

SPORTS

JAZZ PLAY BLAZERS A SOUR NOTE

BY ERIC NOON

The sweet sound of a Trailblazer victory only lasted half the game as the Utah Jazz ended the Blazer four game home-stand on a sour note with a 92-90 come from behind victory Sunday night.

The Blazers were on the wrong end of a 33-10 run in the second half and only could muster a season low 36 points in the half. The early 19 point third quarter lead dwindled in a hurry as the Jazz slowed the tempo in their favor.

"We hit a lull and we couldn't get it back again," said head coach Rick Adelman. "It was crucial in this game that we not give them easy opportunities and second shots which we did in the second half."

Just when it looked as Jazz had closed the door on another victory, the Blazers came alive with a trapping defense and closed within one point late in the game as Harvey Grant converted on a three point play. The Blazers then fouled Tyrone Corbin with 12 seconds to play and he missed the second giving Portland one last shot. With no time-outs left Rod Strickland pushed the ball up and dished to Harvey Grant for the game tying shot. But the ball caromed of the rim and the Jazz nabbed the rebound

and the game and ran out on a stunned Coliseum crowd.

Although the coaching staff has implemented seven different starting line-ups this season, they haven't found the right mix to beat the stronger teams so far.

"It's not to the point of frustration, because we were making positive strides," said starting center Clifford Robinson on the teams play of late.

The Blazers face their toughest test of the season so far when they venture out for an east coast swing after facing Houston last night. With Robinson starting at the center position, when the Blazers travel to Charlotte, Atlanta and New York, ball movement on offense and interior help on the defensive end will test the Blazers greatly.

Clifford, whose been in a slump lately, led all scorers Sunday night with 22 points while in foul trouble. Robinson, who always has an optimistic approach, looks forward to the likes of battling Hakeem Olajuwon, Alonzo Mourning and Patrick Ewing.

"I'm looking forward to playing against them, and I hope they're looking forward to playing against me," said the confident Robinson.

The Blazers 17-12 (Sunday night) and 6-7 on the road face some of the

best teams in the league right now. Houston is off to the best start in club history and is holding their opponents under 100 points the majority of the time. With a 10-1 record at home the Blazers are probably in trouble.

The Charlotte Hornets have been buzzing without their two big men Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson. The Hornets beat Chicago and New York (on its home floor) without their top stingers.

The Atlanta Hawks might be the hottest team in the NBA right now. Lenny Wilkins has those selfish players of the past tearing up the league home and away.

And the New York Knicks will host the Blazers for their final game of the trip. The Knicks have the strength inside to over-power the Blazers down low. Look for Buck Williams and Mark Bryant to be factors in this hard banging Eastern match-up.

The Blazers won't run anybody out of the gym on this trip, but they do hope to stay in game and give themselves a chance to win toward the end. Without Clyde Drexler and Chris Dudley the Blazers not only face a test of physical toughness, but of mental toughness to hold their head high and show the NBA that they can still compete with the leagues elite teams.

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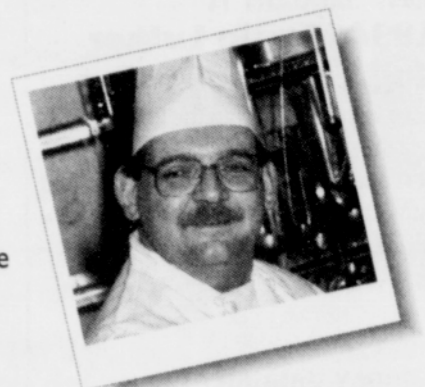


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PORTLAND CHRISTIAN BOYS WIN TOURNAMENT

The PC Boys won their first round game of the Christian High Tournament last Monday over Tacoma Baptist High School by a score of 70-69. The Royals built their 44-26 half-time lead to 19 late in the third quarter but then hit a flat spot. The Crusaders rallied behind their 6'7" post player to pull within four late in the final period. A half-court shot at the buzzer provided the final one point margin.

Portland Christian met Seattle Christian on Tuesday night in the championship game. The Eagles had defeated host Salem Academy by 10

the previous night. PC jumped to an early lead behind the outside scoring of Tim Christian who made his first four three-point shots to pull the Eagles out of their trapping zone defense. The Royals were ahead 27-13 after one and led 43-28 at half-time. A 12-0 run in the third quarter pushed the lead to 30 and the Royals coasted to a 90-71 win for their third tournament title in as many years. The tournament rotates between the four schools each year and next year will be played in Tacoma.

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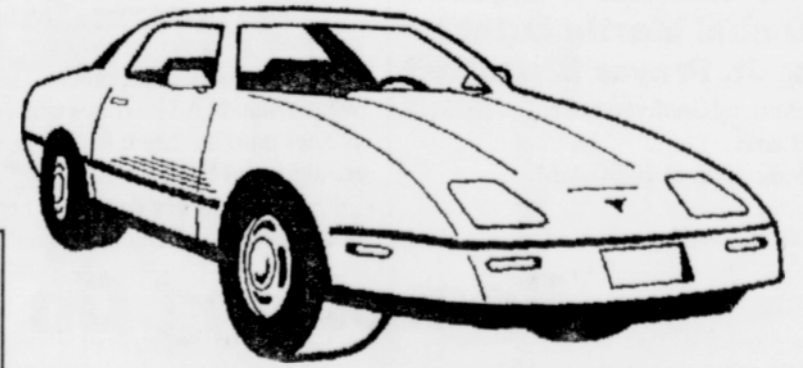
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