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Trail Blazers 100, Hornets 96, OT

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The Portland Trail Blazers got off nights from most of their starters. But once again, depth was the difference. Reserve Greg Anthony scored 24 points, including six free throws in the final 25 seconds of overtime, as Portland won its sixth straight, 100-96 over the Charlotte Hornets on Saturday night.

"Coming into the season, I thought the Hornets were the best team in the East, and they showed it tonight," Anthony said. "They gave us all we wanted, but I think our team is starting to jell and come together." Rasheed Wallace added 17 points for the Blazers. Steve Smith, Detlef Schrempf and Brian Grant each scored 12 for Portland.

Elden Campbell had 24 points and 11 rebounds for Charlotte, which got its first home loss this season after five straight victories. Eddie Jones added 22 points for the Hornets.

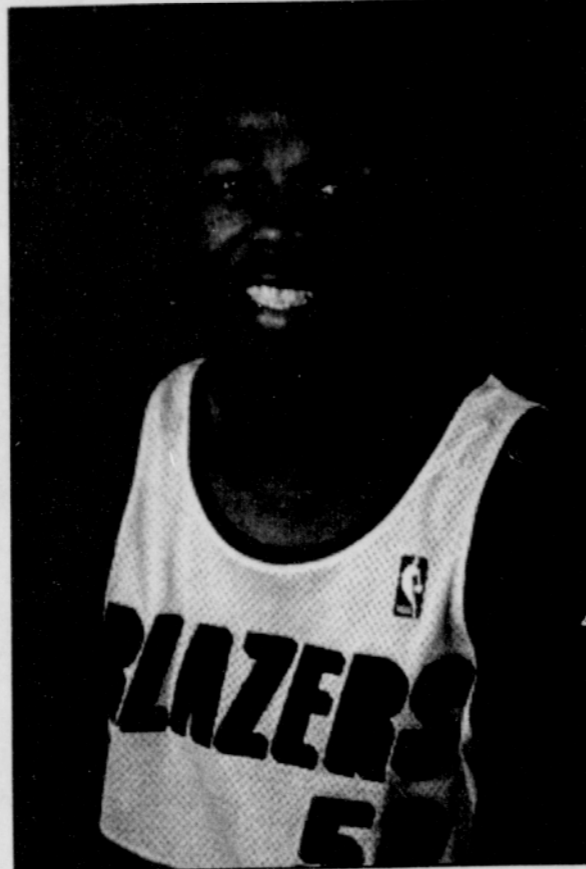
"Tonight was one of those games," said Scottie Pippen, who along with Damon Stoudamire and Arvydas Sabonis, struggled from the floor. "We couldn't find the energy, but we did find a way to win."

"It's hard to tell who the man is on this team. We all look for one another, and we distribute the ball well, but we have to continue to get better as a team. We didn't get to the loose balls tonight, and we didn't box out. We'll have to tighten up on some things later."

Campbell scored the last four points of regulation to erase an 86-82 Portland lead and force the extra period. His spin move in the lane with 1.1 seconds left sent the game into overtime.

"Steve Smith had a tough night, but then he gets those huge points," said Hornets coach Paul Silas. "But that's what he's been doing all his life. Portland's a great team. It looks like they're still trying to find themselves, but they know how to win."

Notes: @ Charlotte forward Derrick Coleman, who missed



Greg Anthony of The Portland Trailblazers scored 24 points against the Hornets Saturday night.

Friday's game against Orlando with a strained right foot, went to the bench with 2:57 left in the first quarter and did not return. ... Portland entered Saturday night's game leading the NBA in scoring margin at 12.9 points per game. ... No team has scored 100 points against Portland this season.

NFL

Seattle.....31	Tennessee.....16	N.Y. Jets.....17
Kansas City.....19	Pittsburgh.....10	Buffalo.....7
St. Louis.....23	Chicago.....23	Arizona.....13
San Francisco.....7	San Diego.....20	Dallas.....9
Carolina.....31	Tampa Bay.....19	Baltimore.....34
Cleveland.....17	Atlanta.....10	Cincinnati.....31
Green Bay.....26	Indianapolis.....44	Jacksonville.....41
Detroit.....17	Philadelphia.....17	New Orleans.....23
Washington.....23	Miami.....27	
N.Y. Giants.....13	New England.....17	

College

Team (W-L)	Result
No. 1 Florida State (11-0)	beat No. 3 Florida 30-23 Next: vs. TBA
No. 2 Virginia Tech (10-0)	beat Temple 62-7 Next: vs. No. 25 Boston College, Friday
No. 3 Florida (9-2)	lost to No. 1 Florida State 30-23 Next: vs. Alabama in SEC championship, Dec. 4
No. 4 Nebraska (9-1)	did not play Next: at Colorado, Friday
No. 5 Wisconsin (9-2)	did not play Next: vs. Stanford in Rose Bowl, Jan. 1
No. 6 Texas (9-2)	did not play Next: at No. 24 Texas A&M, Friday
No. 7 Tennessee (8-2)	beat Kentucky 56-21 Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday
No. 8 Alabama (9-2)	beat Auburn 28-17 Next: vs. TBA
No. 9 Kansas State (10-1)	beat Missouri 66-0 Next: vs. TBA
No. 10 Michigan (9-2)	beat Ohio State 24-17 Next: vs. TBA
No. 11 Marshall (10-0)	did not play, vs. Ohio, Friday
No. 12 Mississippi St. (8-2)	lost to No. 22 Arkansas 14-9 Next: vs. No. 16 Mississippi, Saturday
No. 13 Penn St. (9-3)	lost to No. 15 Michigan St. 35-28 Next: vs. TBA
No. 14 Georgia Tech (7-3)	lost to Wake Forest 26-23 Next: vs. No. 21 Georgia, Saturday
No. 15 Michigan St. (9-2)	beat No. 13 Penn St. 35-28 Next: vs. TBA
No. 16 Mississippi (7-3)	lost to No. 21 Georgia 20-17 Next: vs. Alabama in SEC championship, Thursday
No. 17 Minnesota (8-3)	beat Iowa 25-21 Next: vs. TBA
No. 18 So. Mississippi (8-3)	beat Louisville 30-27 Next: vs. TBA
No. 19 Brigham Young (8-3)	lost to Utah 20-17 Next: vs. TBA
No. 19 Purdue (7-4)	beat Indiana 30-24 Next: vs. TBA
No. 21 Georgia (7-3)	beat No. 18 Mississippi 20-17 Next: at No. 14 Georgia Tech, Saturday
No. 22 Arkansas (6-3)	vs. No. 12 Mississippi State Next: at LSU, Saturday
No. 23 East Carolina (9-2)	beat N. Carolina St. 23-6 Next: vs. TBA
No. 24 Texas A&M (7-3)	did not play Next: vs. No. 6 Texas, Friday
No. 25 Boston College (8-2)	beat Notre Dame 31-29 Next: at No. 2 Virginia Tech, Friday

NBA

Western Conference

PACIFIC DIVISION										MIDWEST DIVISION									
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf.	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf.
Portland	10	1	.909	-	91	W6	40	6-1	5-1	San Antonio	8	3	.727	-	7-3	W1	5-0	3-3	5-2
Sacramento	6	1	.857	2	61	W5	4-0	2-1	6-1	Minnesota	4	2	.667	1/2	4-2	W1	4-1	0-1	3-2
Seattle	9	2	.818	1	82	W4	4-0	5-2	-6-0	Utah	6	4	.600	1/2	6-4	W1	4-1	2-3	4-4
LA Lakers	8	3	.727	2	7-3	W1	4-1	4-2	6-3	Denver	4	5	.444	3	4-5	W2	4-2	0-3	2-4
Phoenix	6	4	.600	3/4	6-4	W2	4-1	2-3	1-3	Vancouver	3	5	.375	3/4	3-5	L2	3-3	0-2	2-5
LA Clippers	3	7	.300	6/4	3-7	W1	1-3	2-4	1-5	Dallas	4	7	.364	4	3-7	L-3	3-2	1-5	3-5
Golden State	2	7	.222	7	2-7	L2	1-4	1-3	1-6	Houston	2	9	.182	6	2-8	L4	0-6	2-3	2-6

Eastern Conference

ATLANTIC DIVISION										CENTRAL DIVISION									
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf.	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf.
Miami	8	2	.800	-	82	W2	4-1	4-1	7-1	Toronto	6	3	.667	-	6-3	W1	4-2	2-1	5-3
Boston	6	4	.600	2	6-4	L1	5-1	1-3	6-4	Indiana	6	4	.600	1/2	6-4	W1	3-1	3-3	5-3
New York	6	6	.500	3	4-6	W1	2-1	4-5	4-3	Milwaukee	6	4	.600	1/2	6-4	L1	4-1	2-3	2-3
Orlando	5	6	.455	3/4	5-5	W1	2-3	3-3	4-4	Charlotte	6	5	.545	1	5-5	L1	5-1	1-4	5-3
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	3/4	5-5	W1	2-2	3-4	4-4	Cleveland	4	5	.444	2	4-5	L3	3-2	1-3	4-4
Washington	2	8	.200	6	2-8	L1	2-5	0-3	2-6	Detroit	4	6	.400	2/4	4-6	W2	3-2	1-4	3-6
New Jersey	1	9	.100	7	1-9	L6	1-5	0-4	1-7	Atlanta	3	7	.300	3/4	3-7	L1	2-2	1-5	3-3
										Chicago	1	9	.100	5/4	1-9	L4	1-3	0-6	1-4

'Commotion At The Ocean' Dec. 4 at Chinook Winds

HBO to broadcast championship doubleheader

CONTRIBUTED STORY FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Undefeated junior middleweight champion Fernando Vargas, boxing's hottest young superstar, will headline the "Commotion at the Ocean" on December 4 when he defends his crown against the IBF's #1 mandatory challenger Ronald "Winky" Wright at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City, OR, it was announced by Chinook Winds Casino General Manager Gordon Dickie and by Main Events COO Gary Shaw. In the co-feature bout, undefeated IBF junior lightweight champion Diego Corrales will make his first title defense when he challenges bruising contender John Brown. The electrifying championship doubleheader will be broadcast live on HBO's "Boxing After Dark" series beginning at 7:00 p.m. PT. Vargas (17-0, 17 KO's) has steamrolled through the junior middleweight division, stopping 10 of his opponents in two rounds. On December 12, 1998, Vargas became the youngest junior middleweight champion in boxing history—21 years and 5 days old—when he pounded IBF champion "Yory Boy"

Campas for seven rounds, forcing the veteran of over 70 bouts to retire on his stool prior to round eight (TKO 8). In his last bout on July 17, 1999, the 21-year-old Oxnard, CA, native successfully defended his crown for the second time, battering former IBF champion Raul Marquez to force an 11th round stoppage (TKO 11). On October 16, the World Boxing Hall of Fame named Vargas their 1999 "Fighter of the Year." Vargas' consecutive knockout string of 17 bouts ties the record set by Roy Jones, Jr. for the "Most Consecutive Knockout Wins to Being a Champion's Career." "No one in the junior middleweight division comes close to Fernando Vargas," said Shaw. He's not a future star. He's a star right now." Wright (39-2, 24 KO's) has won 14 of his last 15 bouts. The 28-year-old St. Petersburg, FL, native is the former NABF and WBO junior middleweight champion. On February 4, 1995, Wright dominated Tony Marshall to capture the NABF crown (W 12). Wright successfully defended the title twice before surrendering it to challenge for the WBO championship. On May 17, 1996, Wright decided Bronco McKart to seize the WBO title (W 12). Wright successfully defended the crown three times before losing a close decision to Harry Simon on August 22, 1998 (L 12). In his last bout on March 27, 1999, the slick southpaw Wright annihilated Derrick Graham

(KO3). Corrales (29-0, 24 KO's) seized the IBF title in his last bout on October 23, 1999, blasting reigning champion Roberto Garcia in seven rounds (TKO 7). The 22-year-old Columbia, SC resident twice floored Garcia in the sixth round before dropping him for the third and final time 48 seconds into round seven. Corrales has stopped 14 opponents within three rounds. He has knocked out six of his last seven opponents. Brown (20-6, 10 KO's) is recognized as one of professional boxing's toughest and most relentless fighters. The 31-year-old Atlantic City, NJ native is the former USBA junior lightweight champion. On October 24, 1998, despite accepting the bout on only two weeks notice, Brown pummeled former junior lightweight world champion Gabriel Ruelas, hurting Ruelas repeatedly during the bout and flooring him in round six. Brown's relentless body attack wilted the former champion and forced the referee to halt the bout at 1:09 of round eight. In his last bout on August 13, 1999, Brown won a 10 round decision over Francisco Cruz (W 10). Main Events and Ringside Tickets, Inc. are promoting the evening of boxing. Tickets, which range from \$75 (general admission) to \$750 (ringside) can be purchased by calling 1-888/MainAct or any Fastixx Outlet (1-800-992-TIXX), or by calling the Chinook Winds Casino at 1-888-CHINOOK.

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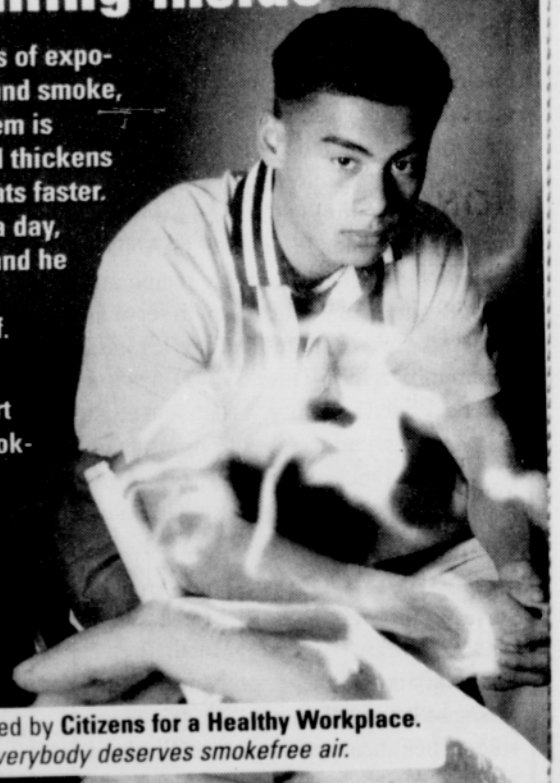
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