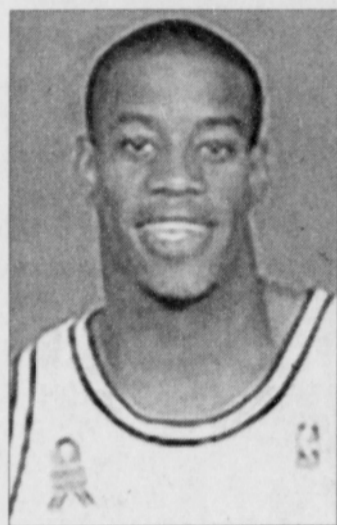




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Blazers Trade for San Antonio Trio

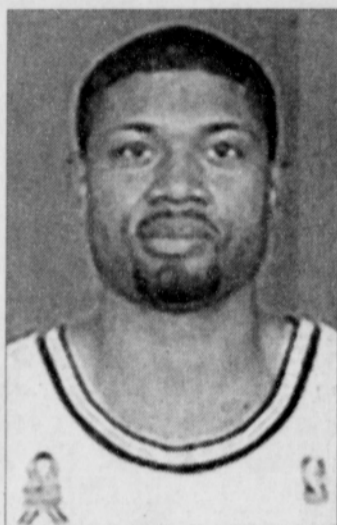


Antonio Daniels

(AP)—The Portland Trail Blazers and San Antonio Spurs swapped backup guards Monday, with the Blazers acquiring Antonio Daniels, Charles Smith and center Amal McCaskill in exchange for Erick Barkley and Steve Kerr.

Portland also sent the 2003 second round draft pick acquired last year when the Blazers traded Steve Smith to San Antonio for Kerr and Derek Anderson.

"It's an upgrade that we had to take advantage of," said Blazers president and general manager Bob



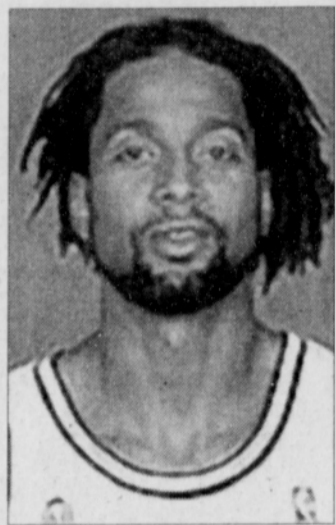
Charles Smith

Whitsitt. "This is a good deal for our team."

Daniels, a first round draft pick in 1997, averaged 9.2 points and 2.8 assists last year for the Spurs. He'll likely be asked to play the point, despite his misgivings about playing the position last year for the Spurs.

Smith, the 26th pick of the 1997 draft, averaged 7.4 points in 60 games for the Spurs last year. He'll be playing for his fourth NBA team.

McCaskill, a 6-11 center, played in only 27 games for the Spurs last season, and has played in just 44



Amal McCaskill

NBA games since being drafted in 1996.

Barkley, the 28th pick of the 2000 draft following his sophomore season at St. John's, has played sparingly for the Blazers in two seasons. The 6-1 point guard has career averages of 2.9 points and 1.5 assists in 27 games.

Kerr is a 14-year NBA veteran. He spent three seasons with the Spurs before being traded last year, winning one of his four championship rings there in 1999.

He is the NBA's career leader in 3-point field goal percentage at 45.9 percent.



Chick Hearn

Hall of Fame Announcer Dies

He made 'slam dunk' and 'air ball' common expressions

(AP) — Hall of Fame announcer Chick Hearn, who made phrases like "slam dunk" and "air ball" common basketball expressions during his 42-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers, died Monday. He was 85.

Hearn fell Friday in the backyard of the Encino, Calif. home he shared with wife, Marge. The two would have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Aug. 13.

Surgeons operated twice on Saturday to relieve swelling in his brain, but he never regained consciousness.

Hearn's career with the team was far longer than

such standouts as Jerry West, Elgin Baylor, Wilt Chamberlain, Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Jamaal Wilkes, James Worthy and Michael Cooper.

And he was calling games long before current stars Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant were born.

Hearn called a record 3,338 consecutive Lakers games starting in 1965 before missing one because he had to have an operation in December 2001 for a blocked aortic valve.

While recovering, he fell and broke his hip.

Hearn returned to work April 9 and broadcast the Lak-

ers' playoff run to their third consecutive NBA championship.

Born Francis Dayle Hearn on Nov. 27, 1916, in Aurora, Ill., Hearn peppered his rapid-fire delivery with terms like "no harm, no foul," "the mustard's off the hot dog," "ticky-tack foul," and "faked him into the popcorn machine."

Whenever he believed a Lakers victory was clinched, Hearn would say: "You can put this one in the refrigerator. The door's closed, the light's out, the eggs are cooling, the butter's getting hard and the Jell-O is jiggling."

Ratings Up Overnight for 'Monday Night Football'

(AP) — John Madden's debut on "Monday Night Football" drew higher overnight TV ratings than either of Dennis Miller's Hall of Fame NFL exhibition telecasts.

ABC Sports' broadcast of the New York Giants' 34-17 victory over the expansion Houston Texans drew an 8.6 overnight rating.

That's 21 percent better than the 2001 Hall of Fame game's 7.1 overnight rating, and 7.5 percent better than 2000's 8.0.

Madden jumped to ABC from Fox in February with a four-year, \$20 million deal to pair with play-by-play announcer Al Michaels. "Monday Night Football" dumped Miller and analyst Dan Fouts after two years in which ratings fell more than 15 percent total.

Padres to Hold Tryout Camp

The San Diego Padres will hold a tryout camp for all interested players on Monday, Aug. 19 at PGE Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All participants must be 16 years of age, and anyone under 18 must get their parents' permission. Any players currently playing American Legion baseball will also need the permission of their coach. Players who have been released after playing professionally are also welcome.

The Portland Beavers will supply baseballs and batting helmets. Players must provide all other equipment, including wood bats.

PSU Begins Practice Sessions

The Portland State football program will begin practice sessions this week in preparation for the 2002 football season.

The team will begin practice sessions both mornings and afternoons at Stott Community Field on the PSU campus.

Viking Football Media Day will be held on Monday, Aug. 12 from 1:45 to 3 p.m.

Preseason scrimmages will take place the mornings of Aug. 17 and 24. That will lead up to Portland State's Aug. 31 season opener against Stephen F. Austin.

PSU will host the Lumberjacks at PGE Park in one of six home games. The Vikings are 10-1 in their last two years in the downtown stadium.

The Vikings will return 41 letter winners and 16 starters in 2002. Preseason All-American quarterback Juston Wood, a senior, will once again lead an offense that ranked fourth in the nation last year when the Vikings were 7-4. Running back Ryan Fuqua, a sophomore, was fifth in nation in rushing, while wideouts Antonio Jackson and Jesse Levin, and tight end Tim Hester also return.



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