

SPORTS



First Step Streetjam Champions

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Trail Blazer Travis Outlaw (center, back row) joins local kids from First Step Sports Academy who finished their all-American youth basketball camp with a bang at the Trail Blazers 3-on-3 Streetjam, coming back with five division champions ranging in ages from 9 to 17 years old. Two of the teams defended their win from last year and the 12-year-old team did it like the Lakers with a three-peat.

Gibson Legacy Honored



Althea Gibson at Wimbledon in 1956.

(AP) -- Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Aretha Franklin, Carol Moseley Braun and other pioneering black women will come together on the U.S. Open's opening night to celebrate the legacy of late tennis star Althea Gibson.

The USTA is commemorating the 50th anniversary of Gibson's historic title at the U.S. National Championships. In 1957, she became the first black tennis player, male or female, to win the tournament, which became the Open.

"Tennis has its own Jackie Robinson, and we want to tell the world the story," said Arlen Kantarian, the USTA's chief executive of pro tennis.

Gibson will also be inducted into the U.S. Open Court of Champions, based on the result of an international media vote, during the Aug. 27 ceremony.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Billie Jean King and Rachel Robinson, Jackie Robinson's widow, are also expected to attend.

Gibson broke the color barrier in tennis in 1950 and went on to win 11 Grand Slam titles. She died in 2003 at the age of 76.

Udoka Signs with Spurs

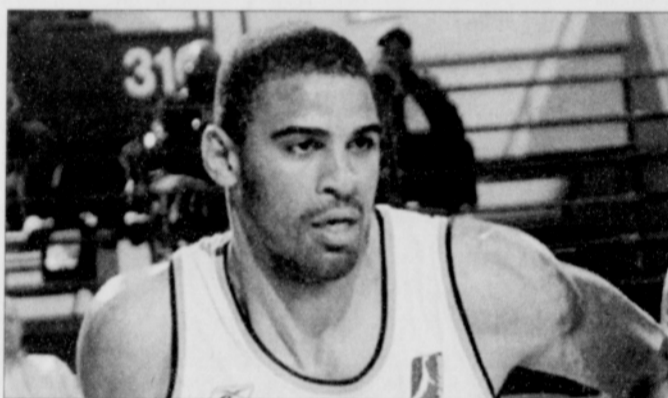
(AP) -- The San Antonio Spurs signed Portland starter and former Jefferson High School star Ime Udoka on Thursday.

The team declined to disclose the terms of the deal reached with the free-agent swingman who started in 75 games for the Trail Blazers last season.

Udoka, who was undrafted out of college, averaged 8.4 points, 3.7 re-

bounds and 1.5 assists last season. He ranked 19th in the NBA in three-point shooting, sinking 89 of 219 attempts.

He played in the NBA Development League and internationally before spending one season with the Los Angeles Lakers and one with the New York Knicks and arriving back in Portland, his hometown, for the 2006-07 season.



Ime Udoka

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2007 Dodge Charger R/T AWD Zeal for Life

BY KATHLEEN CARR

Dodge brought back a famous model name from its muscle-car past with the launch of the Charger for 2006. From 1966 to the early 1970s, Charger coupes were among the most powerful and most recognized muscle machines on the market. Chargers equipped with the legendary Hemi V-8 engine captured the imagination of countless young drivers.

The flavor of the American muscle car is evident in the 2007 Dodge Charger, yet it has its own unique, modern character. The updated styling and fastback design create a modern statement of power.

In its modern rendition, the Charger is a 5-passenger sedan and not a coupe. The 2007 Dodge Charger is a fresh execution of modern muscle with convenience of 21st century DaimlerChrysler technology.

Our Dodge Charger R/T AWD offered the Boston Acoustics audio systems; AM/FM/six-CD/cassette stereo with MP3 capability; DVD-based navigation system; and a rear-seat Video Entertainment System. Standard features on the R/T model; SIRIUS Satellite Radio with first-year subscription provided by SIRIUS and power adjustable pedals.

The inside of the Charger is marked by attractive, minimalist styling that, by offering nothing terribly interesting to look at, helps reinforce the notion that this car should be driven with a focus on the road ahead.

The 2007 Charger has the sleek aggressive stance of a panther on the prowl. The profile of the 2007 Charger's roofline and sloping fastback style suggest a sense of speed, while the front end is strong with a sinister sneer.

Boasting the longest wheelbase



Specifications:
5.7-Liter HEMI V-8 MDS Engine; 5-Speed AutoStick Automatic Transmission; 17-City, 24-Highway MPG; \$38,465 MSRP

in its class, the Charger provides generous passenger and cargo space to meet the demands of active lifestyles. New for 2007 are the optional all-wheel-drive models that offer four-season traction with a 38/62 front/rear torque split standard on the R/T AWD; providing excellent cornering balance.

The deep throaty growl of the 5.7 liter Hemi engine is reminiscent of the classic muscle car. The 5.7-liter Hemi V-8 in the R/T produces 340 hp and 390 pounds-feet of torque and delivers a 0-60-mph at just-a-hair less than 6 seconds.

The 2007 Dodge Charger has the Hemi power expected in a Charger while answering the need for fuel efficiency without sacrificing performance. The Hemi V-8 MDS system allows the powerful V-8 engine to alternate between four- and eight-cylinders to boost fuel economy by as much as 20 percent providing a fairly respectable 17-city 24-highway mpg.

All models have a five-speed automatic transmission that incorporates an AutoStick feature for manual gear selection. AutoStick provides a full range of transmission performance to match a variety of driving styles and situations.

Dodge Charger's integrated safety and security features provide exceptional occupant protection on the road. All Dodge Charger models

are available with advanced technology, including ESP with Brake Assist, all-speed traction control system and four-wheel ABS, which improves handling and accident avoidance; earning the Dodge Charger a five-star safety rating.

"The new Dodge Charger is all

about celebrating the American muscle car and going places in something special," said Trevor Creed, Senior Vice President — Design, Chrysler Group. "Dodge Charger makes a statement about the owner's zeal for life and for beautiful things."

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