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Seattle Savors WNBA Championship

Title first for city in 25 years

(AP) — Betty Lennox had another huge night, scoring 23 points to lead the Seattle Storm to their first WNBA title with a 74-60 victory over the Connecticut Sun.

At the buzzer, the Storm players raced to midcourt for a pileup after the Oct. 13 game while yellow and green confetti fell from the rafters.

The Storm claimed the city's first major professional sports championship in 25 years, going back to the SuperSonics winning the 1979 NBA title. It also gave Seattle coach Anne Donovan her first WNBA crown, having missed in 2001 with Charlotte.

"It feels great to win a championship," Donovan said.

Donovan is the first female coach to win a WNBA title, following Houston's Van Chancellor (1997-2000), Los Angeles' Michael Cooper (2001-02) and Detroit's Bill Laimbeer (2003).

Lennox, who scored 27 in Seattle's Game 2 victory that evened the best-of-three series, kept her momentum going in the decisive third game. She couldn't seem to miss in the second half.

Fans chanted, "Betty, Betty, Betty" when Lennox stepped to the free throw line with 2:35 remaining. She made both shots capping a 33-12 run that stretched Seattle's lead to an insurmountable 71-56.

They changed it to "M-V-P, M-



Seattle Storm guard Betty Lennox passes off as Connecticut's Taj McWilliams-Franklin and Lindsay Whalen defend in the WNBA Final at Key Arena in Seattle. (AP photo)

V-P" when she returned to the line with 1:40 to go, and the fans got what they wanted moments later when WNBA commissioner Val Ackerman told the sellout crowd of 17,072 that Lennox was MVP.

"We're not a one-person team or a two-person team," said

Seattle's Sue Bird, who scored eight points. "There's a reason we won tonight and that's because other people stepped up."



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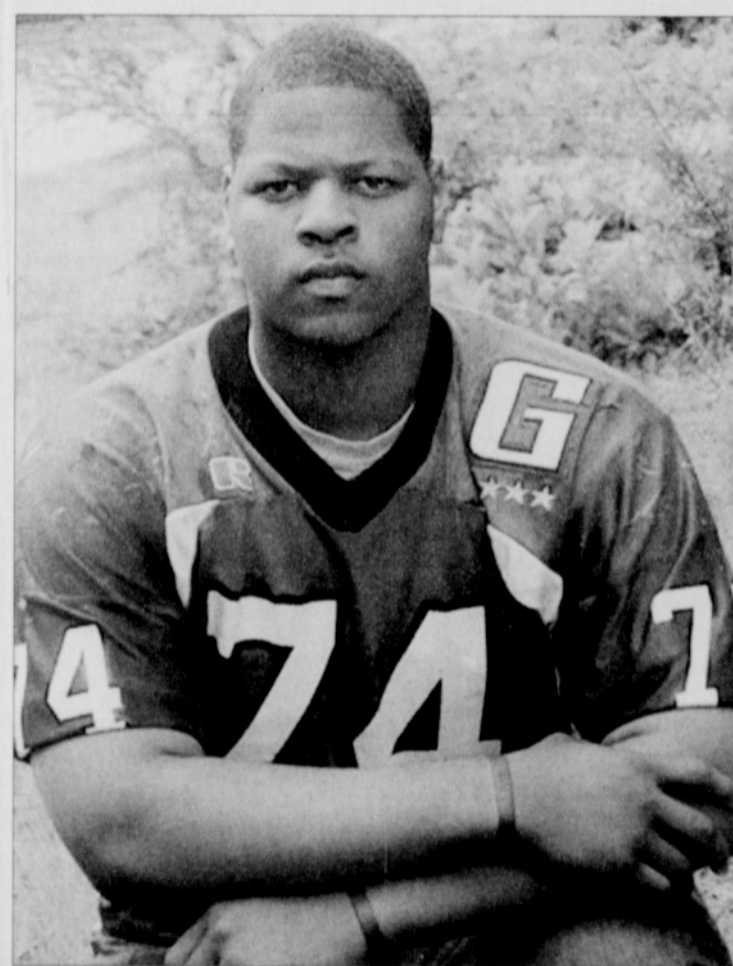
Rice Traded to Seahawks

(AP)—The Seattle Seahawks finally got Jerry Rice on Tuesday. The trade that sent the greatest receiver in NFL history from the Oakland Raiders to the Seahawks was formally announced after the league trade deadline passed in the afternoon.

Seattle gave up a seventh-round draft choice in 2005 to acquire the 42-year-old Rice, whom they think can help them despite his age.

The trade reunites Rice, a 13-time Pro Bowl selection is in his 20th NFL season, with coach Mike Holmgren. Holmgren was quarterbacks coach from 1986-88 and offensive coordinator from 1989-91 when Rice was developing into a star with the San Francisco 49ers.

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He was one of 400 high school football players nationally to be nominated to potentially play in the game. The All-American Bowl will pit the best prep football players from across the country in a classic East v. West battle.

Suh awaits a personal invitation to find out whether he will be one of the 78 players selected to play. He is a standout left guard and defensive tackle at Grant High School in northeast Portland.

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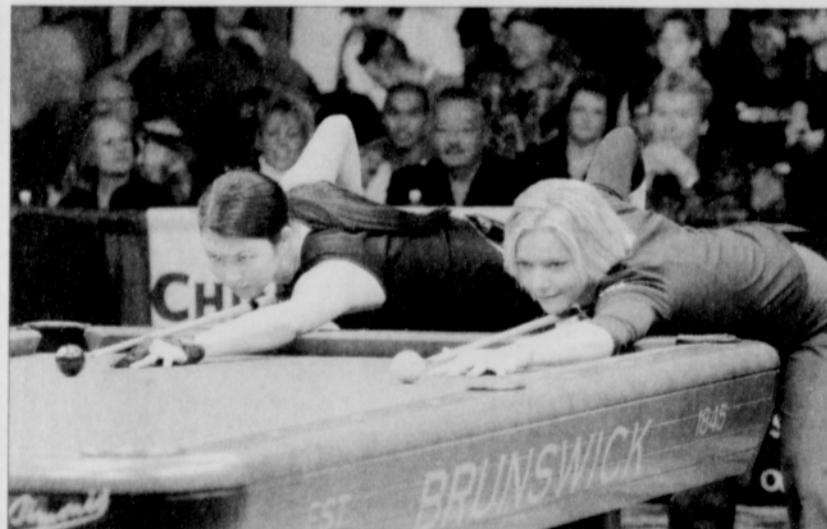
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Restaurant Success Brings Growing Pains

continued from Metro

"We're okay, we don't always have a big income, but we have steady business," Alem says. "My customers have lost a lot of jobs

over the past few years, but things are picking up again."

He says he is not threatened by the proliferation of other Ethiopian or Eritrean restaurants in town. "I encourage my customers to try other places," he says. He also

operates an Ethiopian community center located on North Ivy Street at Gantenbein Avenue.

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