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2006 Jaguar Super V8

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Super V8 defines a stretched and powerful supercharged flagship for Jaguar with performance equipment. It offers Style, Sophistication, Elegance, and Excellence all in one package.

The Super V8 Portfolio isn't a car to be chauffeured around in. Rather its 4.2-liter supercharged AJ-V8 engine was specifically designed for inspirational driving. Produc-

ing 400-horsepower and 408 lb-ft of torque, 86 percent of which is made from just 2,000 rpm, the Portfolio is able to perform, no matter what the situation is.

Matched to a six-speed ZF automatic gearbox with adaptive shift technology, the Super V8 can dash to 60 mph in 5.2 seconds, and is able to reach an electronically limited top speed of 155 mph. Meanwhile, front and rear aluminum double-wishbone air suspension and adjustable dampers reportedly provide a comfortable yet firm ride capable of coping with spirited driv-



Tested Vehicle Information: Price: \$91,995; Engine: 400 HP 4.2L V8; Transmission: 6 speed automatic.

ing. Steering is conducted through the famed ZF Servotronic system, while the brakes are high-performance four-piston calipers.

Jaguar does it the old-fashioned

way, with opulent stitched leather and plenty of polished walnut veneer. Instruments and controls are easy to see and use, even the standard navigation system. Well-

marked hard buttons around the screen, and soft buttons on-screen, make everything easy to understand and use, unlike the single-button interfaces found in some of

the Super V8's competitors. Heated, power-adjustable front seats are nothing out of the ordinary - although the Super V8's provide excellent comfort and support, even lateral support - but heated, power-adjustable outboard rear seats are. And since all of the long-wheelbase stretch goes into the passenger cabin, rear knee room, not exactly cramped in the short-wheelbase car, is increased by 4.5 inches. Add heat and an adjustable back angle, and a DVD entertainment system with screens in the back of each front seat headrest, and burled-walnut faced fold-down tray tables, and there is a strong temptation to hire a chauffeur and enjoy a life of luxury in the rear seat.

Super V8 Portfolio is a car built to meet the highest modern standards, with a traditional image, embodied with 21st-century soul, and because of this, its the hippest, trendiest Jaguar to set rubber to tarmac.

SPORTS

Woods Captures 50th PGA Title

(AP) -- Tiger Woods made a career-high 28 birdies in a tournament and reached a season-low 24 under by shooting his fourth straight 6-under 66 for a three-stroke win over Jim Furyk in the Buick Open.

The 30-year-old Woods became the seventh member to win 50 PGA Tour events, and at 30, the youngest. Woods has made 196 PGA Tour starts as a pro and 210 overall.

Jack Nicklaus won his 50th title in 1973 at age 33. It was his 280th start overall - and 262nd as a professional.

Sam Snead is atop the PGA Tour's career wins list with 82, ahead of Nicklaus (73), Ben Hogan (64), Arnold Palmer (62), Byron Nelson (52) and Billy Casper (51).



Woods said he hopes he'll have enough success to catch Snead.

"It's going to be a lifetime, a career, to get to that point and attain something like that," Woods said. "It took me 10 years to get here, hopefully I can continue playing well over the next 10, 20 years."

Tiger Woods reacts to his putt on the eighth hole during the final round of the Buick Open golf tournament Sunday in Grand Blanc, Mich.

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Clouds Remain Over Blazer Franchise

Allen rejects offers to buy

Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen has pulled out of negotiations to sell the team and the Rose Garden arena.

Allen, the billionaire co-founder of Microsoft, and Portland Arena Management, which owns and runs the Rose Garden arena, had been working to-

gether to sell the team and the arena as a package.

Several groups made public their intentions to bid, including an effort by former Blazer Terry Porter and another by Mark Wattles, who founded Hollywood Video.

"Multiple bids were received, a number of which were in a range which PAM found acceptable," the arena management group said Thursday. "However, Mr. Allen has advised PAM that he does not

wish to pursue a sale of the team at this time, and the sale process has been terminated."

Allen's investment company, Vulcan Inc., issued a statement that said it had been unable to reach a mutually agreeable solution.

Allen relinquished ownership of the Rose Garden in bankruptcy proceedings in 2004. Giving up revenue from luxury suites and other arena sources contributed to the Blazers' financial losses.



Paul Allen



Dale Davis

Stun Gun Arrest Outrages Davis

(AP) — Detroit Pistons center and former Portland Trail Blazer Dale Davis was shocked with a stun gun and charged with assault and disorderly conduct in an altercation with Miami Beach police.

Davis was arrested Aug. 1 at a Miami Beach hotel and accused of threatening police, security guards

and shouting profanities, police said.

Chubby Wells, Davis' agent, said he plans to file a lawsuit against police for their treatment of the 15-year NBA veteran.

"It was so ridiculous, it's unbelievable," Wells said. "We're going to take a stand."

Police were called to the hotel by the security workers and Davis was repeatedly asked to leave, but refused, according to the report.

Police said Davis balled his fists and began walking toward officers in an aggressive manner, and he was warned that he would be hit with a Taser gun if he continued.

Barkley Addresses Social Issues Brings book tour to Hall of Fame

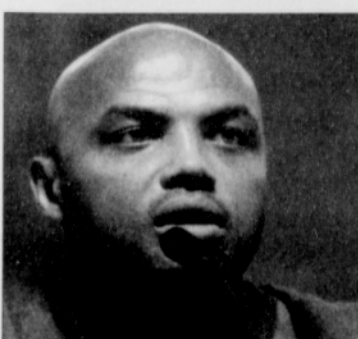
(AP) -- Charles Barkley always insisted he isn't a role model - but not everyone agrees. Certainly not the roughly 1,600 people who came to see Barkley as he visited the Basketball Hall of Fame for the first time.

Barkley, who would not come to the Hall of Fame before he was elected, toured the building Aug. 2 and addressed the crowd before signing copies of his two most recent books, "I May Be Wrong but I Doubt It" and "Who's Afraid of a Large Black Man?"

"The last two books have been about social issues and things which mean more to me than the basketball stuff," said Barkley, the author of five books. "I want to talk about serious stuff and try to make a difference in these kids' lives."

Barkley caused a stir when he did a Nike commercial in the 1990s saying that he was not a role model.

"I told kids to listen to their parents and I still believe that," the 11-

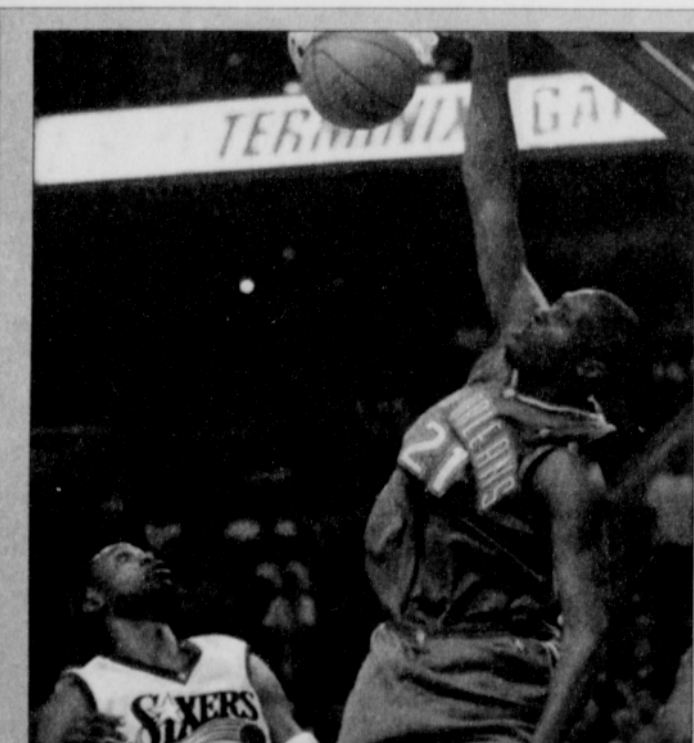


Former NBA star Charles Barkley speaks during a special event at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. (AP photo)

time All-Star said. "That's probably the thing I'm most proud of in my 16 years in the NBA because it started a great nationwide debate."

Still, 20-year-old Tripp Baker thinks Barkley is definitely someone to look up to.

Barkley averaged 22.1 points and 11.7 rebounds per game during a 16-year NBA career with Philadelphia, Phoenix and Houston.



All Star Center Joins Blazers

Jamal Magloire (right) dunks the ball over Kenny Thomas of the Philadelphia 76ers in this Nov. 3, 2003 file photo. Magloire, an all-star center, was recently acquired by the Portland Trail Blazers in a trade that send guard Steve Blake, forward Brian Skinner and center Ha Seung-Jin to the Milwaukee Bucks.

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