

# SPORTS

## BLAZERS SIGN GRANT, WAIVE WINGFIELD

The Portland Trail Blazers waived Dontonio Wingfield on Thursday and signed Gary Grant to a 10-day contract.

The team also placed Vincent Askew on the injured list with a

Dunleavy. He appeared in just three games this season, scoring one point and grabbing four rebounds.

Wingfield came to the NBA after just one collegiate season at Cincinnati. He was drafted in the



Dontonio Wingfield

with the Los Angeles Clippers, then spent 1996 with the New York Knicks and 1997 with Miami. He was with the Yakima (Wash.) Sun Kings of the Continental Basket-

ball Association when he signed with Portland.

Grant was signed to shore up the Blazers at point guard. Starter Damon Stoudamire sprained his right ankle in Tuesday night's 98-93 victory over Phoenix and may miss Sunday's game against San Antonio. Without Stoudamire, Portland had just one point guard, ex-CBA player Rick Brunson.

Grant has averaged 8.1 points and 5.6 points in his NBA career with a .450 field goal percentage.

John Crotty, signed by Portland as the No. 1 backup point guard before the start of the season, has missed most of the year with a knee injury and is recovering from arthroscopic surgery.

*"We wish Dontonio the best in his future endeavors,"*

sore back.

Wingfield had been with the Blazers since signing as a free agent in 1995. He played in all but three games last season under coach P.J. Carlesimo, averaging 4.5 points per game.

But he found himself at the end of the bench under new coach Mike

second round by Seattle when Bob Whitsitt, the Blazers' current president, was GM of the Sonics.

"We wish Dontonio the best in his future endeavors," Whitsitt said. "He has an offer to play overseas and this will allow him to take advantage of that opportunity."

Grant, 32, played seven years

## Casey Martin Survives 6-Day Ordeal

Hounded by fans and media during his first week of competition since winning a lawsuit against the PGA Tour for the right to ride a cart, Martin was scheduled to play in a fundraiser for the Stanford golf team in California today. Then he'll fly across the country for a promotional tour with his latest sponsor, Hartford Life Insurance Co., in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"I won't play again on the Nike

Tour until next week in Monterrey, Mexico," Martin said. "I guess you could call this week a week of rest." Martin discovered Sunday that his right to ride a golf cart had a downside on a day when the weather was cold.

He never got warm in his roofless cart and struggled to a 6-over-par 78 in the Greater Austin Open, his first competitive event since he won a lawsuit against the PGA Tour.

"It was brutal out there," Martin said after contending with 40 mph gusts and a wind chill of 21 degrees. "My hands were freezing and the clubs felt like I was holding metal rods. It was one of the hardest days I've ever played."

Martin isn't allowed a windscreen or a roof under PGA Tour rules and he could have used one on the 42-degree day more fit for football than golf.



## Spurs 82, Trail Blazers 78

Tim Duncan had 25 points and 13 rebounds and Chuck Person sank a 20-foot bank shot for the go-ahead points Sunday as the San Antonio Spurs held on to beat the cold-shooting Portland Trail Blazers 82-78.

David Robinson had just 11 points and eight rebounds before fouling out with 3:10 to play.

But the Blazers, playing without injured Damon Stoudamire, couldn't overcome a horrid shooting performance by starting forwards Rasheed Wallace and Brian Grant. Wallace was 3-for-16 and Grant 1-for-8, including an air ball from 4 feet with 30 seconds to play and the Blazers trailing 79-76.

Portland, which trailed by as many as 10 and never led after the early second quarter, shot 34 percent from the field, compared with 44 percent for San Antonio.

Arvydas Sabonis had 23 points and 17 rebounds for Portland. The Blazers' Isaiah Rider also scored 23 on 9-for-23 shooting. Vinny Del Negro added 15 for San Antonio, nine in the third quarter when the rest of the Spurs were struggling.

Robinson drew his sixth foul on a moving screen call with the Spurs leading 76-74. Rider's 14-foot bank shot tied it at 76 with 2:54 to play. But Portland didn't get another field goal until just 18 seconds remained in the game. The Blazers were called for traveling, three seconds in the key and illegal defense down the stretch.

Sabonis' basket with 18 seconds left cut the lead to 80-78, but ex-Blazer Jaren Jackson sank two free throws with 14.1 seconds to ice the victory and give the Spurs a 4-4 split on their West Coast road trip.

Duncan, who had 14 in the first half, scored six in a 14-3 run that put the Spurs up 39-31 with 1:56 left in the half.

San Antonio's Avery Johnson played only 14 minutes in the first half before leaving with a right hip strain. Stoudamire is out with a sprained right ankle. His replacement, Rick Brunson, was hit in the face by Robinson's flailing right wrist in the first quarter and was helped to the Portland locker room, but returned later in the game.

Notes: @ Duncan had his 41st double-double, best in the NBA.

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*Obituary*  
*Ace Roy Hayes*  
 Mr. Hayes was born in South Dakota January 7, 1940, and died at Legacy Meridian Hospital, Tualatin, Friday, February 13, 1998, of a brain aneurysm.  
 His early years were spent in the logging community of Oak Ridge, and he never lived in a house with indoor plumbing until a 9th grader. He worked as a logger until joining the U.S. Navy, then spent a couple of years at Oregon Technical Institute to learn the machining skills that later would provide him with a living, following which he graduated from Portland State University in 1968.  
 A lifelong activist, Hayes devoted his life to uncovering crimes and cover-ups of our government. He had lived and worked in Nicaragua supporting the Sandinista-led independence movement. Best known in the Portland area for his monthly Secret Government Seminars and his work as lead reporter and editor of the Portland Free Press, he is survived by his wife, Janet, and his father, Fred Hayes, of Woodburn.  
 Contributions to the Ace R. Hayes Memorial Papers Project are welcome at P.O. Box 1327, Tualatin, Ore. 97062. A Memorial will be held for all who wish to attend on the afternoon Saturday, April 18, at Oaks Park (further details to follow).

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