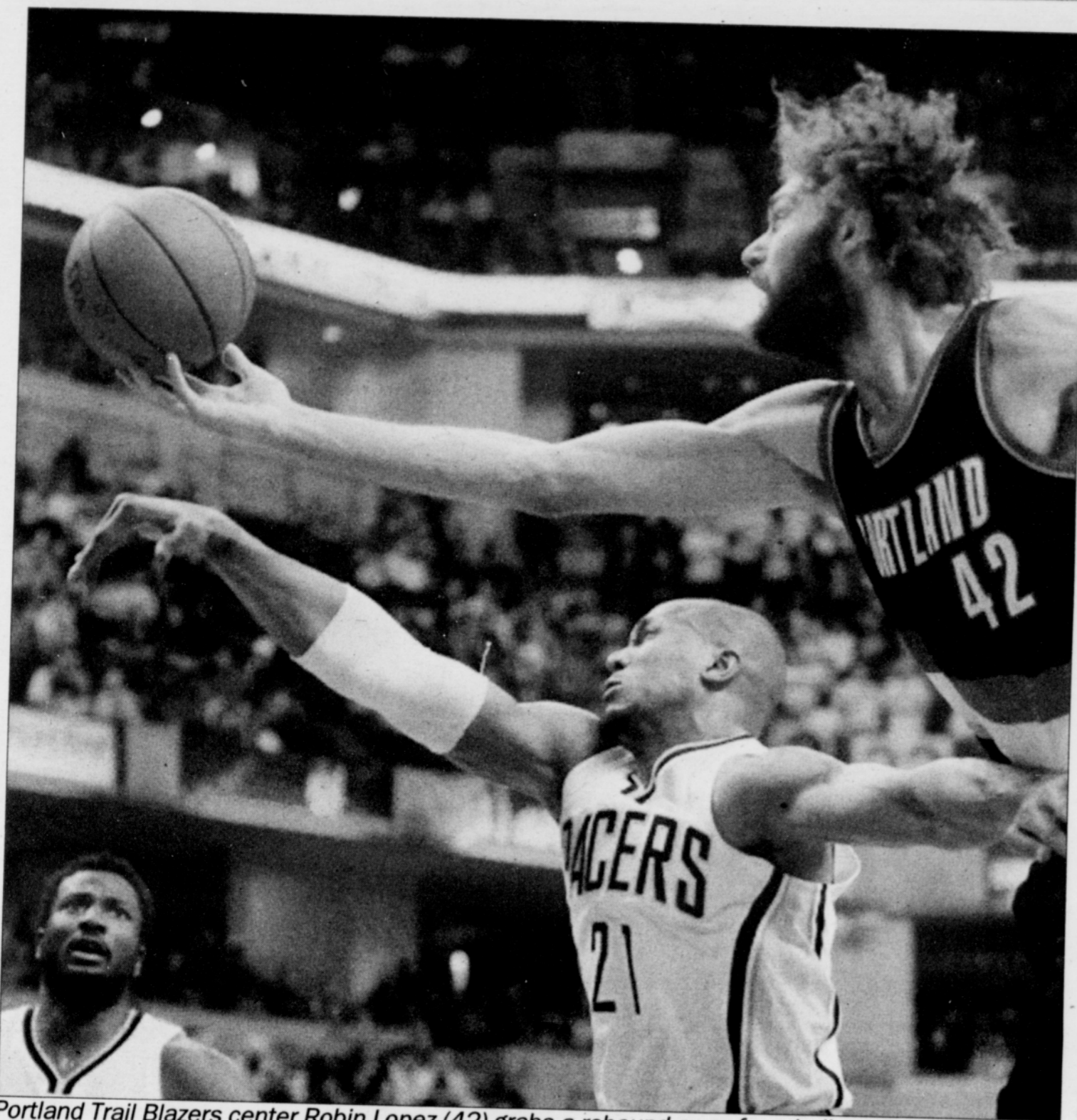


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Portland Trail Blazers center Robin Lopez (42) grabs a rebound away from Indiana Pacers forward David West during Saturday's NBA basketball game in Indianapolis. (AP photo)

Lopez Hurt in Blazer Win

(AP) -- Portland was dealt a tough blow in what should have been a straightforward win against short-handed San Antonio.

Starting center Robin Lopez broke his right hand in the third quarter and will be out for "a while," coach Terry Stotts said after the Blazers defeated the Spurs 108-95 on Monday night.

Lopez has not missed a game for the Blazers since coming to the team in the summer of 2013. He gave Portland some badly needed stability at the position.

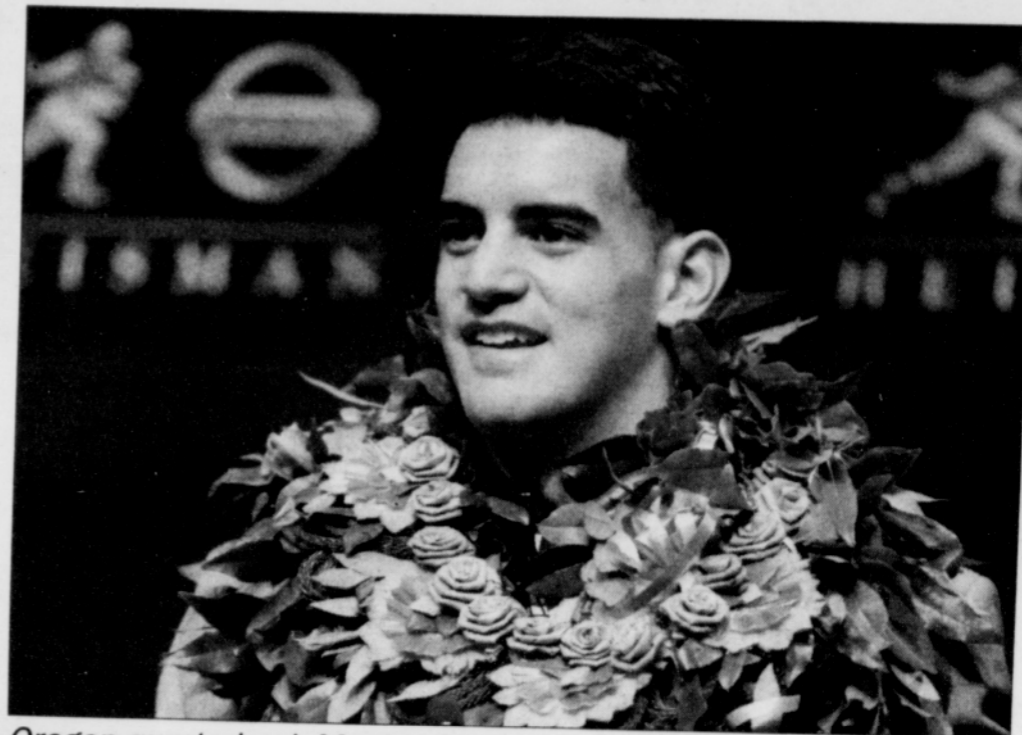
"It's a little frustrating," said Lopez, who said there was perhaps two breaks in his hand, and that it would be reevaluated on Tuesday. "I've been pretty fortun-

nate with injuries in my career."

Portland will likely start Chris Kaman, who has been Lopez's backup this season after signing with the Blazers as a free agent this summer.

"He's a big part of this offense and this team and our identity," LaMarcus Aldridge said about Lopez. "He does so many things that people don't notice. He's a hard worker, the guy that does all the things that nobody else really does in the first unit. So it's going to be tough."

Aldridge had 23 points and 14 rebounds for his 13th double-double this season. Damian Lillard also had 23 points and a career-high 10 rebounds for Portland, which has won seven of nine.



Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota poses for photographers after being awarded the Heisman Trophy on Saturday in New York. (AP Photo)

Oregon's Mariota Awarded Heisman

Football's prestigious award first for Ducks

(AP) - Marcus Mariota, Oregon's junior quarterback and understated star, became the Ducks' first Heisman winner going away Saturday night, capping a three-year climb to college football's most prestigious individual award.

"I'm humbled to be standing here today," Mariota said moments after he was announced as the winner.

Mariota isn't a bigger talker, but he steadily worked through his acceptance speech, thanking his teammates, teachers, friends and his home state of Hawaii. He finally hit a snag when it came time to thank his mother and father. He needed to take two deep breaths and still he got choked up.

A pinpoint passer with wide-re-

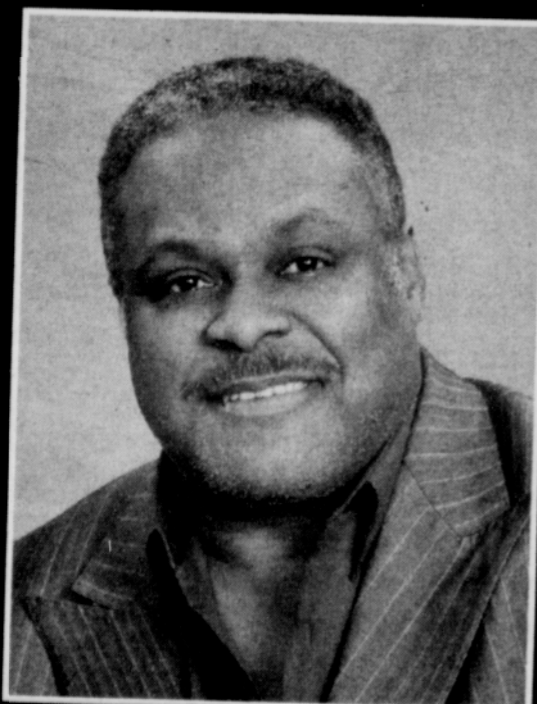
ceiver speed, he came into this season as the favorite to win the 80th Heisman. He had twice as many points (2,534) as second-place finisher Melvin Gordon (1,250), the record-breaking running back from Wisconsin. The other finalist, Alabama receiver Amari Cooper, was third.

Mariota, the first Hawaii native to win the Heisman, has accounted for a Pac-12-record 53 touchdowns (38 passing, 14 rushing and one receiving) while directing the Ducks' warp-speed spread offense.

"In Hawaii, if one person is successful, the entire state is successful," he said, draped in leis at his news conference.

It will be a matchup of Heisman-winning quarterbacks in the College Football Playoff's Rose Bowl semifinal Jan. 1 with Mariota and the Ducks facing Florida State and Jameis Winston.

"I'm just looking forward to getting back on the field and playing again," Mariota said. "We do have a team goal."



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