

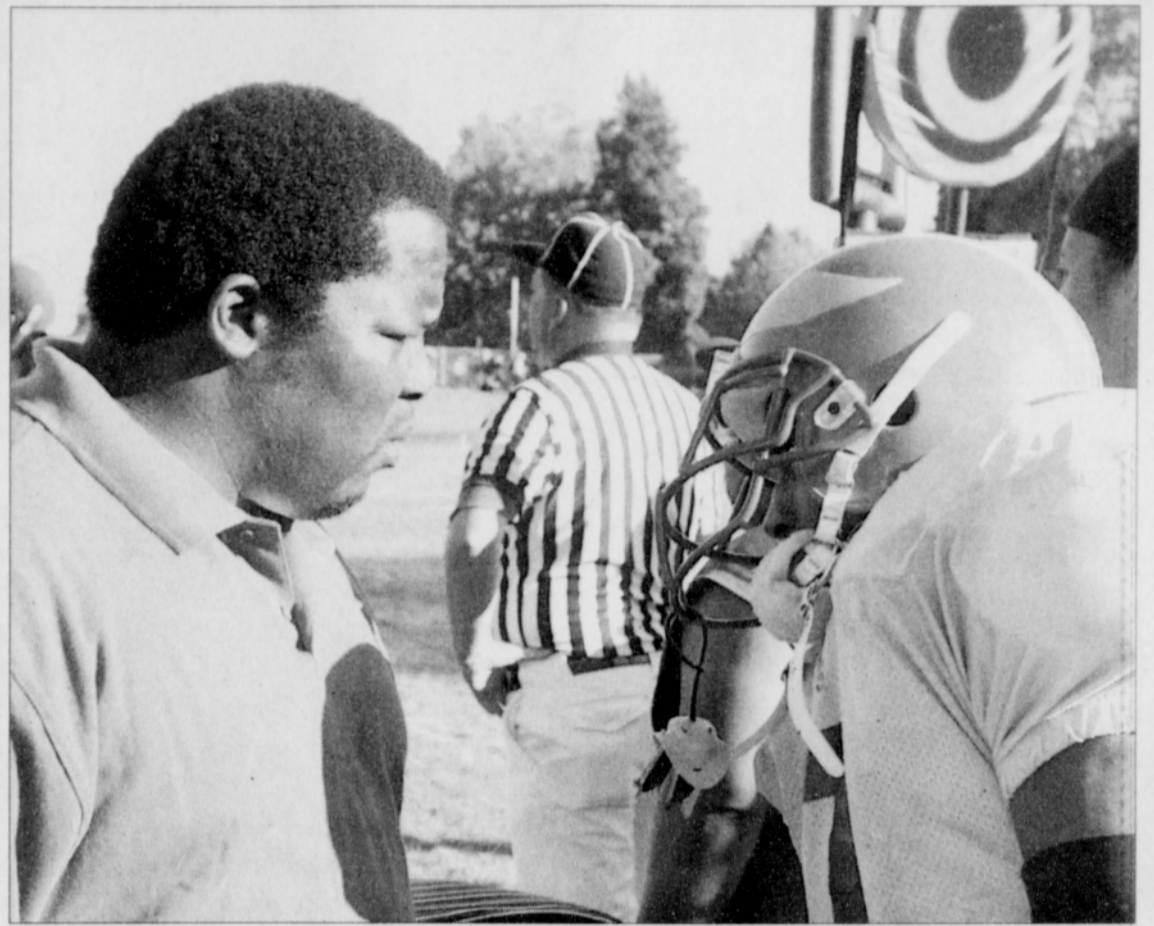
SPORTS / METRO

Generals Fall in Homecoming



The Jefferson and Grant varsity football teams line up during Friday's game. The crowd was treated to a halftime parade and the traditional announcements of the homecoming court.

PHOTOS BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER



A Jefferson High School football player gets a few words of encouragement during the Grant High School homecoming game held for the first time at Grant Park. Jefferson won Friday's game, 30-21.

Blazers Begin Training Camp Bonzi Wells signs new multi-year contract

(AP) — Now that he's officially back with the Portland Trail Blazers, guard Bonzi Wells said fans will see a new man.

"I'm back, I'm happy. I'm relieved that it's all over. I'm home," Wells said, after signing a new multi-year contract.

Terms of the deal were not released. Wells and his teammates were at the Rose Garden preparing to open their camp Tuesday at their practice facility in neighboring Tualatin.

"Our goal every year is to have every player signed and in camp on time," Portland general manager Bob Whitsitt said. "We were fortunate to get the job done."

Wells, 25, was the team's second-leading scorer last season, averaging a career-high 17 points



Bonzi Wells

and six rebounds a game. In four years with the Trail Blazers, the 6-foot-5 guard has averaged 12.7

points a game.

"Bonzi was a guy who was a major contributor last year," fellow guard Damon Stoudamire said. "I don't expect it to be any different this year."

The Trail Blazers traded for guard Antonio Daniels and added free agent Jeff McInnis during the summer. The team also signed center Chris Dudley, a 15-year NBA veteran who appeared in 43 games with the Trail Blazers last season; guard Richie Frahm, a rookie out of Gonzaga who played last season in the ABA, and forward Billy Owens is a nine-year NBA veteran.

Seven-foot-3 center Arvydas Sabonis recently rejoined the team after taking a year off.

Portland State Falls at Northern Arizona

A Big Sky opening loss to 16th-ranked Northern Arizona has put the Portland State Vikings in a tough spot early in the year.

The Vikings lost 14-10 at Walkup Skydome and dropped to 2-2 in the season, and 0-1 in Big Sky play.

Portland State had two chances in the closing moments. But the Vikings could not convert after getting a first-and-10 on the 40-yard line with two minutes left.

The loss ends PSU's two game winning streak over NAU.

Portland State returns home

for its next two games.

The Vikings host a non-conference matchup with Southwest Texas State Saturday night. Then, on Oct. 12, the Vikings host Eastern Washington in a Big Sky game. Kickoff for both games is 6:05 p.m. at PGE Park.



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