler's 10-year career that he has missed more than nine games in a season because of injury.

Drexler has averaged 20.3 points, 6.4 rebounds, 5.6 assists and 35.2 minutes in 42 games this season. He leads the Trail Blazers in scoring, ranks second in rebounding and minutes played, and third in assists.

Rudd was placed on the injured list February 18 with a dislocated finger on his right hand. A four-year NBA veteran, he was signed by Portland on January 3 and has appeared in four contests—recording two points and two assists in nine minutes of playing time.

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