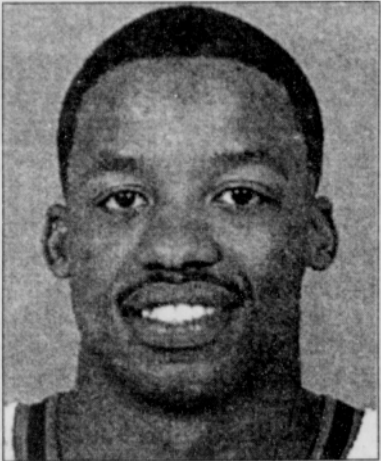


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Blazers try to get back on track Reds say Griffey is "a pipe dream"

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Portland Trailblazers (18-7) at Houston Rockets (8-17). Scottie Pippen makes his return to Houston after orchestrating his trade to Portland in the preseason. Pippen had the support of the Blazers fans in his first game against the Rockets last month, a 91-88 overtime victory on Nov. 26 in which he



Steve Francis

recorded 19 points and seven assists. This time, he will undoubtedly draw the wrath of the Rockets fans throughout this contest. Prior to the season, Pippen publicly criticized Rockets forward Charles Barkley, questioning his desire to win an NBA title and refusing to apologize to Barkley. He was sent to the Trailblazers for six players, including Kelvin Cato, Walt Williams and Carlos Rogers.
"I'm not disappointed we didn't talk," Pippen said after the first game between the teams. "I'm not interested in apologizing to (Barkley). As far as I'm concerned, it's over and it's behind me."
Portland is in the midst of its first losing streak of the season after a 97-88 setback at Denver on Monday. Damon Stoudamire scored 19 points for the Trail Blazers, who shot just 40 percent from the field and committed 18 turnovers.
Houston snapped a five-game losing streak with a 100-94 victory over Boston on Saturday. Cato had a



Damon Stoudamire

career-high 27 points and 12 rebounds as he more than compensated for the absence of injured center Hakeem Olajuwon, hitting 11-of-13 shots from the field.
"We had a lot of great passing and that made a difference," Cato said. "The coaching staff had a game plan and we ran out and ran it. It's the same plan we've had all season but this time we just ran it."

Gugliotta released from hospital

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Phoenix Suns forward Tom Gugliotta was released from a Portland hospital late on Saturday, although doctors have yet to determine what caused the seizure that landed him there Friday night.
Suns owner Jerry Colangelo and team physician Dr. Richard Emerson told a news conference that Gugliotta was expected to undergo further tests showed nothing abnormal. Gugliotta, who turned 30 Sunday, is expected to undergo further tests to try and figure out what caused the frightening seizure he suffered on the team bus following Friday's victory at Portland.
"When you see somebody that you know very well as a teammate and as a friend and he has his head back and the doctors are reaching, checking to see if a pulse is there, it's very, very scary," Suns coach Scott Skiles said. While hospitalized, Gugliotta underwent a CAT scan and an EKG, both of which turned up nothing out of the ordinary.
"Tom is feeling very good, although somewhat fatigued," Emerson said. "What we can't tell you is what caused it. Sometimes you never know."
Emerson added: "All tests that were done, the typical routine tests that you do for someone who had a seizure — CAT scans, EKGs, the lab work — everything is completely normal at this time."

The eight-year veteran forward is in his second season with the Suns, his fourth NBA team.

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Cincinnati Reds general manager Jim Bowden said he has broken off trade talks with the Seattle Mariners regarding Ken Griffey Jr., but there were a couple of trades at the winter meetings on Saturday.

"We have a much better chance of bringing Goofy back than Griffey," Bowden said at baseball's annual meetings, taking place several blocks from Disneyland. One of the trades involved Bowden's Reds, who acquired outfielder Kimera Barteel from the Detroit Tigers for a player to be named. In the other deal, the Chicago Cubs acquired outfielder Damon Buford from the Boston Red Sox for infielder Manny Alexander. But Bowden ruled out any chance of obtaining Griffey, the superstar outfielder who has asked to be traded to a team closer to his Orlando, Florida home.

"No chance at all, zero. It's behind us," Bowden said. "We haven't moved a centimeter in talks, let alone an inch. The next time we pursue him will be in 2000."

The Reds had been seen as the front-runner in the sweepstakes since Griffey is from Ohio and his father is the team's bench coach. However, five weeks of negotiations brought almost no movement and Bowden decided to give up after meeting with Seattle general manager Pat Gillick Saturday morning for about 30 minutes.

One deterrent to a deal with any team is Gillick's refusal to allow suitors to negotiate a contract with Griffey, who becomes a free agent after the 2000 season and could demand \$20 million per year, a huge number for a small-market club like the Reds.

But Bowden said the main stumbling block was the inability to agree on players, including GoldGlove second baseman Pokey Reese, a favorite of manager Jack McKeon. While refusing to mention Reese by name, it was obvious that the Reds did not want to part with him.

"There was a certain player, a key for them, that we would not trade," Bowden said. "We didn't want to have a player for one year, not sign with us, and then set us back three years."

Gillick seemed surprised that trade talks regarding arguably baseball's best player could stall on one individual.

"How could they not do that? We're talking about a Hall of Famer, an All-Century player," Gillick said. "They're going to let this one player hold up the deal?"

Reese, first baseman Sean Casey and Rookie of the Year reliever Scott Williamson were among the players believed to be involved in talks. That nucleus of young players enabled the Reds to win 96 games before losing a one-game playoff to the New York Mets.

Bowden said the Reds made several offers ranging from three to five players and they included both major league and minor league talent.

"We made significant offers to them. Considering that he (Griffey) was a free agent in 2000, I would have made the deal in their shoes," said Bowden, who added his talks with Gillick broke off cordially.

"It was certainly an opportunity for them to acquire one of the best players in the game," Gillick said. "If you had been unsuccessful, I think you would be frustrated or upset. I don't think you can close the door on anything."

NBA Standings

Western Conference

W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf.	San Antonio	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf.
LA Lakers	22	5	.815	-	9-1	W-7	12-2	10-3	13-4	18	8	.692	-	5-5	L-1	11-1	7-7	9-3
Portland	18	7	.720	3	5-5	L-2	7-3	11-4	12-4	16	9	.640	1/2	8-2	L-1	9-3	7-6	9-5
Seattle	18	7	.720	3	7-3	W-2	10-3	8-4	12-4	13	11	.542	4	6-4	W-3	10-3	3-8	6-7
Phoenix	17	7	.708	3/2	7-3	W-4	13-2	4-5	6-6	9	13	.409	7	2-8	W-2	6-6	3-7	7-9
Sacramento	13	9	.591	6/2	3-7	L-3	8-2	5-7	10-5	8	17	.320	9/2	4-6	W-1	4-7	4-10	7-10
Golden State	6	18	.250	14/2	4-6	W-1	3-9	3-9	3-12	8	18	.308	10	3-7	L-4	5-7	3-11	5-10
LA Clippers	6	18	.250	14/2	2-8	W-1	4-8	2-10	3-12	5	19	.208	12	2-8	W-1	4-9	1-10	4-14

Eastern Conference

W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf.	Charlotte	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10	Stk.	Home	Away	Conf.
Miami	16	8	.667	-	5-5	W-1	8-3	8-5	10-5	16	8	.667	-	8-2	L-1	11-1	5-7	9-5
New York	16	10	.615	1	8-2	W-1	8-3	8-7	10-5	15	9	.625	1	8-2	L-2	9-3	6-6	7-7
Orlando	13	11	.542	3	6-4	W-3	6-5	7-6	8-6	14	11	.560	2/2	6-4	L-1	7-5	7-6	9-8
Philadelphia	14	13	.519	3/2	6-4	W-1	9-6	5-7	12-7	13	11	.542	3	4-6	L-3	8-6	5-5	8-7
Boston	10	14	.417	6	3-7	L-6	9-5	1-9	8-9	12	13	.480	4/2	5-5	L-1	8-3	4-10	8-9
New Jersey	8	17	.320	8/2	6-4	W-2	6-6	2-9	5-11	11	13	.458	5	3-7	L-4	9-5	2-8	9-11
Washington	8	17	.320	8/2	3-7	W-2	4-8	4-9	6-10	10	14	.417	6	5-5	L-2	8-5	2-9	7-7
									Chicago	2	20	.091	13	1-9	L-5	2-7	0-13	2-11

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and neighborhood leaders also felt the brothers, already noted for converting historic buildings into entertainment venues, had the best chance of actually making their plan happen. It was a critical point; the original cost estimate to repair 20 years worth of neglect and convert it to something useful was more than \$3 million, and the actual cost was nearly 50 percent higher.

"We grew up in the neighborhood," Michael McMenamain says. "We didn't go to school there, but some of our relatives did, so we were familiar with the building. The neighborhood seemed to be underserved (with retail services), so it seemed like a good fit."

Today the school contains a theater, two restaurants, two bars, meeting rooms a gym, a soaking pool, and 35 sleeping rooms available for nightly accommodations with a complementary breakfast. One room is set aside for use by the Concordia Community Association and other non-profit groups to use at no charge, and other space has been donated at times to groups such as the Urban League of Portland and the Oregon Arts Committee.

The soaking pool is available free of charge to Concordia neighborhood residents, and gym time as apportioned by random selection from among the many who seek it. The facility also periodically donates half the proceeds of its restaurant for a given night - an amount equal to as much as \$2,000 - to a local charity. They also make a practice of hiring neighborhood residents.

The McMenamain's were required to provide \$600,000 of such services in lieu of payment for the property during their first 15 years of operation, according to PDC's David Nemo. However, he adds, the McMenamains

have already given more than half that amount.

All this activity has also brought more traffic and parking demand than the narrow streets and the school's 160-space parking lot can handle. "It's a little difficult to go from something that had no activity at all to something that is so active," says Melissa Darby, a neighbor and one of the staunchest supporters of the building's preservation. "But we're getting used to it." The McMenamains have helped by paying to paint nearby driveways to indicate no parking, and have a security guard outside. Asked if she had any second thoughts about the school's conversion Darby says, "Never, not for a nanosecond."

If nothing else, they need only remember what this neighbor was like before restoration. Prostitution in the

area was "blatant," as one neighbor recalls, and used condoms were regularly deposited in yards. The exterior contained piles of used syringes, and rats were abundant.

The restoration involved more time, effort and money than they'd bargained for, Michael McMenamain says, but the end result is "more than we could have imagined." In particular, he is gratified by the extensive community use of the place. "This has raised our horizons for all our places," he says.

Recalling the early plans Ron Fossum says, "None of us got everything we wanted, but most of us got most of what we wanted. I can't speak highly enough of two men who have turned a run-down derelict building into an asset with no cost to the taxpayer."



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Jesuit is still a contender

Even without last season's Class 4A player of the year, the Crusaders are No. 2 in the state coaches poll

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Michael Dunleavy, the state's Class 4A player of the year in 1998-99, is gone. He is a college freshman and the first player off the bench at Duke.

Two more of the starters on Jesuit's first state championship team, Justin Buckmaster and Mikey Gatlin, also have graduated.

And still, here are the Crusaders, No. 2 in the state coaches poll and looking like a team that is capable of repeating its state championship. Jesuit coach Gene Potter guided the Crusaders to a 26-2 season last year that concluded with a 65-39 victory over North Salem in the state title game.


But the drop-off, despite heavy

losses, has been minimal.

"We've had a lot of people step up," Potter said. "We continue to have some pretty good players. I think we can play with just about any team in the state."

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