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Is a Change of Address in Anthony's Future?

The guard says he would rather stay and win in Portland than go elsewhere for more playing time

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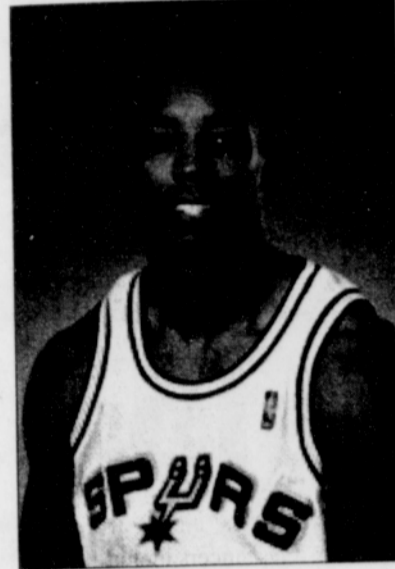
LONG BEACH, Calif. — Trail Blazers fans who don't expect guard Greg Anthony to be with the team next season, or beyond, will be seriously mistaken if Anthony has his way.

Forget any thoughts that Anthony has had it with Damon Stoudamire, who expressed his frustrations last season when Anthony wound up playing more than him in the fourth quarter.

Forget the notion that Anthony, 31, will leave when his two-year, \$2.1 million contract expires on July 1 simply because league rules might allow him to make more money with another team.

"I'm happier in Portland than I ever thought I would be," Anthony said Sunday at the Long Beach Pyramid, where he showed up a few days ago for a stint with the Blazers summer-league team. "I didn't understand how much I would enjoy the city, the people, and the fans. I don't plan on not being a Trail Blazer. I want to play six more years, and I feel very confident about finishing my career in Portland."

Sean Elliott is Waiting for a Kidney Donor



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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — "The good news is that there is a possibility that a member of my family

could be a match," the San Antonio Spurs forward said Monday. "But it is too early to tell. There are further tests that have to be conducted and until all of the tests are complete, it is premature to make any predictions."

Potential donors must be examined to see if they are in good enough health to donate a kidney.

The tests on family members probably will take place in Tucson, Ariz., and final preoperative tests will take place once the donor arrives in San Antonio, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The newspaper said blood samples were taken from Elliott's two brothers and his mother, Odiemae.

Elliott, a 31-year-old starter on the Spurs' NBA championship team, needs a kidney transplant to avoid dialysis.

His disease, focal segmental glomerular sclerosis, is one of a variety of kidney ailments that result in severe, prolonged loss of protein into the urine. The cause is not clear.

Ryan, Brett, Yount, Cepeda inducted to Baseball Hall of Fame

SportsTicker

COOPERSTOWN, New York (Ticker) — The Baseball Hall of Fame opened its doors today to perhaps its greatest class since 1936.

Nolan Ryan, George Brett and Robin Yount headlined a class which could be considered the best since the first one in 1936 that included Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb and Walter Johnson.

According to Hall of Fame executive director Jeff Idelson, today's inductions drew a record crowd of close to 50,000.

"This was a very exciting weekend and this is a very special class," said commissioner Bud Selig. "I think the crowd here today indicates that."

Ryan — the all-time strikeout leader — and Brett and Yount — members of the 3,000-hit club — each ended their playing careers in 1993 and were first-ballot electees in January. The last first-year player selected was Mike Schmidt in 1995.

The Class of 1999 also featured outfielder Orlando Cepeda,

who waited 25 years after his retirement to be honored. In March, he was selected by the Veterans Committee with umpire Nestor Chylak, Negro League pitcher Smokey Joe Williams and 19th century manager Frank

Lewis Prevails in Five-Hole Playoff

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COAL VALLEY, Ill. (AP) — There was no Tiger. Not a Golden Bear or a Shark in sight.

Instead, it was J.L. Lewis and Mike Brisky putting on a terrific display of one-on-one golf at the John Deere Classic.

Five holes into a playoff at the Oakwood Country Club on Sunday, Brisky missed a birdie putt and watched as Lewis made his. And just like that, Lewis had his first PGA Tour victory and a check for \$360,000 that more than tripled his tour earnings this year.

"It's been a long haul," Lewis said. "I've improved a lot and I feel like the ability level is there. I just kept myself going. I kept believing I was a good player."

Brisky, whose previous best finish was second at the 1995 Buick Open, didn't sound like a loser.

"I'm not disappointed in the least for finishing second because he played great and I played great," said Brisky, who won \$216,000. "That's what it's all about."

Lewis said that if Brisky had won, "I wouldn't have felt like I lost." Lewis Prevails in Five-Hole Playoff

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