

# SPORTS

## Blazers to Retire Lionel Hollins' No. 14

### As team pays tribute to 1977 NBA Championship

Thirty years ago this June, the Portland Trail Blazers shocked the basketball world winning the NBA Championship over the heavily-favored Philadelphia 76ers, 4-2.

Trail Blazers will pay special tribute to the 1977 NBA World Champions during ceremonies at Portland's final regular season game against the Golden State Warriors on Wednesday, April 18. The reunion will be highlighted by the retiring of the No. 14 jersey worn by former Trail Blazers guard Lionel Hollins, who played an integral role on the championship team.

"The 1977 team set the bar by which all other Trail Blazers teams are judged," said Mike Golub, Trail Blazers executive vice president. "It was a very special team and a very special time for the franchise, its fans and the City of Portland, and we very much look forward to welcoming all the heroes from that team back to Portland and honoring them for their incredible accomplishments."

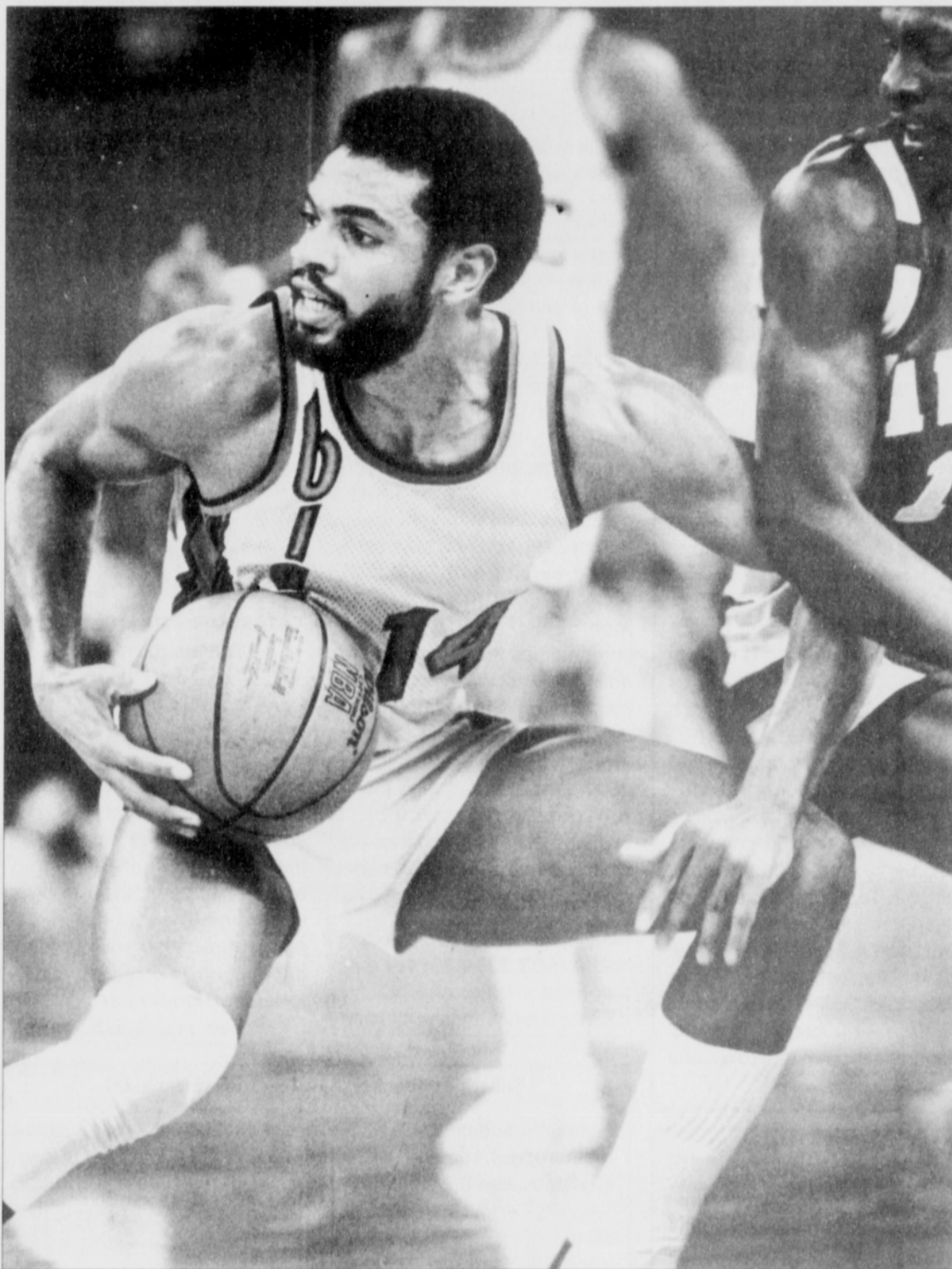
Fans attending the game will receive a special commemorative poster that features the

1976-77 Trail Blazers on one side and the current 2006-07 Trail Blazers team on the opposite side.

"We wanted to make the reunion very special for this team and the consensus among the alumni, coaches and organization was that retiring Lionel Hollins' jersey was long overdue and the right thing to do, so this seemed the perfect opportunity," added Golub. "We couldn't be more excited to raise the 'Train's' jersey to the rafters to join the other Trail Blazer greats."

Hollins joins fellow 1977 champion teammates Dave Twardzik (#13), Larry Steele (#15), Maurice Lucas (#20), Bill Walton (#32), and Lloyd Neal (#36) to have their jerseys retired. The only other Trail Blazers to have their jerseys retired are Geoff Petrie (#45) and Clyde Drexler (#22).

Another highlight of the 1977 Reunion will be an onetime rally for the former champions at Terry Schunk Plaza. Schunk Plaza was the scene of a massive rally for the team immediately following the team's victory parade, which began at



Union Station and worked its way down Broadway.

The Trail Blazers are also paying homage to the team on its trailblazers.com website with a special 1977 World Champions section, which features news, stats, photos, video and a variety of archived material from 1977.

The Trail Blazers drafted Hollins out of Arizona State University with the sixth overall pick in the 1975 NBA Draft. He played five seasons for the Portland Trail Blazers from 1975-1980, averaging 13.6 points per game.

Hollins is currently an assistant coach with the Memphis Grizzlies.

Lionel Hollins as a member of the 1977 NBA World Champion Portland Trail Blazers

## Tiger Out-Mastered

### 'Normal guy' Johnson wins at Augusta

(AP) -- It all seemed surreal to Zach Johnson. Three clutch birdies on the back nine at the Masters. His name atop the leaderboard. Toppling Tiger Woods. Slipping on the green jacket.

"I'm from Cedar Rapids, Iowa," he said when asked to describe himself. "That's about it. I'm a normal guy."

Not anymore. Normal guys don't beat Woods in the final round of a major, especially when Woods is in the lead. Normal guys aren't unfazed by the ground-shaking cheers of Woods making an eagle to mount a charge.

Jack Fleck was a normal guy from Iowa, too, and he took down the great Ben Hogan in the 1955 U.S. Open.

Maybe everyone should have seen this one coming.

A strange week at Augusta National saved the biggest surprise for the very end — Johnson as the Masters champion, and beating Woods to get there.



Zach Johnson (left) receives a customary green jacket from 2006 champion Phil Mickelson for winning the Masters Sunday.

"As they say, a giant has got to fall at some point," he said.

Johnson pulled away from Woods and the rest of the pack with three birdies in a pivotal four-hole stretch, closing with a 3-under 69 for a two-shot victory over Woods, Retief Goosen and Rory Sabbatini. It was only the second victory of his career.

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