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Trail Blazers re-sign free agent Greg Anthony

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Apparently ready to join the Atlanta Hawks, free agent Greg Anthony has instead signed a multiyear contract to stay with the Portland Trail Blazers. The team would not disclose terms of the deal Sunday.

Anthony, 32, has served as the backup to starting point guard Damon Stoudamire in Portland the last two seasons. His decision has left the Atlanta Hawks unhappy. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported that Anthony reneged on an oral agreement to sign with the Hawks.

The newspaper said Anthony was to have flown to Atlanta Sunday to sign a two- or three-year contract and would have been introduced at a Monday news conference.

"We had an agreement," Hawks General Manager Pete Babcock told the newspaper. "We arrived at it 12:30 a.m. on Thursday. Greg wanted to be here, to compete with Jason (Terry) for a starting job. (Agent David Dunn) called me Saturday and said he wasn't going through with it."

Asked whether, in his NBA or Major League Baseball experience, an agent has ever backed away from an oral agreement, team president Stan Kasten said, "No. Absolutely not."

The Hawks offered Anthony their \$2.25 million exception, double his salary for last season, with a 10 percent raise in 2001-02. Anthony is a better defender than Stoudamire and his contributions in relief were instrumental for the Blazers last season. Coach Mike Dunleavy said after Portland lost to the Lakers in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals that he wanted Anthony back with the team.

"We are happy to have Greg back on the Blazers' roster," said Bob Whitsitt, Portland's team president and general manager. "He's a strong force for us in the back court and brings success, leadership and experience to the court and in the locker room."

Last season, Anthony was one of three Blazers to play in all 82 games. He averaged 6.3 points and 2.5 assists in 18.8 minutes.

He was second on the team in 3-pointers made with 88.

Anthony has averaged 7.4 points and 4.1 assists during his nine-year career in the NBA.

Anthony's signing leaves four players in Portland who are free agents: Brian Grant, Stacey Augmon, Antonio Harvey and Gary Grant.

But it appears Brian Grant is headed to the Miami Heat in a sign-and-trade deal involving Portland, Miami and Cleveland that could also end with Gary Grant in Cleveland.

Reports indicate Portland will sign Brian Grant to a seven-year, \$90 million deal and send him to Miami. The Heat would ship forwards Chris Gatling and Clarence Weatherspoon to the Cavaliers, who would send Shawn Kemp to the Blazers.

Gatling's inclusion any possible deal means the trade could not be official until at least Aug. 26. The Heat obtained Gatling from Denver in June and league rules do not allow a player to be traded twice within 60 days.



Greg Anthony

Leisure Hour Junior Golfer host the Seattle Jr. Golfers



Leisure Hour Junior Golfer will host the Seattle Jr. Golfer Sat. Aug 26 @ 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse Golf Course in Gladstone, Oregon. The beginners & Intermediate will begin play @ 10 a.m. and have a Bar-B-Que afterwards at the Children's Golf Course. All parents & mentors are invited to see your juniors play. The advance Jr. Golfers will play @ Glendoveer Golf Course Aug 26 @ 10:30 am.

Back Row from left to right

1. Derrick Taylor, 2. Jermaine King, 3. Ruth Scurlock, 4. Earl Winchester, 5. Virginia Winchester, 6. Lee Scurlock, 7. Debra Scott, 8. Joseph Moore, Shaetye Reed

Middle Row from left to right

1. Eboni Gudger, 2. Jamie Mayfield, 3. Ezra Curry, 4. Briania Robertson-May, 5. Taylor Lewis, 6. Cennie Moore, 7. Neysa Gudger, 8. Charlotte Moore.

Front Row from left to right

1. Austin Booker, 2. Brannon Beasley, (The sign), 3. Mitch Macha, Grant Dimitri.

Not pictured-

Johnell Bell, Christina Emkuria, Spencer Ariss-Black

Oregon Sports Hall to induct the Drain Black Sox, five others

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They were called the Black Sox, but there was nothing scandalous about their performance. Made up mostly of college players, the Drain Black Sox captured the 1958 National Baseball Congress tournament, the World Series of amateur baseball. Held annually in Wichita, Kan., the tournament has long featured former and future big-league ballplayers, including Satchel Paige and Mark McGwire.

The first West Coast and only Oregon team to ever win the title, the victory gave Drain a sense of pride and a glimmer of national attention. On Saturday, their team will be inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame with Nike founder Phil Knight and four others.

"When we got to Wichita, the people were saying 'Drain? You mean down the drain?'" recalled Jim Pifher, who drove in the championship run. "They weren't saying that when we left." The Black Sox swept seven straight games to win the 31-team tournament. While obviously stocked with talent, Drain's manager, Ray Stratton, and some of his players, said the story of the Black Sox is not one of great athletes. Rather, it is about a great sponsor, Harold Woolley. Amateur and semi-pro baseball was a big deal before television brought professional teams into the living room. Many sawmill and lumber barons sponsored popular teams in southwest Oregon's Sawdust League.

Woolley was its George Steinbrenner, without the firings.

Drain's primary mill owner, Woolley loved baseball and wouldn't let money stand in the way of winning. He built a great ballpark, supplied the best equipment, provided comfortable accommodations and put the entire team on his lumber company's payroll. When Stratton scheduled an ambitious road trip, Woolley bought three brand new station wagons.

"Mr. Woolley offered such a good package that it wasn't hard to get good ballplayers," said Stratton, now 74. "The trouble was narrowing the team down; it was quite a job." Woolley, who died in 1970, chose the team's scandalous name because he didn't think anyone else would take

it. After all, who would name their team after the one that threw the 1919 World Series?

He also had a feeling that it would be lucky.

Most of Drain's players came from the University of Oregon, Oregon State and Washington State and were lured to 1,200-person town by the promise of summer money and good competition. While the players occasionally put in a hard day's work at the lumber mill, they spent most of their time playing ball. The watchdogs from the NCAA never caught on.

"I kept waiting for the hammer to fall," Stratton said of the bogus jobs. "We were in violation of the rules; I admit that."

Then again, maybe the NCAA

couldn't find them. Stratton had them playing back-to-back games in places like Boise, Idaho and Bellingham, Wash. On their Canadian tour, they stopped in those cities you only see on the back of a hockey card: Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Saskatoon. "It was the most fun a single kid could have," Pifher said.

Though they breezed through the Oregon state tournament, no one gave Drain much of a chance in Wichita—not even themselves.

"You had to be there because if you saw the type of competition we faced, you'd be amazed," said Stratton, naming Earl Wilson, a pitcher who later became a 20-game winner with the Boston Red Sox. "I thought we'd play two games and go back home. I

was amazed after every game." But Woolley had little doubt. When Drain played the heavily favored San Diego team early in the tournament, Woolley made a \$5,000 bet with that team's sponsor, Stratton said.

After the tournament, he showed his appreciation by having the team's flight stop in Reno. As the college kids got off the plane, he gave them \$100 each to gamble—a gesture that certainly lived up to the team's nickname.

During the tournament, the team won six straight games, most with late rallies. In the seventh and final game, the Black Sox blew a three-run lead in the eighth inning, but won it in the ninth when Pifher drove home Wimp Hastings.

Local team advances in Softball World Series



Girls take on Texas team Wednesday

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Updated 5:00 p.m. PDT August 14, A local softball team is advancing through the Little League World Series, heading to the semifinals Wednesday night.

Tualatin City Little League, from Tualatin, Ore., is representing the West in the 2000 tournament being played at Alpenrose Stadium in southwest Portland.

The Tualatin girls took on Sunridge Little League from Prairies, Alberta, Canada in the quarterfinals Monday night. They beat the Canadians 12-0, according to the World Series Web site. Tualatin will play Midway Little League from Waco, Texas (pictured in red) in the semifinals at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

The winner of Wednesday's game will play in the World Championship at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at 12:30.

In 1999, the South, represented again by Midway Little League, beat the West team 6-1 to win the World Championship.

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loans, the vast majority of which are "mission-purpose" loans.

Over the last 50 years, inner northeast Portland has experienced very challenging economic times and social decay, with substantial mis-investment, rising crime, and a variety of other social problems. In the early 1990's a group of community activists brought suit against a local utility who ultimately settled that suit by contributing \$2.3 million to a community development trust with the objective of creating a sustainable economic resource for north and northeast Portland. From that, ACB was formed, loosely following the model of South Shore Bank of Chicago, advisory services were in ACB's formative period.



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