

SPORTS BRIEFS

Blazers fall to Jazz

Bryon Russell and Shandon Anderson each scored 16 points as the Utah Jazz beat the Portland Trail Blazers 98-77 in an exhibition game Saturday night.

Jeff Hornacek and rookie point guard Jacques Vaughn added 13 apiece for Utah (4-3). Isaiah Rider had 14 points for the Blazers, who finished the preseason 5-3. Brian Grant added 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Referee Gary Zielinski ejected Rider and Portland coach Mike Dunleavy after they questioned a 3-second call against Rider with 7:04 left in the third quarter.

Trent may go on injured list

Gary Trent likely will start the season on the Portland Trail Blazers' injured list because of persistent soreness in his left shin.

Doctors have been unable to determine the precise reason for the soreness, which has bothered the 6-foot-8 forward since early in training camp.

"It just popped up, and all at once it was there," Trent said. "I can't let it frustrate me. That would do me no good. I just have to wait until it heals."

Terrell Bell, Jamal Robinson on waivers

The Portland Trail Blazers waived forward Terrell Bell and guard-forward Jamal Robinson on Tuesday, reducing their roster to 15 players.

The roster must be down to the NBA limit of 12 by 3 p.m., PST, on Thursday. The Blazers are expected to place forward Gary Trent on the injured list because of a sore shin, leaving two more players to be cut or moved to the injured list by the deadline.

The Blazers open their season at home Friday night against Seattle.

Barkley accused of new assault

Charles Barkley was arrested early Sunday for hurling a bar patron through a plate-glass window after the man tossed a glass of ice at him.

Police said the Houston Rockets star told the victim as he lay bleeding on the ground: "You got what you deserve. You don't respect me. I hope you're hurt."

Barkley was charged with aggravated battery and resisting arrest without violence, police said. He was jailed for five hours before being released on \$6,000 bond.

USC holds off Ducks

Rodney Sermons scored two touchdowns and defensive tackle Marc Matoch partially blocked a potential game-winning field goal with three seconds remaining as Southern California held off Oregon, 24-22, in a Pacific 10 contest.

Akili Smith's three-yard run with 4:11 left brought Oregon (4-4, 1-4 Pac-10) within 24-22. The Ducks went for the two-point conversion but cornerback Brian Kelly prevented LaCorey Collins from catching John Fox's pass.

With 22 seconds left, Oregon had a 2nd-and-10 from the USC 16 but was penalized 15 yards for having 12 players on the field. After the Ducks brought the ball to the 19-yard line, Joshua Smith's 17-yard field-goal attempt was tipped by Matoch and fell short.

Huskies crush Beavers

For a half on a crisp, clear Saturday evening, the unthinkable seemed possible.

Oregon State and seventh-ranked Washington were deadlocked 10-10. The Beavers, 24-point underdogs, winners against Washington only once in the previous 20 tries, had visions of an amazing upset.

Then reality, in the form of Washington's mammoth offensive line and overpowering talent, re-established itself, and the Huskies overwhelmed Oregon State 45-17.

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Marlins win dream season

This is what baseball is all about. Coming oh so close and falling oh so far. The exuberance of youth fulfilling dreams. A curse seemingly dooming one of baseball's oldest teams to unending failure.

It was one of the great ones Sunday, a seventh game of the World Series going to extra innings for only the fourth time. And in the end, eight months after the season's start, baseball had its youngest champion, a Cuban defector who relished in rewards and reunion all at once, and a team that just couldn't believe what slipped through its hands.

"I guess every little boy imagines this might happen at one time. It's a

total fantasy for me," Marlins manager Jim Leyland said after Florida's incredible 3-2, 11-inning victory over Cleveland.

A fantasy for one team was a nightmare for another.

Two more outs. That was all Cleveland needed in the ninth inning to wrap up its first World Series title since 1948.

But singles by Moises Alou and Charles Johnson, and Craig Counsell's sacrifice fly tied the score against Jose Mesa in the ninth. And Tony Fernandez's error in the 11th set up an Edgar Renteria's game-winning hit off Charles Nagy.

In just their fifth season, the Mar-

lins had won it all, the fastest title ever for any franchise in the majors. The \$89 million they spent on free agents last winter showed money can buy success in baseball these days.

"I'm very disappointed that we lost. I can't describe how disappointed," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said on his unhappy 48th birthday. "I don't really know what to tell the team, other than they played hard all year long."

Only once had baseball's season been stretched this far, in 1924, when the Washington Senators beat the New York Giants in the 12th inning of Game 7. The tension in extra

innings was immeasurable. Players knew even the tiniest mistake could blow it apart - just look at the way Cleveland right fielder Manny Ramirez nearly let Alou's two-out, two-on fly in the 10th pop out of his glove.

"I was too nervous to watch," Florida first baseman Jeff Conine said. "I don't think you can find a better finish than that."

The World Series had been bashed for 10 days: The Marlins were a wild-card team that finished nine games out of first; the Indians, at 86-75, had just the fourth-best record in the American League; neither team could

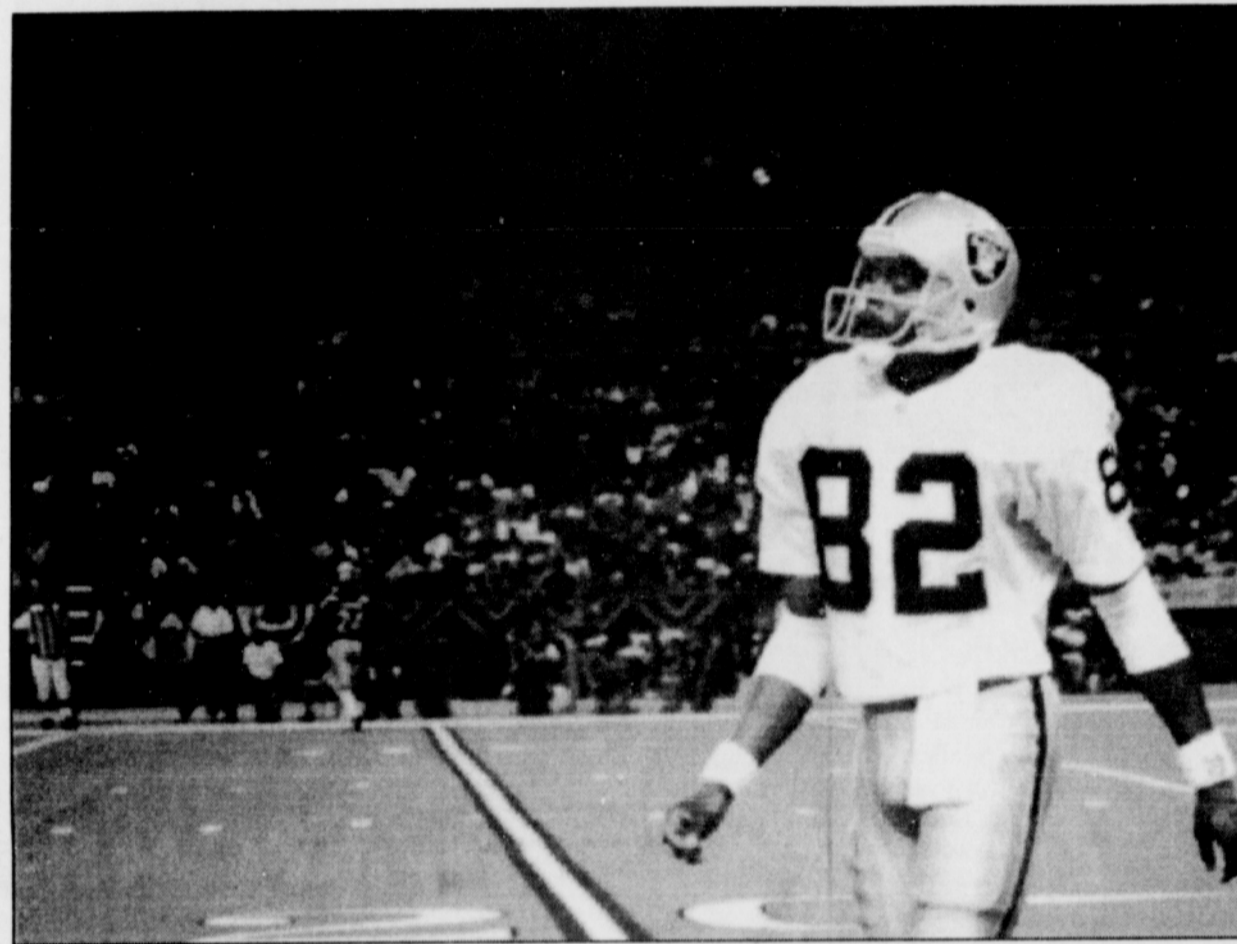
manage a well-pitched game; television ratings were at an all-time low.

Well, all of that was true. Yet none of it mattered Sunday night.

Players and fans spend their entire lives hoping for night like this. Most never make it.

"We haven't given up all year," Leyland said, "and tonight wasn't a night to give up."

Fernandez had the biggest turnaround of all. His two-run single off Al Leiter had put Cleveland ahead in the third. Jim Thome walked, Marquis Grissom singled and Jarret Wright moved the runners over.



Oakland Raider James Jet looks to the sidelines at the Kingdome Sunday. (Photo by Anthony Jacobs)

Moon propels Seahawks at Kingdome

Warren Moon proved that he's not too old to be a starting quarterback in the NFL.

Moon, in his 20th season of professional football, passed for 409 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Seattle Seahawks to a 45-34 victory over the Oakland Raiders (3-5) on Sunday.

Rookies Jake Plummer and Tony Graziani, each making his first pro start, showed they aren't yet ready to lead their teams. Graziani completed just four passes and threw two interceptions before being pulled at half-

time of Atlanta's 21-12 loss to Carolina. Plummer threw four interceptions in Arizona's 41-14 loss to Tennessee.

Moon, who completed 28 of 44 passes, including three TD tosses to Joey Galloway, was so hot his own coach was afraid to stand too close to him on the sidelines.

"I didn't want to touch him," Dennis Erickson said. "I didn't want to burn myself."

Led by Moon, who will be 41 on Nov. 18, the Seahawks rolled up 554 yards, their second most in history.

The Seahawks (5-3) won their third in a row and fifth in their last six games.

"Too much is made of the fact that I'm 40 years old," he said. "I can still read defenses and throw the football. As long as I'm surrounded by good people, I'll be OK."

Moon had his seventh 400-yard passing game in his 14th NFL season, tying Joe Montana for second place behind Dan Marino's 13.

"He plays like he's in his 20s," admired Oakland quarterback Jeff George.

It's not over for first female football player

Liz Heaston is getting such a kick out of football that she's decided not to give it up.

The first woman to play college football had expected to retire after her historic pair of conversion kicks in a one-game appearance a week earlier, but Willamette coach Dan Hawkins told her to get in uniform for the second half of Saturday's game against Southern Oregon.

"The coach just wanted me to suit up and get in the game," she said Sunday. "I wasn't expecting to play, but that was fine."

And after going 0-for-2 on extra points of the Bearcats' 41-27 victory, she says she'll keep practicing with the team and hopes to get in a game again somewhere down the road.

The 20-year-old junior biology major from Richland, Wash., arrived at Willamette's game against Southern Oregon late in the second quarter after helping her nationally ranked soccer team to a 5-0 victory over Seattle Pacific.

In her No. 39 football jersey and jeans, she stood on the sidelines with the team. As the players walked to the locker room at halftime, Hawkins looked at her and said, "Why aren't you in full uniform?"



Clylist brings spinning fitness

Portland is home to the ride of a lifetime as Johnny G. Spinner, the world-class endurance cyclist, leads riders in a spinning class. 24 Hour Fitness on 4121 N.E. Halsey signed up 150 riders last weekend to set the world's largest indoor spinning class record. A portion of the proceeds from event went to the Boys and Girls Club of Portland.

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Portland Power start year 5-0

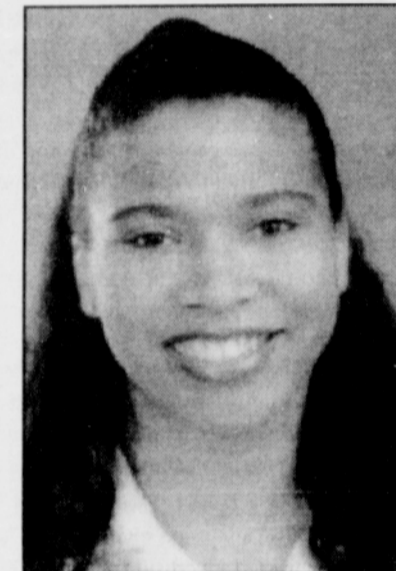
Natalie Williams had 24 points and 13 rebounds as the Portland Power beat the Philadelphia Rage 74-67 on Sunday to improve to 5-0 in the American Basketball League.

Katy Steding added 16 points and eight rebounds, and Elaine Powell scored nine of her 14 points in the fourth quarter for Portland, the league's only undefeated team.

Dawn Staley led the Rage (3-1) with 18 points, and Taj McWilliams had 17 points and 12 rebounds.

The game featured 12 ties and 13 lead changes, with the Power taking the lead for good on Powell's baseline jumper with 3:03 to play.

A crowd of 2,390 attended the game at the Palestra.



Natalie Williams

Nike to boost US Soccer

U.S. Soccer and Nike have signed a landmark contract that will help assure the growth of soccer at all levels in the United States.

A 10 year agreement, effective immediately, calls for Nike and U.S. Soccer to work closely together on a variety of fronts through 2006, during which time Nike will be the exclusive official supplier and sponsor of products to U.S. Soccer and its national teams, and the Federation's supplier and sponsor of soccer balls.

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