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## Pippen Says Blazers Are Championship Material

### THE WEEK IN REVIEW

#### London Crash

Investigators are likely to focus on driver error or signal failure as potential causes of the rush-hour train crash that killed at least 26 people and injured 160 near a west London rail station. Investigators will determine whether the driver of the outbound train ran a red light near the station. A search for more victims in the mangled carriages will resume.

#### Japanese Uranium Contamination

A major leak at a uranium-processing plant in northeastern Japan sent radiation levels skyrocketing and contaminated dozens of workers, sending at least three to the hospital. The nuclear reaction, which prompted authorities to order 310,000 residents to remain in their homes. JCO Co., the private company that operates the plant, said they thought that while radioactivity was released into the atmosphere, the radioactive material itself remained contained.

#### Fatal Mexican Flood

Torrential rain flooded rivers, caused dams to overflow and sent mudslides rolling over houses in central and eastern Mexico, killing at least 49 people. Forecasters said the rain would continue without respite. More than 100,000 people had fled their homes ahead of the rising waters, which carried crocodiles into the streets of the Tabasco state capital, Villahermosa, where rivers were at a 40-year high.

#### China's 50 Years of Communism

Cannons roared, fighter jets screamed and crisp-uniformed soldiers paraded through Tiananmen Square as China had celebrated 50 years of communist rule. President Jiang Zemin and other Communist Party leaders viewed the parade of a half-million soldiers and civilians from atop the Gate of Heavenly Peace. The party's \$36 million celebration showcases the nation's growing military might and its rapid economic progress.

#### State Farm Policyholders

State Farm policyholders won damages totaling \$456 million in a lawsuit accusing the nation's largest auto insurer of cheating customers by ordering body shops to use substandard repair parts. Critics claim such "after-market parts" fail to provide the same fit, corrosion protection and, in some cases, safety as the more expensive parts made for automakers.

#### President's Pay Rises

President Clinton signed legislation that will double future presidents' annual salaries to \$400,000 beginning after he leaves office in 2001. House and Senate members' salaries will increase by \$4,600 to \$141,300 a year beginning in January.

PORTLAND, Ore.- Scottie Pippen did some backpedaling Monday, saying he never wanted to be traded to the Los Angeles Lakers, and calling his new team, the Portland Trail Blazers, the best he's ever seen.

Pippen, speaking publicly for the first time since the Houston Rockets traded him Saturday for six reserves, drew cheers from the hundreds of Blazers employees who gathered for a news conference when he talked about bringing a championship to Portland.

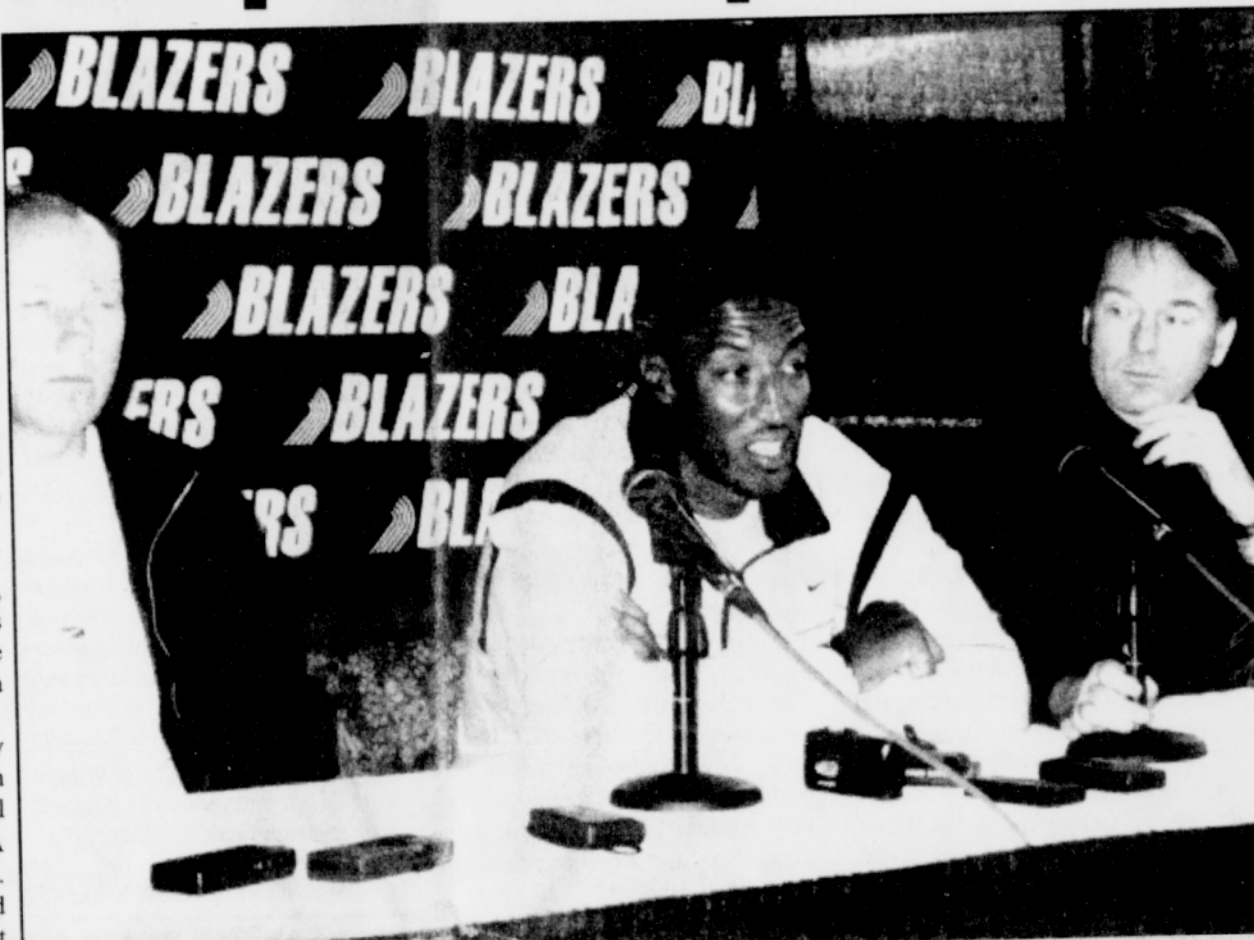
"This is a great fit for me," Pippen said. "If I had my choice, I would probably choose this team because I feel like they're more on the verge of winning a championship."

Pippen had reportedly wanted to rejoin Lakers coach Phil Jackson, who led Michael Jordan and Pippen to six NBA titles with the Chicago Bulls. But Pippen said Monday he did not want out of Houston, but had his hand forced when he realized the Rockets didn't have enough desire to win a title.

"I wouldn't exactly say I wanted to be traded, no," he said. "I wanted to see that we were a team that was trying to win a championship. That was my main reason for going there, and I felt like that at some point we sort of gave up on ourselves. We didn't want to win."

The 34-year-old Pippen was traded for Stacey Augmon, Kelvin Cato, Walt Williams, Brian Shaw, Ed Gray and Carlos Rogers.

Pippen, who signed a five-year, \$67 million contract when he joined the Rockets last season, will now be the centerpiece on one of the NBA's most formidable starting lineups.



Scottie Pippen, #33 the newest addition to the Blazer Rooster, (center) arrives in Portland Monday October 4, 1999, for his signing physical and to allude to Portland Fans his expectations for winning a championship her in Portland. Coach Mike Dunleavy (left) and Blazer General Manager Bob Whitsitt listen on.

Pippen said the Blazers, who signed free agent Detlef Schrempf and acquired Steve Smith in a trade with Atlanta in a busy offseason after losing to San Antonio in the Western Conference finals, have the best team he's ever seen — period.

"This team is far more talented than probably any team that's been assembled in the league," he said.

When a reporter asked whether Pippen meant just this season, or ever, the seven-time All-Star smiled and said, "Far as I can remember. I haven't been around forever."

The Blazers, who did not have a single championship ring among them before the

trade, were impressed by Pippen's comments.

"We feel great about that," forward Brian Grant said. "We know he's not just saying it. We know he really, truly, honestly believes that, so we're going to go out there and try to do everything we can to prove that he's right."

Pippen had grown frustrated with his lack of scoring opportunities in Houston, playing in the same frontcourt as Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley.

Last Wednesday, he made a trade a virtual certainty when he ripped Barkley in a television interview, calling him "selfish" and

saying Barkley owed him an apology for coming to play with his "sorry fat butt."

After mulling over his statements for a few days, Pippen at first tried to laugh off the episode, saying "I forgot what I said." But he did soften his comments, even if he didn't apologize.

"I really didn't mean anything personal about Charles," he said. "I think we've had an off and on relationship over the years, and I'm sure we'll cross each other's path again, and all that will be forgotten."

As for his brief stint in Houston, Pippen said, "Things just didn't work out in Houston for me. To some degree I wasn't the right fit for that team. I think Portland is a better fit."

Coach Mike Dunleavy said the Blazers should be a contender for the NBA title, not only this season "but for many years to come."

Pippen averaged just 14.5 points last season but still averaged 40 minutes a game. He said he will gladly settle for fewer minutes this season, and he'll have to on a team that is jammed with talent.

"I see Mike having a very tough job trying to get guys minutes out on the court, but we have to be one happy family, and realize that the most important thing is about winning," Pippen said.

Some of the Blazers grumbled about playing time last season, and Schrempf, for one, has mixed feelings about giving up even more minutes.

"I'd be lying if I said I was cool with it," Schrempf said. "It's going to be a change. (But) I'm not playing for a new contract, I'm not playing for the All-Star team. My goal is to win a championship, and I think we have all the ingredients here."

## The North/Northeast Economic Development Alliance And Portland Bureau of Planning

Join In A Celebration And Critical Evaluation of

The Albina Community Plan  
Monday, October 4 OAME Cascade Plaza  
4134 N Vancouver  
(SW Corner of N Williams and Skidmore)  
5:30-7:00 PM Open House  
7:00-9:00 PM Community Meeting / Discussion

Monday, October 11 OAME Cascade Plaza  
4134 N Vancouver  
(SW Corner of N Williams and Skidmore)  
5:30-8:30 PM Advocates / Implementors Forum-discussions with public and Community service providers

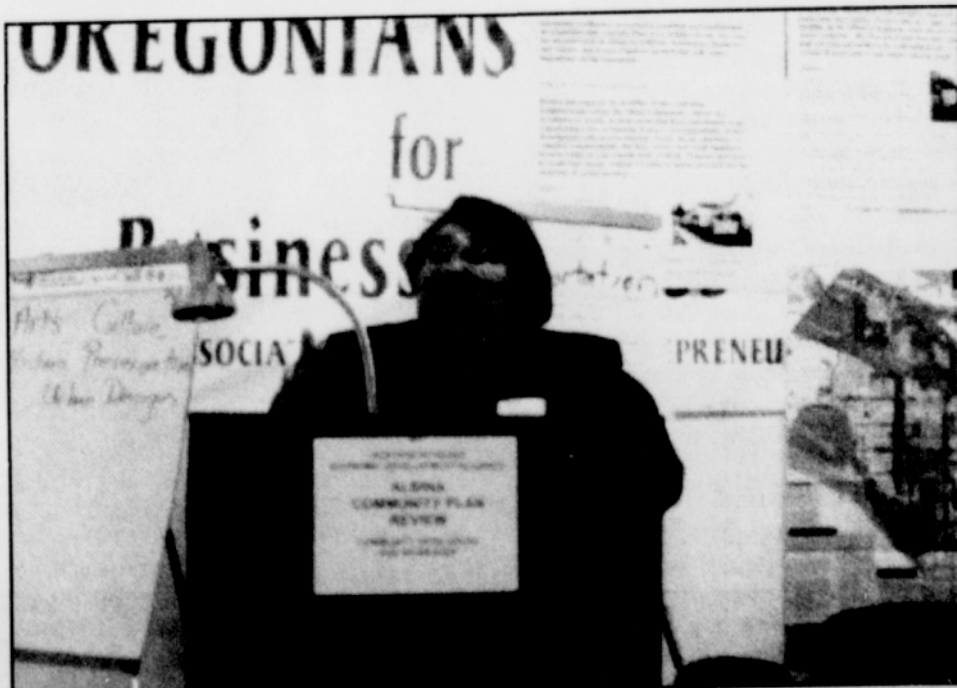
Copies of the Alliance's Preliminary Five-Year Evaluation of the Implementation of the Albina Community Plan are available at any of the four locations listed below. If you need a copy mailed to you please call Colleen Acres at the Bureau of planning at 823-7748. Extra copies will be available at the October 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> meetings.

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You can share your information and opinions with us in any or all of the following ways:

1. Attend a community meeting on either Monday, October 4 or October 11, 1999, and join in discussions of Albina's recent past and shaping its future.
2. Invite Alliance members and Bureau of Planning staff to attend a coffee or meeting. We can exchange ideas about the effectiveness of past community development, identify new challenges, and design strategies which reflect our priorities and best utilize our resources.
3. Put your comment directly in this document. Phone, mail, fax, or drop off your notes and / or marked-up document by October 15, 1999 at any of the locations listed on the first page of this invitation.



Sheila Holden

4. Volunteer. Contact us at any of the above telephone numbers if you belong to an organization which could help us implement the Albina Community Plan or you would like to join us in our efforts. The keys to success are the ownership of the plan by the community, the creation of effective and efficient implementation partnership, and the acquisition of resources necessary to carry out the plan.

Your comments will be incorporated into this document. An updated and finalized version will be presented to the Portland City Council in November 1999. This information will also be shared with the Portland Planning Commission, Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners, public and community service providers, and neighborhood and business associations, organizations, and activists.