

SPORTS

First Black to Own NFL Team

(AP) - Arizona businessman Reggie Fowler agreed to buy the Minnesota Vikings in a deal that would make him the NFL's first black owner.

Fowler declined to say how much he would pay for the team. Published reports and a rival bidder, put the price at about \$625 million.

Asked about becoming the league's first black owner, Fowler said Monday that he thought it was "a great thing" and not that big a thing. He said race didn't figure in negotiations.

League rules require 24 of the 32 owners to approve a sale. The NFL also mandates that a general partner must put down 30 percent of

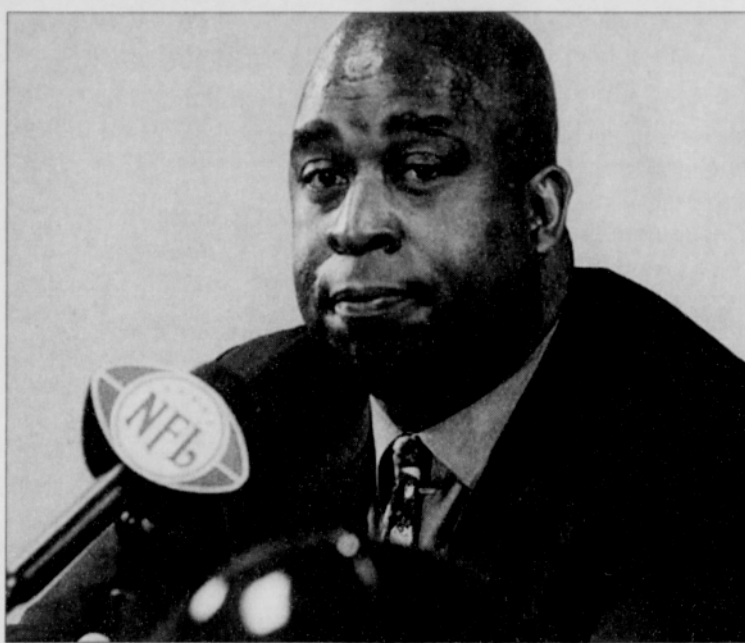
the cash portion of any franchise purchase.

Fowler brushed aside questions about pressing for a new stadium and rejected any thought of moving the team.

"We want to focus today on just acquiring the team," he said at a news conference.

The 46-year-old Fowler owns Spiral Inc., a diverse Chandler, Ariz.-based company that supplies grocery stores with bags, cups, containers, labels and janitorial supplies.

Arizona businessman Reggie Fowler is introduced as the new owner of the Minnesota Vikings. (AP photo)



Teens Honored for Black History Month

The Trail Blazers, in partnership with the Portland Bridge Builders, continue a month-long celebration of Black History by honoring teenagers Nnamdi Anyakwo and Fanta Kimara.

Anyakwo is a senior at Jefferson High School and is in the top 10 percent of his graduating class. In addition to being involved in many school activities and Bridge Builders, Anyakwo volunteers with Upward Bound, Mount Olivet Baptist Church and Legacy Hospital. He is in the University of Portland Mini MBA Program.

Kimara is a member of the National Honor Society and is the Vice President of the Imminent Ladies of Virtue Club. With an interest in government and politics, Kimara participated in student government as a Senator and a St. Mary's Ambassador, as well as serving as a



PHOTO PROVIDED BY PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS
Honorees Nnamdi Anyakwo and Fanta Kimara pose on either side of Trail Blazer Sebastian Telfair, along with the Portland Bridgebuilders, during half-time of the recent Portland Trail Blazers vs. Sacramento Kings game.

page for the Washington State House of Representatives. She is also a member of the NAACP

Vancouver Branch Youth Group and Community AME Zion's Church Youth Group.

Boys Basketball

Team	W	L
Jefferson	13	1
Benson	13	1
Lincoln	11	3
Grant	9	5
Franklin	7	7
Cleveland	5	9
Madison	5	9
Wilson	5	9
Roosevelt	2	12
Marshall	0	14

Girls Basketball

Team	W	L
Lincoln	16	0
Franklin	11	5
Benson	11	5
Wilson	11	5
Jefferson	10	6
Grant	9	7
Cleveland	7	9
Roosevelt	3	13
Marshall	2	14
Madison	0	16

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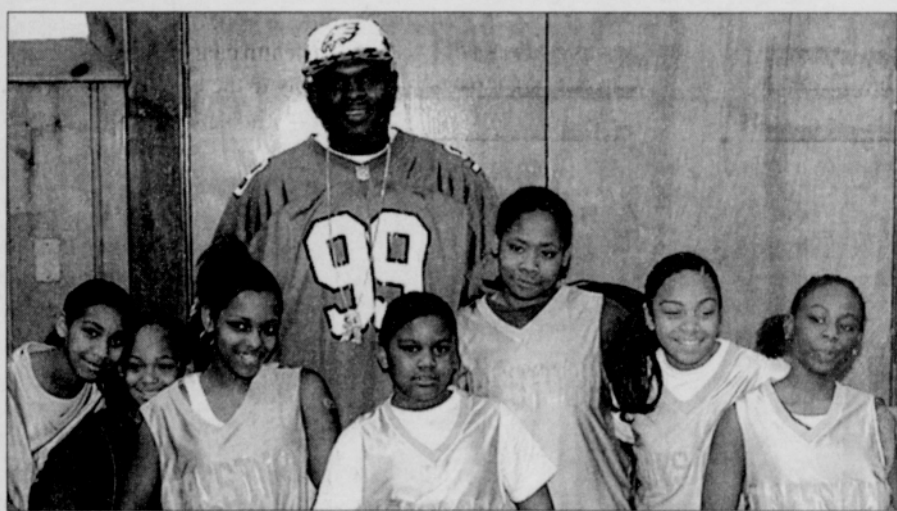
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Trail Blazer Donates \$47,000 to Youth

Trail Blazer Forward Zach Randolph recently donated \$47,000 to the Portland Parks and Recreation 2005 Basketball League, directed toward the purchase of new jerseys. He is seen here with youth at the Matt Dishman Recreational Center during a celebration put on by the parks department.

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