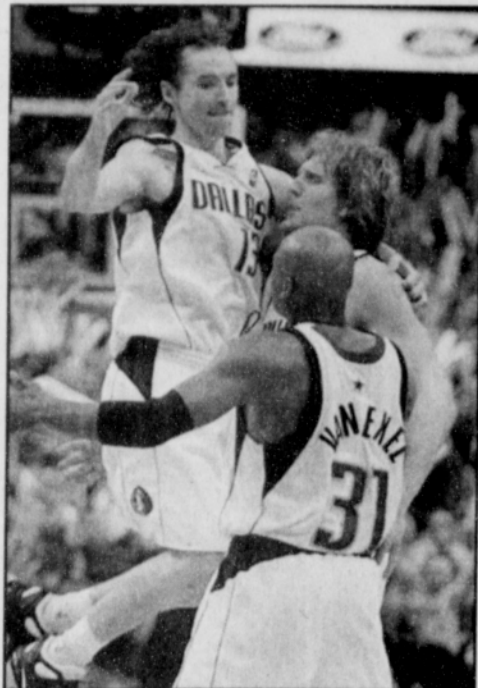


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Blazers 'Good, Bad and Ugly' Season Ends

Dallas Mavericks guard Steve Nash jumps into the arms of forward Dirk Nowitzki as guard Nick Van Exel joins the group in the closing minutes of Game 7 of the Western Conference quarterfinals with the Blazers Sunday. Nowitzki scored 31 points and Van Exel scored 26 points in the Mavericks, 107-95 win. (AP photo)



Portland forward Zach Randolph looks on toward the end of their playoff series-ending game with the Dallas Mavericks. (AP Photo)

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—Blazer guard and Portland native Damon Stoudamire

(AP) — While at times they showed flashes of talent and depth, the Portland Trail Blazers spent much of the season in turmoil.

Off-court legal trouble, league suspensions, a key injury to guard Scottie Pippen and a nasty incident of team infighting marked the Trail Blazers' 2002-03 campaign.

The problems overshadowed the team's successes: their 14th consecutive winning season and their 21st straight trip to the playoffs.

"We had it good, we had it bad," said guard Damon Stoudamire. "And we had it ugly."

Despite losing the first three games of their first-round playoff series against the Dallas Mavericks, the Trail Blazers battled back to win three straight before dropping Game 7, 107-95. No NBA team has ever won a best-of-seven series after dropping the first three.

On Monday, the players were gathering their things from the team's Tualatin practice facility and going their separate ways — disappointed at falling a game short of making history.

"I think we achieved a lot, but underachieved at the same time,"

Stoudamire said.

Injuries brought more trouble in the postseason, forcing coach Maurice Cheeks to constantly juggle his starting lineup. Pippen played in Game 1, but missed the next three because of continued pain and swelling in his knee. The team lost Anderson in Game 2 with a left knee injury that required surgery. Center Arvydas Sabonis had back spasms and missed Game 4. Davis strained his groin and couldn't play in Game 7.

Although they were bounced from the first round for the third

consecutive year, the nearly miraculous rebound against the Mavericks was enough to give the Blazers hope for next season.

"When we're on the same page, we're a pretty good basketball team," Davis said.

Spurs Sink Lakers

(AP) — Tim Duncan scored 28 points and the San Antonio Spurs took game one of their Western Conference semifinal series by outlasting the Los Angeles Lakers 87-to-82.

Duncan also had eight rebounds and seven assists after picking up his M-V-P award during a pregame ceremony. David Robinson added 14 points and eleven rebounds while trying to stop Shaquille O'Neal.

The Spurs let a double-digit lead slip to one point in the fourth quarter before beating the Lakers for the fifth straight time this season. Manu Ginobili had 15 points, including two key three-pointers in the final period.

Kobe Bryant led all scorers with 37 points and O'Neal finished with 24 points and 21 rebounds before fouling out with over three minutes remaining.

Holmes to Attend Harding Match

Commotion at the Ocean IV will feature appearances by boxing giant Former Heavy Weight Champion of the World Larry Holmes and Tonya Harding in her first Oregon match.

The June 13 event at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City is presented by promoter Bob Arum and Top Rank Boxing.

Harding, a featherweight from Portland, has a boxing record of 2-

1. Known for being a scrapper, both personally and professionally, this will be a "must see" for any boxing fan, the promoters said.

Holmes will be available for autographs and photos from 6:30 to 7:30 prior to the fight. Fans are asked to bring their own camera.

For more information, or to obtain tickets, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or Tickets West at 1-800-992-TIXX (8499).

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