

SPORTS

OSU Women Shock No. 3

By DANNY BELL

Before the Gill Coliseum's largest crowd to watch a women's basketball game 4,892. The drama unfolded for a come from behind win for Oregon State University women over number 3 ranked Stanford 78-73. Handing them only their second loss of the season. The only one being to then #1 ranked Tennessee.

It also revealed how vulnerable Stanford could be when its defense didn't play up to par and it's outside shooting is cold.

Although Oregon State had given Stanford trouble in the past, they had lost the last five games against the Cardinals.

O.S.U. was a big underdog against Stanford, going in Saturday's game. Stanford had previously won

its last 14 games by an average score of 30 points.

Down by 10 points a half time Oregon State made two runs and took the lead with 6:03 remaining in the game. Then the Beavers, with two of their starters fouled out did the unthinkable - they pulled away.

Coming off the bench in the pivotal final moments of the game juniors Moneka Staton, and Kim McGrew made crucial rebounds that enable the Beavers to hold on to the lead.

"I think that shows our bench is really backing up the starting five, said guard Annette Mollerstrom the Beavers key defensive play who fouled out with 16 minutes remaining "When they have to do a great job that's when they step up"

But that wasn't all in the Beavers bag of tricks.

Center Tina Legas had a field day at the post position, tallying a career high 25 points.

Usually a 54 percent freethrow shooter she was 11-13 from the line.

Forward Tanja Kostic, held to just 3 points in the first half after scoring 33 in last Thursday against California, passed out 5 assist and finished with 16 points.

The Beaver's effectively shut down standout Kate Starbird hounding her to a 8-14 performance and two turnovers.

"I told them to just play their best with good focus. "Oregon State coach Aki Hill said. "Out hustle them. We had nothing to lose. The harder we play, the more we gain."

We run into this every night." said Stanford coach Tara Van Derveer "Every team is fired up to get you. They were fired up. They have some very experienced players. They should be doing this."

Stanford's record now stands at 17-2 overall and 8-1 conference.

The game began on a familiar note with Stanford pulling away early in the game 24-10 with a 16-0 run during a five minute stretch.

The Beavers fought their way back to 30-29 with 6:39 on the clock Starbird connected on two uncontested 3 point shots and Stanford ended the half with 43-33 lead.

Shutting out the middle and forcing the Cardinals to shoot from the perimeter O.S.U. went on a 10-0 run.

Even though Stanford regained a nine point lead. Van Derveer said those first minute spelled the down fall of her team.

"I was disappointed with our defensive intensity, she said they did a good job on getting the ball to Lelas."

Kostic led the Beavers back again, on a jump shot and two free throws to bring the game within one point 60-59 with 8:46 left. Guard Boky Vidic rifled a pass to Kostic for the go a head score 63-62 moments later.

Stanford kept it tense on two freethrows by Heather Owen with two minutes left. But Grew was at the line for two free throws and Staton stole a pass for a lay-up off an in-bound play with 58 seconds to go.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football

Bob Chandler Mourned: Hundred of mourners gathered on a Whittier California hillside to pay their last respects to Bob Chandler the former Buffalo Bill and Los Angeles Raiders wide receiver who died of lung cancer. He was 45.

Stan Humphries: Injures Elbow:

San Diego Charger quarter back Stan Humphries dislocated his left elbow, while practicing for the A.T.T. Pebble Beach pro-Am golf tournament in Monterey Calif.

Zampese Interested: Ernie Zampese offensive coordinator for the Dallas Cowboys who has turned down numerous N.F.L. head coaching offer, said he is interested in the Rams head coaching position and met with team officials Monday.

Zampese spent 7 of his 35 years coaching in the N.F.L. as an assistant with the Rams., who will move to St Louis next year.

Basketball

Duckworth Suspended By Bullets

Former Trail Blazer and present Washington Bullet Kevin Duckworth was suspended Friday for 3 games for failure to stay in good physical condition.

Duckworth has been bothered this season by a sore Achilles tendon and has seen limited action in recent weeks.

He was averaging 8.9 points a and 5.9 rebounds in 29 games. He started in 22 of them.

In his last four games he has averaged only three points and four rebound.

Stockton Sets Record

Last Thursday in a game against the Denver Nuggets. John Stockton set the N.B.A. assist record previously held by Magic Johnson.

he finished the game with 16 assist, 12 points and no turnovers.

Fittingly enough the record setting pass went Karl Malone who scored from the left corner with 6:23 left in the first for his 9,992nd assist.

Swimming

Amy Van Dyken Sets Record

Denver resident Amy Van Dyken set a world short course record of 26.73 in the 50 meter butterfly at a World Cup event in Espoo, Finland.

The old record was set Angela Kennedy of Australia in July of 1993.

Scholar Athletes

Athletic directors have until March 10 to provide the names of eligible seniors to The Oregon High School Coaches Association, the Oregon School Activities Association and the Portland Trail Blazers special awards program to recognize young athletes who have achieved high academic standards.

Jefferson Clobbers Lincoln

By DAN BELL

In a game that the final score was misleading. The game was more competitive than the score reflected until Lincolns lack of depth (Lincoln was missing two starters) and the inside play of K'zell Wesson and Ime Udoka started to dominate the boards. The Cardinals came up short 72-42, Friday on Jefferson home court.

Lincoln challenged early in the game and even led during the game at the end of first quarter 12-11.

But essentially it was Lincolns inability to make the outside shot that hurt them the most. That fact in conjunction with 19 turnovers as result of Jefferson's tenacious defense paved the path to Jefferson's wide margin of victory.

"When we played Wilson we made eight three pointers" said coach Mitch Whiteheart of Lincoln. "Tonight they just weren't falling".

However in the second quarter the Demos got on track and started

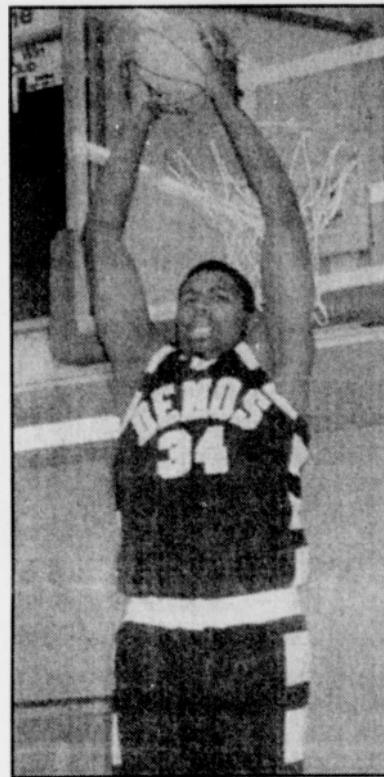
break Lincolns 2-3 zone.

Both K'zell Wesson and Ime Udoka turned impressive performances and complimented each in rebounding especially on the offensive boards. Udoka hit for 21 points including two 3 point shots and Wesson led the Democrats with 22 points including one 3 point shot.

Jefferson quick ball movement on the perimeter and reverse side created opportunities to get the ball inside to Wesson and Udoka who pretty much had their way as all night.

To their credit Lincoln was able to shut down Jefferson's fast break allowing only two fast breaks all night.

I think my kids played a good game said Whiteheart "(considering) two of the starters were missing I was proud of the way they played we held down their fast breaks I think they only made one lay-up in that regard I think we did a good job on them defensively."



K'zell Wesson.

Blazers Struggle Into Break

By ERIC NOON

The Portland Trailblazers seemed to be a team in disarray going into the mid-way point of the season. With a 24-20 record the Blazers would make the play-offs, seated last and playing the Phoenix Suns in the first round. But wait a minute, the season is only half-way home and the Blazers can still finish strong and move up in the standings right?

Well, a lot of adjustments and changes are going to have to be made for the Blazers to get back to the team that is capable of contending for a NBA title. First and most evident is the Blazers home record of 14-8, with some pretty ugly showings that have all but taken away a already passive crowd in the last year at the Coliseum before moving next door to the Rose Garden. The Blazers just haven't played with the intensity at home this year and teams like Philadelphia and New Jersey shouldn't be able to come to Portland and even make the game close.

It seems to be the same old story for the Blazers but the plot is even getting thicker. With the future of the team's franchise player, Clyde Drexler, uncertain involving his trade demands over lack of respect and proper treatment by management, the problems are deeper than the just on the court. They will tell you all night that Drexler's situation isn't effecting the team's play and that all is well in Blazerville, but don't think for a minute that Drexler is the only unhappy Blazer.

With this new coaching staff and general manager coming aboard the fragile chemistry of the Blazers as an organization has been sent into a spinning disarray at times. Giving a first-round draft pick big money is one thing but signing a back up center like Chris Dudley to the second highest contract on the team was a big slap in the face and bad first

impression of management for the players right from the start.

With all the problems the Blazers might have off the court, the mental lapses by the coach and the players, might be what's keeping them from setting them aside. Winning solves everything, and this team has the talent to get the job done more than it has. Sure they're a little older and the old legs are getting less motivated down the stretch of a close battle these days, but with age comes wisdom, and the Blazers are playing the type of defense that can win a lot of games, and shooting themselves in the foot by settling for the outside shot.

Maybe the Blazers not having an inside threat to go to is the problem, but the big three Clifford Robinson, Rod Strickland and Drexler are doing most of the scoring and the little guy Strickland is the one being aggressive taking it to the basket more often than not. Blazer opponents know the tendency of the Blazers to settle for the outside shot, so

they just pack in the paint and dare you to win or lose from 18ft and beyond.

The new coaching staff has this team playing defense and staying in every game, but with your best shooter on the bench in Tracy Murray and Terry Porter missing all of the season so far, the Blazers need to find ways to get into the paint and score. Buck Williams is getting many shots and even the leader in shooting percentage for the NBA in the past, is settling for the long launch.

This is the first year the Blazers haven't had any All-Stars since 1987 and they barely made the play-offs that year. Strickland deserves it probably more than any other Blazers this year as he has remained solid all season.

The Blazers are only half-way and they know what they have to do to get rolling come play-off time, but they need to find themselves as a team, and that might take awhile with Drexler's situation and Porter's return to the line-up.

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