Soviets, East Germans running Afghanistan

By BARRY SCHWEID — Oregonian Jan 23, 1980

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of Soviet bureaucrats have moved into Afghanistan to run the government and East German intelligence agents are helping to operate the security system, administration sources disclosed Tuesday.

Afghan administrators are being dismissed and, in some cases, executed, as the Soviets attempt to tighten their hold on the pro-Moscow government of Babrak Karmal, the sources said.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said, meanwhile, that the Soviets were airlifting more troops into the country now that Kabul airport has reopened after a severe snowfall. He said there were some 85,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said the Soviets have taken over direction of the Foreign Ministry and security, with East German intelligence agents assuming the role they also play in South Yemen and Angola.

Moslem guerrilla resistance to the Soviet intervention is persisting, Carter said. He said that while intelligence reports are sketchy, Soviet casualties in the monthlong penetration of the Moslem country may have reached 2,000.

The Soviets have had advisers in the country for about two years, trying to influence succeeding Marxist governments toward a more pro-Moscow line.

Since last month's overthrow of President Hafizullah Amin and his succession by Babrak, viewed by the Carter administration as a puppet, the Soviets have assumed a more prominent position in governmental operations.

"The advisers are being a lot more active, and the new administrators have joined them," said one U.S. official who asked not to be identified.

President Carter has called the Soviet thrust into Afghanistan "the most serious threat to world peace since the Second World War."

In an address Wednesday night he is expected to announce a series of measures he hopes will contain Soviet expansion in Southwest Asia.

According to some reports, the Soviets have been training Baluchi tribesmen to foment dissent in neighboring Pakistan. However, a State Department statement said officials could not "confirm with any degree of specificity either that such training is taking place or, if it is, where the training is being carried out."

The Baluchis are a restive minority in Iran and Afghanistan as well as Pakistan. Some analysts hold the view that Pakistan's central government could be subverted by exacerbating Baluchi unrest.

Jan. 23, 1980

Jeffrey Mishlove:

As you know, before Russia attacked Afghanistan I phoned you (and Dr. Monteith) and told you that my SIs told me to warn that the U.S. was in deadly danger, hour by hour, day by day. Either in a way therebefore non-existent. You or Henry asked and I said an immediate threat of World War Three. So I *warned before the fact.

Ted Owens
& PK Man

* My SIs (or "The Phenomena" — I am very proud of Scott's book!

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Dear Jim:

Scott has done something I had considered impossible to do. He has "measured" something that I thought immeasurable.

His book is a work of art. Scientific, analytic... for the scientist or the layman... Tough and uncompromising writing. In my opinion no other professional author or investigator in the world could have written Scott's book but Scott. Could have grasped the subtleties and abstractions involved and laid them out for the average reader to understand.

Scott will understand when I raise my glass and say "Cheers!"

Sincerely,

Ted Owens
(PK Man)

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Indiana beat the Blazers night before last but they didn't even put it in the paper. Owens.

Note: This newspaper went to Portland psychiatrists to find out what's wrong with this team. Ha ha ha!! Owens

Memories of too-early succes

By STEVE KELLEY
of The Oregonian staff

Bob Gross and Lionel Hollins were 24 when the Portland Trail Blazers' offense was the Picasso of basketball, its defense as effective as the Great Wall.

Maurice Lucas was 25 and Dave Twardzik 27 when the Trail Blazers won the 1977 National Basketball Association championship from the Philadelphia 76ers.

Now, just 2½ seasons later, the talk in Portland no longer is of championships. Instead the Blazers' modest proposal is to win 45 games and secure a playoff berth.

Four players who reached the pinnacle of their profession at very early ages are rearranging their goals for this season. Their sights are set significantly lower.

That adjustment can have a profound effect on a player's psyche. Recently, during a losing spell that saw the Blazers lose 16 of 21, opposing players were noticing a change in the personality of the team that once was king.

"They are the kind of team that usually fights back from 30 down," said Seattle guard Dennis Johnson after a Sonics' rout of the Blazers Dec. 28. "I didn't see that in them tonight. I didn't see that fight."

That aggressiveness has been the trademark of all Jack Ramsay teams, but the fire was missing in many recent losses.

Is it hard to restoke the fire after falling from the heights of a championship? The Oregonian asked several Portland-area psychiatrists.

"All pro athletes have to cope with expectations from three different levels," said Dr. Gus Proano of Vancouver, "the public, ownership and themselves.

"Because of the championship season, everyone has great expectations for those players (Gross, Lucas, Hollins and Twardzik). Now you can see they are frustrated and anxious. They're not relaxed. There isn't the feeling that they can predict what they can do."

Part of the Blazer problem, according to Dr. Ralph Crawshaw of Portland is that the Blazers still haven't had a proper mourning period for the loss of that championship team.

"They have to mourn the loss of the original championship team," Crawshaw said. "The purpose of mourning is to face the past successes and failures and give yourself freedom. You can't go on until you've allowed the natural process of grief to take place. It's called a letdown. It has to be properly attended to.

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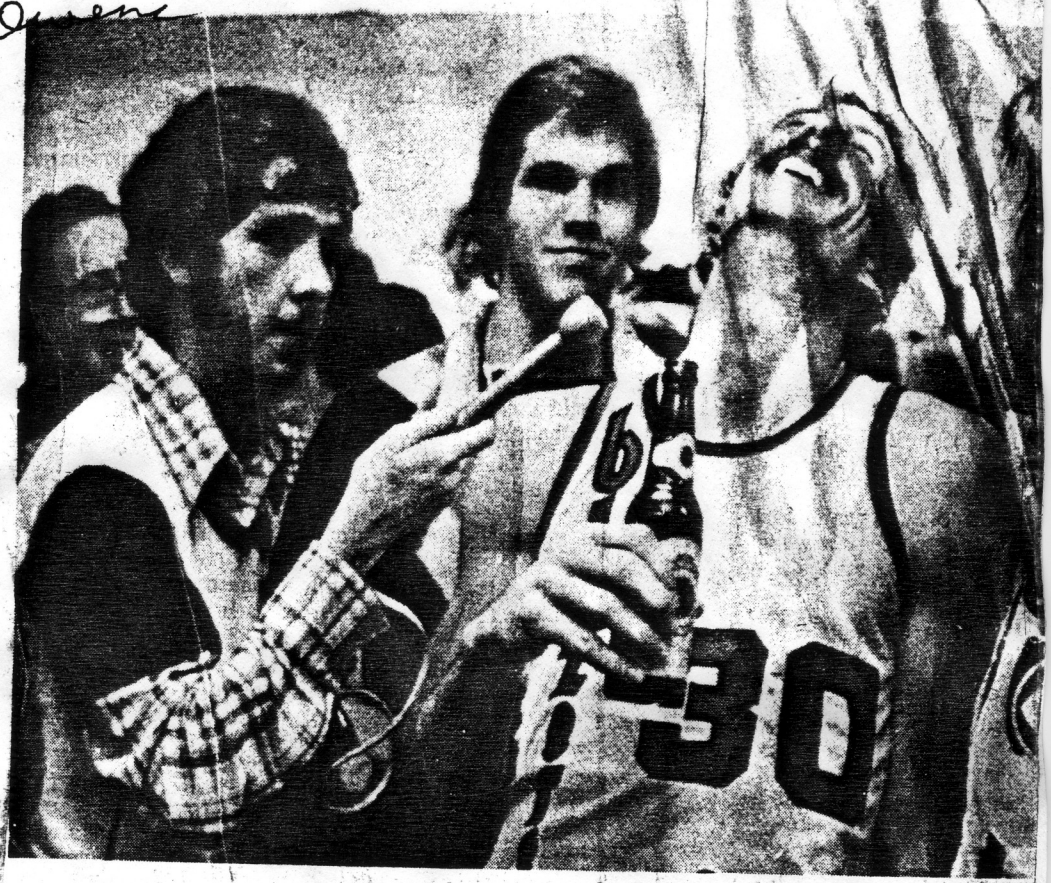

TOO SOON? — Did success come too early for young Blazers like Gross and Twardzik (abo

Blazer chances: grim

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By KEN WHEELER
Journal Sports Writer

NEW YORK — They went six seasons without ever knowing about playoffs. The regular season ended and so did their work.

Trail Blazer fans learned to accept that as a way of life. There were 82 games and no more.

But then Bill Walton stayed healthy for a season and changed all that. Trail Blazer fans adjusted quickly to the idea that the NBA played in two seasons. The regular season was a prelude. Behind it came the playoffs, the part that really was fun.

This may be the season when the thinking again has to be readjusted.

One veteran member of the team looked at the cold numbers which lie ahead and sized up the Blazer chances for a playoff spot this season in one word.

"Grim."

That, he said, "has to be off the record. But that's what it is."

It's an assessment with which it would be hard to argue.

Left for the Blazers, starting with their game against the Nets in New Jersey Friday night, are 36 games. The idea all along has been that the team needs 45 wins to nail down a playoff position.

That means the Blazers would have to go 22-14 the rest of the season — win two games for each one that is lost.

Is there any sign whatsoever that can be done?

Making it even more difficult is the fact that 20 of the games left are on the road and only 16 at home.

To win 22 more, the Blazers then would have to win every home game left, plus six on the road.

Arguing against that coming about are the facts.

The Blazers, who follow their game against the Nets with stops in Washington, Philadelphia, Boston and Milwaukee, haven't won a game on the road since Nov. 11. They've lost 12 in a row away from Memorial Coliseum.

And Tuesday night's loss at home to Indiana made it eight Portland losses at home this season, equaling the total for last season.

Oh, there could be a turnaround. But if there were to be one, wouldn't there have been some sign of it by now?

These are not good times for the Blazers.

Lionel Hollins, who has missed the last four games with a virus added to an ailing ankle, did not start the trip with the Blazers.

He is expected to be along soon, though, maybe even in time for the opening game of this trip.

Meanwhile, Maurice Lucas is battling a virus, too. What once was a throat infection now has turned into what he describes as "stomach flu."

Ah, when it rains, it's ice.

Wins likely will be hard for the Trail Blazers to get on this trip. But other things can be expected.

The buildings are tall, so expect the stories to match.

Now that the Blazers have touched the east coast for the first time this season, it only stands to reason that before they leave this "media center" of the country, someone will have made a couple of trades in their behalf.

It would seem impossible that the Blazers could stop here, en route to their Friday-night game across the Hudson, without at least a couple stories popping up.

The prime reasons, of course, are that the Blazers aren't really doing so well in their battle to stay among the leaders in the Pacific Division; that they have a property, Lucas, who would sort of like to be traded; and that there are two teams here who have shown some interest.

But, apparently, it'll have to be a new story from that one of 10 days back, that one about how the Blazers had turned down four specific offers from the New York Knicks in a bid by them to pry Lucas free.

Interestingly, the story, as printed in Portland, attributed the information "to a source close to the Knicks."

In a New York paper, "The offers were confirmed by a high-ranking Portland official."

That's the trouble with not having enough wins. Stories take their place.

BLAZER NOTES — Wednesday was a day when the Blazers twice were delayed for de-icing — not of themselves, but of their aircraft — but, hopefully, a little of it rubbed off.

They were only an hour late out of Portland, delayed while the airline searched for additional de-icing formula. They were held up in Seattle another hour for a second de-icing. This time their Boeing 747 loaded, then pulled into the hangar for the job. Sort of a winter carwash for the big fellow, if you will.

Ballard leads Bullet rout

Jan. 14, 1980

Confusing Blazers turn in a clinker

/ STEVE KELLEY
The Oregonian staff

LANDOVER, Md. — Will the real ortland Trail Blazers please stand up?

The inconsistent Blazers, 24-24, owed their darker side again Sunday a 127-95 loss to the Washington Bul-s, 20-21, at Capital Centre. The Blaz-s shot poorly, were picked apart on e boards and got burned by the fast-eaking Bullet guards.

In other words, all of the positive ings they showed in their blowout in Friday at New Jersey were miss-g. And the intensity with which they ayed Friday disappeared.

Greg Ballard, who seems to be set-ng comfortably into his role as a arting small forward ahead of Bob andridge, had a career-high 32 points. ad Larry Wright, getting a rare start guard, put enough zip in the Bullets zap the Blazers.

Elvin Hayes, Ballard and Wes Un-ld combined for 39 rebounds as Wash-gton had a convincing 55-45 edge ere.

"They (Blazers) just weren't block-g out as they have in the past," said ayes, who had 17 points and 14 re-ounds. "They weren't as physical. ey might block you out on the first fort, but you could always get them the second effort today.

"They looked tired, like they want-to go home. It was like they thought ey were out of it, out of the Western onference race.

"I can understand it. The Western onference is much tougher than our nference," Hayes continued. "All we ve to do is win four or five in a row and we're back in it."

"They can win four or five in a row and still have trouble. That can be very disheartening."

The Blazers have been a very confusing team this year. They have been capable of the brilliance of a nine-game winning streak, yet capable of dropping 10 in a row. They can play a marvelous 48 minutes Friday and play a clinker less than 48 hours later.

It appears obvious that several things have to happen for Portland to win, and none of them happened Sunday.

The Blazers need consistent leadership from their point guards. They got none Sunday.

They need consistent points and rebounds from their center. Tom Owens is the only center they have with Kevin Kunnert injured. Sunday, Owens got in foul trouble early and wasn't a factor. There was no help behind him.

They need a small forward running cuts, making passes and creating havoc with the defense. Bob Gross had only two points in 23 minutes, and Blazer Coach Jack Ramsay found no one else to turn to.

"You have to believe me. I'm not kidding you, I still like the way they execute," veteran Bullet guard Jim Cleamons said of Portland. "But when they have certain people in the game, when they have to rely on the outside shot, they have problems unless they get a lot of rebounds. Today they didn't.

"I still love their offense, though. It's the best in the league, a tribute to their coach. They still get the shots they want when they're willing to wait for them."

Sunday's game has to rank with the biggest yawners of the season. Beginning in the second quarter, the Blazers' shots stopped dropping. The big Bullet front line took care of the rebounds, and Wright and Clemons stoked the break.

The Bullets scored 13 straight points late in the first half to take a 59-36 lead with 50 second left. They never lost their intensity after that. The biggest lead was 119-83 after a Ballard jumper with 3:20 left.

Ballard, getting the most playing time of his three-year career lately, has scored 63 points in his last two games.

"He's a great shooter, and now he has confidence in his shots," said Bullet Coach Dick Motta. "Now his teammates have confidence in him, too. He's looking for his shot more, and they are looking for him more.

"In the past he would get the ball low and not look to shoot," Motta continued. "Now he's going through people. I think I'll leave Bobby (Dandridge) on the bench for a while and keep Greg as a starter."

"This is like it was at Oregon with the players looking for me," Ballard said. "At Oregon we would make five or six passes, and then the ball would usually come to me to shoot.

"Now that I'm playing more, I know when to take the shot and when to pass it off. That confidence only comes with playing. It makes you more confident overall."

Confidence has been only a sometimes thing for Portland recently, and the Blazers now face back-to-back games against Eastern powers Philadelphia (Wednesday) and Boston (Friday).

"It looks like the same thing is happening to them as happened to us earlier this year," Hayes said. "They look like they're trying to make adjustments after all their injuries. They're still playing good fundamental basketball, but they sure aren't as physical."

BLAZER NOTES — Ron Brewer was the only Blazer bright light, hitting 11 of 18 shots. He has hit 58 of his last 85 shots through his last five games. . . . Lionel Hollins missed his sixth straight game because of a virus. . . . Dave Twardzik is hobbled with a groin injury.

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PORTLAND (95)

	MP	FG	FT	R	A	P	ST	TO	TP
Gross	23	1-7	0-0	3	4	1	0	2	2
Washington	32	4-12	1-2	10	3	4	1	2	9
Owens	24	7-14	2-2	2	2	5	0	2	16
R. Brewer	38	11-18	1-2	2	4	4	4	2	23
Twardzik	20	0-4	2-2	1	3	2	0	1	2
Lucas	35	8-16	2-2	13	4	5	0	3	19
Paxson	28	6-12	2-2	3	1	2	1	2	14
Dunn	10	1-3	2-2	2	1	1	0	0	4
J. Brewer	10	0-3	0-0	3	0	1	1	1	0
Jeelani	20	3-8	0-0	6	4	3	1	3	6
Totals	240	41-97	12-14	45	26	28	8	18	95

WASHINGTON (127)

	MP	FG	FT	R	A	P	ST	TO	TP
Ballard	34	15-22	2-3	14	5	3	3	3	32
Hayes	34	7-16	3-5	14	2	2	1	3	17
Unseld	30	5-9	3-3	11	9	2	1	0	13
Cleamons	29	4-6	2-3	2	4	1	1	0	10
Wright	29	6-11	4-5	1	4	1	2	1	16
Phegley	17	0-5	0-0	4	1	1	0	1	0
Dandridge	19	7-11	0-0	2	1	2	0	1	14
Kupchak	19	4-6	3-4	2	1	6	0	2	11
Grevey	16	4-10	0-0	2	2	0	0	2	8
Porter	7	2-2	0-0	1	2	1	1	0	4
Corzine	6	0-2	2-2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	240	54-100	19-25	55	31	19	9	13	127

Portland	24	16	25	30 — 95
Washington	28	33	27	39 — 127

Team rebounds — Portland 5, Washington 5.
Blocked shots — J. Brewer, Washington; Hayes 4, Wright, Kupchak.
Three-point attempts — Lucas 1-1, Paxson 0-1, Jeelani 0-1, J. Brewer 0-1; Ballard 0-1, Grevey 0-2.
Technical fouls — Kupchak.
Turnovers — Portland 18 for 19 points; Washington 13-13.
Officials — Crawford, Rooney.
Attendance — 9,469.

Fastbreaking 76ers clip Blazers 121-110

by STEVE KELLEY
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PHILADELPHIA — Quicker than you can say, "We owe you three," guard Maurice Cheeks turned a gritty, patterned, Portland Trail Blazer-type game into a fastbreaking, freewheeling 121-110 Philadephia 76er victory over the Blazers Wednesday night.

The loss, Portland's 14th in its last 15 road games, seemed as predictable as winter rain in the Northwest.

After all, the Blazers were missing starter Tom Owens, who left Wednesday to attend the funeral of his father in New York, and guard Jim Paxson, out because of a hamstring pull. Forwards Kermit Washington, Abdul Jaleeni and Jim Brewer were suffering from the flu.

Still Portland, 24-25, was able to put the reins on the potent Sixer fastbreak for more than half the game. Running their disciplined offense cleanly and efficiently, the Blazers were even with Philadelphia at 69 with 5:53 left in the third quarter. Then Cheeks, a second-year guard, took control (No. I did.)

First he forced Lionel Hollins into a bad shot that was converted at the other end by Darryl Dawkins. Cheeks pestered Hollins into another turnover that resulted in a Cheeks' layup, then the pesky guard pressured Hollins into a bad pass that led to a graceful, swooping layup by Julius Erving. Erving's seconds and put them ahead to stay 75-69.

Erving had 13 points in the quarter and Cheeks had 12 as the Sixers turned 12 fastbreaks into 18 points and rolled to their 10th win in 11 games.

"I could definitely tell that wasn't the natural Lionel Hollins we played tonight," said Cheeks, who took advantage of the fact that Hollins had missed six straight games because of flu. "Last year against me in Portland, he did some things that were really out of the ordinary. He showed me something up there. Tonight he wasn't nearly at full strength.

Blazer Coach Jack Ramsay got extraordinary performances out of his starting five, but with his bench weakened he was forced to play all five longer than normal. They finally wilted.

Portland stayed within 95-89 with 8:37 to play but was outscored 16-4 as the Sixer bench blew the game open and put Philly ahead 111-93 with 4:25 left. The Sixer bench outscored the Blazer bench for the game 48-22.

"They played a very controlled game. It's a very subdued game and it can lull you into a false sense of security," said Erving, who had 26 points and six blocked shots. "We got lulled into that. We thought we were playing well in the first half, but we weren't and we were lucky to be ahead 56-54. Even though they play a very physical game, it seems like they sneak up on you."

"We don't play well against well-disciplined teams," said Bob Jones, who came off the bench for 16 Philadelphia points. "We always have trouble with

That's when I got home, turned on TV, & PK'd the game! Owens.

Atlanta because of that. We're primarily a fastbreaking, fast-tempo team and we couldn't do that. We needed a couple of turnovers to get our break going and we finally got them."

Credit for that goes to Cheeks, who got three quick personal fouls in the first half and didn't score. "We had to pick up the tempo in the second half and you do that with defense," said Cheeks, who had three steals and five assists in the last half. "We were just going along with their game and that can be dangerous. I came out and played my man a lot tougher. If one guy starts playing defense like that, then usually it starts to rub off on the other players."

The difference in the game shows up in fastbreak statistic. Philadelphia, 33-11, converted 28 fastbreaks into 39 points, while Portland had only 13 fastbreak opportunities that led to only 11 points.

"We knew if we got into a rat race game with them we would come out on the short end," said Blazer Bob Gross, who had a strong 13-point, five-assist night. "But we had to take advantage of fastbreak opportunities when they came and we didn't.

"We went through that bad stretch (in the third quarter) when we took some bad shots and they were getting out on two- and three-on-zero breaks."

players who should have been in sick bay, a win over the Sixers seemed like too much to ask of the snake-bitten Blazers.

"We felt we had to play almost to perfection," said Maurice Lucas, who played most of his 42 minutes at center. "We played well enough to win, but we made those mistakes in that short stretch and that took us out of it. We're just trying to keep our heads above water so that we can make a run at the playoffs when we get everybody healthy."

The road gets no easier Friday when the Blazers play the Boston Celtics.

PORTLAND (110)

	MP	FG	FT	R	A	P	ST	TO	TP
Gross	34	6-14	1-1	6	5	4	0	2	13
Washington	38	7-11	5-7	9	3	6	1	0	19
Lucas	42	7-17	3-4	13	5	4	1	4	17
R. Brewer	39	12-22	1-1	3	2	2	1	1	*26
Twardzik	30	5-10	3-3	2	4	3	2	0	13
Hollins	18	5-10	0-0	0	1	0	1	4	10
J. Brewer	16	1-4	0-0	5	4	2	0	2	2
Jeelani	14	3-7	2-2	3	1	5	1	0	8
Dunn	9	1-4	0-0	2	1	2	0	0	2
Totals	240	47-99	15-18	43	26	28	7	14	110

PHILADELPHIA (121)

	MP	FG	FT	R	A	P	ST	TO	TP
Erving	34	10-17	6-7	5	3	0	0	2	26
C. Jones	42	3-6	5-6	11	4	3	0	6	11
Dawkins	28	7-9	0-0	4	1	3	3	0	14
Richardson	20	3-9	0-0	2	2	3	0	1	6
Cheeks	32	7-9	2-2	4	5	3	4	3	16
Bibby	35	3-8	0-0	4	6	1	0	0	6
D. Jones	21	4-8	8-9	5	3	3	0	2	16
Mix	19	6-11	8-11	1	2	1	0	0	20
Spanarkel	9	1-1	4-4	3	2	1	0	1	6
Totals	240	44-78	33-39	39	28	18	7	16	121

Portland	24	30	24	32 — 110
Philadelphia	26	30	33	32 — 121

Team rebounds — Portland 6, Philadelphia 7.
Blocked shots — Gross, Lucas, Dunn; Erving 6, C. Jones 3, Mix, Dawkins.
*Three-point attempts — R. Brewer 1-1, Gross 0-1, Hollins 0-2; Bibby 0-1.
Technical fouls — Washington.
Officials — Gushue, Capers.
Attendance — 11,517.

rips Blazers

By STEVE KELLEY Jan. 19, 1980
of The Oregonian staff

BOSTON — The third-quarter fade, which has become as much a part of Portland's game as the five-down play or turnout, proved the Trail Blazers' undoing again Friday night as the Boston Celtics ran them into a 111-93 National Basketball Association loss.

Boston has a potent fastbreak — if you don't believe it, ask the Blazers. They stood and watched it for most of the third quarter. Boston outscored them in that period 37-15 and turned a tight, well-played game into a blowout.

"I have no explanation for a period like we played in the third," said Blazer coach Jack Ramsay, who was as upset with his team after this one as he has ever been.

"We defied all of the fundamental principles of the game and lacked the effort to go with it. In my opinion, both of those things are unpardonable.

"It was one of the worst quarters we ever witnessed a team of mine play. It might be the worst," Ramsay said. "I don't know why we have been having trouble in the third quarters, but we have."

There is, however, an explanation for Friday's third quarter. Two players — Dave Twardzik and Kermit Washington — continued to hustle and scramble. Several others stood around.

For more than a half, the Blazers, 24-26, stayed in their offense and played the 34-11 Celtics evenly. But, when Lionel Hollins came into the game, the shot selections turned sour, the offense stopped. With Maurice Lucas and Hollins shooting and missing from the outside, the Celtics were able to get their running game going. When the Celtics run, they are hard to beat.

But when the Celtics are forced to play their halfcourt offense, they can be in trouble. They hit only 6 of 20 shots in the first quarter, and Portland scored 14 straight points late in the quarter to take a 33-21 lead.

The Blazers' lead was 47-39 with 2:05 left in the half when the Celtic bench went on a 10-4 tear to pull to 51-49 at halftime.

Bill Fitch, the Boston coach who has seen the Blazers' relentless offense grind effectively for an entire game, was scared stiff after 22 minutes.

"We were letting them do whatever they wanted to do and they wouldn't let us do anything," said Fitch. "They had us well scouted. They knew what we wanted to do. The only thing they didn't know about was when we sent Larry (Bird) outside to play like a guard. We didn't run that in the games in which they scouted us."

With Bird outside and Dave Cowens working hard underneath, the Celtics took off. And when they took off down the court there rarely was a Blazer chasing the play. Cowens made all seven shots he took in the third quarter, when Boston blew it open.

"We started getting the ball down low into Dave and that worked," said Fitch, who failed to mention that Lucas was giving Cowens acreage to shoot the ball. "Going to Cowens was like rolling dice — you keep the same guy rolling them. You don't give up the dice when you are in a hot streak."

But, you don't roll over and die when you're in a cold streak, and that appeared to be what some of the Blazers did. Ramsay called their play "ridiculous" after Boston went on a 27-6 spurt to take an 86-66 lead after three quarters.

For the second game in a row, Hollins was in the middle of the trouble when things went bad. His quick series of third-quarter turnovers in Wednesday's game at Philadelphia turned things around for the 76ers.

"I'm playing the game in a different light now," said Hollins, who was benched for keeps by Ramsay late in the third quarter. "I'm more of a role player now: Come in for three minutes to give somebody a rest, or come in for two minutes if somebody is in foul trouble.

"So far I haven't been able to adapt to that role," he said. "I'm not contributing much to the team now. I expect in the next couple of games I won't be seeing much action. I just haven't adapted to the new role. I've lost confidence in my game and I'm not doing the things I normally do. I'm trying to adjust, but it's easy to say and much harder to do it."

Knee problems and a virus have limited Hollins to 13 games this season, and the magic he once created has been missing lately. He returned Wednesday after missing six straight games.

"The enthusiasm is still there, but you have to execute and that's been missing," he said. "I was sick and spent most of the time just lying around, and I probably got out of shape.

The Blazers must post a 21-11 record the rest of the way to get 45 victories and a chance at a playoff berth. Even 45 victories, however, might not be enough. San Diego is starting to open some ground in front of the Blazers, and the battle for the sixth playoff spot in the conference might boil down to Portland and Milwaukee.

BLAZER NOTES — Ron Brewer found somebody Friday who can stop Ron Brewer. Himself. His first two shots Friday were fascinating — a 14-foot air-ball shot from 16 feet and a 12-foot flying sancer that hit the side of the backboard and headed toward the Boston end.

PORTLAND (93)

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Jeelani	13	6-7	0-0	2	1	3	0	2	12
Dunn	13	1-5	1-2	3	0	0	0	1	3
J. Brewer	9	0-1	2-2	2	0	1	1	0	2
Totals	240	38-90	17-25	44	22	22	7	23	93

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Bird	30	6-12	5-6	15	2	3	2	1	*18
Cowens	35	10-16	0-0	11	5	2	1	1	20
Archibald	28	3-6	5-7	2	10	2	1	4	11
Ford	23	2-5	0-0	0	1	2	0	2	4
Carr	23	7-11	0-0	4	2	2	4	4	14
Robey	20	3-9	1-2	6	0	3	1	5	7
Chaney	20	3-7	1-1	1	1	3	1	2	*8
Henderson	20	4-10	0-0	1	2	2	0	2	8
Fernsten	5	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Judkins	5	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Totals	240	44-85	21-29	45	27	22	12	22	111

Portland	33	18	15	27	— 93
Boston	22	27	37	25	— 111

Team rebounds — Portland 10, Boston 10.
Turnovers-points — Portland, 23 for 31 pts.; Boston, 22 for 20 pts.
Blocked shots — Twardzik, R. Brewer, Dunn, Washington; Cowens.
*Three-point attempts — R. Brewer 0-1; Bird 1-1, Chaney 1-1, Ford 0-1, Carr 0-1.
Technical fouls — none.
Officials — Jones, Kersey.
Attendance — 15,320.

Blazers collapse in last two mi

By STEVE KELLEY Jan. 21, 1980
of The Oregonian staff

MILWAUKEE — The Portland Trail Blazers are stalking the Milwaukee Bucks for one of the final Western Conference playoff spots. If they don't catch the Bucks, they may look at the last 2:17 of Sunday's game and wonder what might have been.

The Blazers, 24-27, squandered an 88-83 lead in that precious 2:17 and lost to the slumping Bucks 89-88 to finish a 1-4 road trip. The loss put the seventh-place Blazers 2½ games behind sixth-place San Diego and 3½ behind Milwaukee in the race for the sixth and last playoff berth.

Brian Winters, who hit only four of his other 13 shots, connected on a 21-footer with four seconds left to hand the Blazers their 16th loss in the last 17 road games.

A last-second bomb from Ron Brewer at the buzzer, with Sidney Moncrief and Winters double-teaming him, went wide right.

This was another one of those games in which the Blazers played well for large periods of the game. They kept the Bucks from fastbreaking, they crushed Milwaukee on the boards and they got strong contributions from Lionel Hollins, Jim Brewer, Tom Owens and Abdul Jeelani off the bench.

But those sweet ingredients of victory turned sour in the last 2:17.

David Meyers drilled a three-point jumper at 1:19 to pull Milwaukee, 27-23, within 88-86. Then official Mike Mathis made a questionable offensive-foul call on Maurice Lucas that gave the Bucks the ball back with 59 seconds left.

Marques Johnson missed a jumper over Kermit Washington and Washington blocked Moncrief's rebound attempt. But Bob Gross fouled Moncrief in the ensuing scramble and Moncrief made one of two free throws to pull within 88-87 at 36 seconds.

After a timeout, the Blazers set up their backdoor lob pass for Washington, but Gross' pass was mishandled by the Blazer power forward. The ball went off Washington's hands, off the rim and Meyers rebounded for the Bucks, dribbled past midcourt and called time with 16 seconds to go.

"The pass was a little too low and he (Washington) had trouble handling it because of that," said Moncrief, who went up for the ball with Washington. "He didn't receive it in the right spot. Maybe if he had caught the ball first, come down and then gone up again, he would have scored."

Winters called his game-winnin jumper a "busted play." The Bucks tri to get Johnson free but Portland effe tively kept him away from the basket.

"They took that whole side of t court away," Winters said. "When I g ther ball I saw Richard (Washingto standing there and I went for him. knew the clock was running out and gave me a good pick, got me free and went up with it."

The Bucks are a different team fro the one that beat the Blazers so bad (by nine points) twice earlier this se son. They are missing guard Quin Buckner, who directed the offense an keyed the defense. They aren't playin confidently. They aren't attacking.

Milwaukee is 5-9 without Buckne who is expected back shortly from h hamstring pull.

"Usually we would full-court pres a lot against Portland, but we can't d that without Quinn," said Winter "You need 11 players feeling good press and we don't have the strength do that now."

The Blazers' strength is in their m thodical, patterned offense. It work well with certain combinations, b broke down with others. For exampl when Maurice Lucas was in the lineu Milwaukee had a 55-32 edge, eve

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though those kinds of statistics are misleading because matchups can change with different substitutions. With Lucas out, Portland was in control 56-34.

Portland appears to run its offense through its options more consistently when Lucas is out of the lineup. He had eight turnovers Sunday, often playing out of position at center.

Owens, however, had a fine game coming off the bench against the Bucks' weak centers, Kent Benson, Harvey Catchings and Pat Cummings. Owens had 16 points and 13 rebounds as Portland enjoyed a 50-38 rebounding advantage.

"Owens is very smart with his body," said Milwaukee's interim coach, John Killilea. "He's a great garbage player. Centers have to really lean on him and nobody did that for us."

"This was a big step ahead of the last two games," said Blazer Coach Jack Ramsay. "We ran our offense better and we got good shots from it. We didn't collapse when we got behind."

Milwaukee led 61-53 with 3:12 left in the third when it appeared the Blazers were going to pull another third-quarter fade. But Hollins made a pair of big plays and Jeelani scored two field goals to pull the Blazers to within one point to start the fourth quarter.

Then Portland appeared to have a lock on victory late in the game, until that final, bone-dry 2:17. Instead, the struggling Blazers gave a big lift to the struggling Bucks.

"Well, it's one W," Killilea said of the win. "Considering the fact we've got a six-game road trip and Portland is one of the teams chasing us, I would say it was an immense W."

BLAZER NOTES — Portland has 31 games left, 16 at home and 15 away. San Diego has 30 to go, 14 at home, 16 away. Milwaukee has 29 left, only 13 at home. . . . The Bucks blocked 13 Blazer shots and committed only 12 turnovers to 22 by Portland. . . . Moncrief said he wasn't surprised that Brewer, his former Arkansas teammate, took the final shot. "I told Brian (Winters) they would probably go to him. He always took the final shot when we were together at Arkansas. We always looked to him in the clutch. He's a great clutch player."

Kermit Washington had four first-half fouls and played only 22 minutes in the game, 9 in the first half. . . . Buck Coach Don Nelson was admitted to a Boston hospital Sunday to have his bad back examined. He has a herniated disc

Blazers hope for November in January

By STEVE KELLEY
of The Oregonian staff

The last time the Los Angeles Lakers came to town, Nov. 20, the Portland Trail Blazers handed them a 114-99 licking.

Ah, the good ol' days.

After that game, Portland was in first place in the National Basketball Association's Pacific Division, one game ahead of the second-place Lakers and 2½ in front of third-place Seattle.

That was the last time Portland beat a team with a winning record, and when the Blazers, 24-27, play Los Angeles, 35-15, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Coliseum, they will be looking up from fifth place in the division, 3½ games behind first-place Seattle and 11½ behind the second-place Lakers.

"You can just tell we don't have the confidence to win on the road anymore and now we have to start beating the good teams at home.," Blazer forward Kermit Washington said Wednesday.

"Winning brings that confidence. When I was at LA (1976-77), we had the best record in the league that year (53-29). I knew that we were going to win everytime we walked onto the court. It was just a matter of how many points we were going to beat the other team by. That's no exaggeration. Even on the road, I knew that with Kareem (Abdul-Jabbar), we would have a good chance of winning."

The Blazers play three of their next four games at home before breaking for the All-Star Game. It may be their last good chance to find some confidence for a playoff run.

IF THE BLAZERS are looking for bright spots in their dismal performances of the last two months, they might consider their backdoor play, in which Bob Gross lobs the ball underneath for a soaring Kermit Washington dunk.

Bill Fitch, the Boston Celtics coach, said in Boston last week that the play, when executed properly, is impossible to stop. Washington agrees.

"I was just telling Bucky (Blazers assistant coach Buckwalter) that we are getting it down really well, to the point where we can score on it nine times out of 10," Washington said.

"All I have to do is get a step on my man and he has to move so quickly, jump so high and so quick, that it's almost impossible to stop. The only way to stop it is to not let me go backdoor, and that opens up the rest of the options."

BLAZER COACH Jack Ramsay, Buckwalter and Director of Player Personnel Stu Inman met after Wednesday's practice and the topic was trade. The Blazers have until Feb. 15 to make a deal. Now that Boston has signed Pete Maravich, the Sixers, who are looking for a guard, are interested in a deal involving Blazers guard Lionel Hollins, whose contract expires at the end of this season.

Hollins twisted his left ankle and sat out the last part of Wednesday's practice.

LAKER COACH Jack McKinney, who suffered a serious head injury in a bicycle accident Nov. 8, will accompany the Lakers to Portland for Thursday's game. Paul Westhead remains in charge of the team, but McKinney's condition has improved enough to allow him to travel.

OREGON STATE center Steve Johnson is rated the fourth-best center in the country, according to the latest scouting report from Marty Blake, whose scouting service is used by most NBA teams. Johnson is listed behind Purdue's Joe Barry Carroll, Duke's Mike Gminski and Minnesota's Kevin McHale. All are seniors except Johnson, a junior who is eligible for the regular draft this season.

University of Portland guard Darwin Cook is the eighth-rated guard.

Florida News

Miami Herald

Keys Water Crisis Irks Residents

Jan. 12, 1980

By JANET FIX
Herald Staff Writer

KEY WEST — Bill Timmerman would be willing to help avert a water shortage in the Florida Keys by showering with a friend, but he didn't have enough water to shower at all Thursday night.

"I'm so irritated I could just scream," said Timmerman, a winter resident since 1951. "For the first time since moving here, I turned the shower on and the water just dribbled down the wall of the stall. Shower with a friend? Ha."

Keys residents — especially those like Timmerman who live in second-floor homes — were forced to adjust to reduced water pressures Friday while Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and state officials scrambled to find a barge to carry several million gallons of drinking water from the mainland to the Keys.

AQUEDUCT OFFICIALS decided to barge water to Key West in an attempt to counteract reducing water reserves, which shrank to nearly six million gallons the reserves to that level from 20 million gallons the week before.

"It's critical now — we have to barge water in," said Aqueduct Board Secretary Joe Balbontin. "Everybody in the governor's office has dropped everything to find a barge for us."

One worker at the desalination plant, which was down Friday for the third time in three days, said, "If this plant isn't up in three days and we they don't barge water down, we'll be out of water."

Water consumption during the past several weeks has run about 9.1 million gallons daily. The entire aqueduct system — if each part is operating properly — is capable of producing about 8.4 million gallons a day.

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Collapse; Navy Barge Proposed

Miami Herald Jan. 15, 1980

By JANET FIX
Herald Staff Writer

KEY WEST — Florida Keys Aqueduct Manager Dennis Wardlow ordered a tall glass of water and two aspirins Monday as one more hope for obtaining extra drinking water for the Keys went down the drain.

Early Monday, aqueduct officials dropped plans to use a Liberian-re istered tanker to carry water fro the Port of Everglades to Key We because of insurmountable obst cles.

HOWEVER, SEN. Vernon Holl way (D., Miami) said late Mond that a Navy barge could be o tained. He said that Wardlo scheduled to be in Miami for meeting on the new pipeline wi Department of Environmental Re ulation officials, would work o the details today.

"We're 99 per cent sure that w can get this one," Holloway sai pointing out the Navy barge cou carry 325,000 gallons per trip.

But Wardlow was less than opt mistic after a phone call to to th barge captain at Norfolk, Va. "Eve this guy just seems to want to giv me lip service," Wardlow said. "A he wanted to do was ask question He didn't have any answers."

Even though the desalinatio plant continued to operate, wate reserves for the Key dropped belo five million gallons.

THE WATER CRISIS wasn' making hospital life any easier.

Fifteen-month-old Kelly Metcal was to have undergone exploratory surgery Monday, burt she didn' have her operation because Florida Keys Memorial Hospital didn't have enough water pressure to flush its toilets.

Surgery for the baby and three other patients was postponed until water pressures at the hospital can be brought up to normal levels. Water pressures, normally at 20 pounds per square inch, dropped to two pounds.

Six emergency operations, which couldn't be postponed, were performed by frustrated doctors and nurses under "less than desireable conditions," hospital officials said.

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December 30, 1979

Mr. Wayne Grover, c/o National Enquirer

Today I stopped the Miami Dolphins from getting into the SuperBowl* Just like ~~I~~ I told you I would. (See enclosed FF map, etc.) It was very hard to do that, Wayne. My problem was to maneuver them into the Steelers; if they had gotten to the Eagles, Tampa Bay, San Diego Chargers or Houston...the Dolphins would have wiped out those teams. So it was vital that I got them to the Steelers, who could be the hammer to hammer them down. And I did, and the Steelers did. Finis. That puts the ribbon around my Florida attack package.

Now, this is fascinating. Just following the Dolphin's game was the Cowboys-Rams game. The rams were no match at all for the Staubach, Dorsett, etc., team. But suddenly Rosy Rosenbloom's spirit, or ghost, whatever, contacted me, and we merged into a unit to control the game...in order to get Rosy's team into the SuperBowl, and win it. (See enclosed telegram to Mrs. Rosenbloom.)

You will recall, of course, that years ago Rosy wrote me and begged me not to sink his Colts. But he didn't hire me, and I did sink his Colts. So he traded them for the Rams. Then for ~~XXXXX~~ years I held his Rams away from the SuperBowl, never dreaming that Rosy would get drowned on vacation in Florida.

All right. I am going to try to make it up for Rosy. I am going to do my best do get him the SuperBowl in a few weeks...working with his spirit, or ghost, to do so. It will, of course, require the full effort of his Rams team. If they let down or goof up, forget it. But if they PLAY...Rosy will get his beloved SuperBowl, which was what he lived for.

All the best to you and yours,

Ted Owens(PK Man)

Owens

* With the support help of the Steelers. But I caused the Dolphins to fall down and goof up enough... to make it happen.

Deposed Rosenbloom with

By TED GREEN
LA Times-Washington Post Service

LOS ANGELES — The New Orleans Saints' new executive vice president plans to stay home and watch Sunday's Super Bowl game on television.

"Unless you know where I can get some tickets," Steve Rosenbloom said.

Not many people, he went on, will be more delighted if the Rams upset the Pittsburgh Steelers. The coaches' and players' hard work, Rosenbloom said, and that of his late father, Carroll Rosenbloom, will finally have come to fruition.

But then he figures to turn off the TV before Carroll's widow, Georgia Rosenbloom, accepts the championship trophy as Rams owner in front of millions of viewers.

"After the game, we do have a lot of packing to do," Rosenbloom said. "Besides, I might be eating a sandwich during the trophy presentation and I wouldn't want to get sick."

As any follower of the NFL's version of Family Feud can tell you, Georgia Rosenbloom, 70 percent owner by provision of her husband's will, last summer fired her stepson, Steve, from his job as Rams executive vice president. He had been running the team day-to-day before the ax fell. Now, five months later, he retains his 6 percent share of the team. In less than two weeks, he and his wife will resettle in a home they just bought in New Orleans, where he will take command as the Saints' full-time general manager.

But Steve Rosenbloom is still with the Rams in spirit.

And that has made for mixed feelings.

"I'm rooting for (Coach) Ray Malavasi, for the players, coaches and staff, the people I worked with for seven years," he said. "I'm so glad to see it (a Super Bowl appearance) finally come to pass.

"Sure, I would have liked to have been part of this year. But the Carroll Rosenbloom era has come to an end and, with it, his philosophy. The philosophy of the new ownership seems to be the antithesis of his. I couldn't have been comfortable being a part of that, I'm glad I wasn't. That's how I separate the two: that it's wonderful for the team but something I just couldn't share firsthand.

"Look, I worked hard along with everybody else. I'm human. I have strong emotional feelings. I specifically told you who I was rooting for and left the rest unsaid. But, now, rooting against the Rams would be rooting against myself. I was part of them; I toiled with them.

"That's why I say that, honestly, I don't feel I missed the cigar, that I'm the Rams' odd-man out. I think I got the cigar, anyway.

"I've never been concerned with what people outside think; they have their opinion, they're entitled. The thing

the Rams in spirit

that's always been important is: 'What do my peers think? How do they feel? They know whether you did the job. The people I worked with know. In that sense, I am a part of it.

"I'm not sad for myself. I am sad that my father isn't here to see what he worked so damned hard for: His obsession, getting back to the Super Bowl. Ironically, it's the first time a team has been in the Super Bowl in its own city. Can you imagine how much he'd be enjoying this? At least I'm here to witness it. Believe me, I get a lot of self-satisfaction seeing the Rams in it."

Steven Rosenbloom said he has tried to keep a low profile the last two weeks of Super Bowl buildup. He spent almost the entire time in New Orleans getting familiar with his new team and city. But still the calls came.

"I'm tired of answering the same questions over and over," he said. "It's just an excuse to bring up the whole tired business again.

"They want to know, 'What about C.R.?' 'What about the will?' 'Did you get screwed?' 'Do you hate Georgia?' As soon as the Rams got into the Super Bowl, the phone started ringing. The press has two weeks to fill so they write about everything and everybody. I was expecting it. Sure, the situation is strange, but isn't it a local-interest story, except for the gossip factor? Anyway, they write about the Rooneys (the family that owns the Steelers), so somebody says, 'What about the clowns on the other side?' "

Having been ousted from the team his father groomed him to run for 23 years, during which time he worked his way up from ballboy with the Baltimore Colts (Carroll's first NFL team) to executive with the Rams, Steve Rosenbloom is bitter. He's so low-key and says everything in such a soft monotone that it's often hard to sense the bitterness. But it's there, make no mistake about that.

During the hour interview, he said the name Georgia once. Instead, he used "the new ownership" or "they." His comments included:

— "If they find out I was here (at the ticket office), they'll probably have a full-scale investigation. Talk about paranoia."

— "After I was fired, I told the players to forget the front office pettiness and go on doing what they do best. My talk had nothing to do with them reaching the Super Bowl, I assure you. But it may have been the last positive thing they heard from ownership all year."

— "When it comes to personalities like the new ownership, you consider the source. Why should I even bother to comment? People make their own judgments."

— "It's funny how the press makes images. There are hollow people with big images, while other people do the work."

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PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR RAMS TEAM. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. IN THE PAST I BEAT ROSY (CARROLL) ROSENBLOOM EVERY YEAR, STOPPING HIS TEAM FROM WINNING THE SUPERBOWL. IT WAS A THING BETWEEN US. BUT TODAY I MADE CONTACT WITH ROSY'S SPIRIT OR GHOST AND FOUND THAT HE WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO WIN A SUPERBOWL EVEN THOUGH HE IS DEAD. SO I USED MY POWERS COMBINED WITH COMMUNICATION WITH ROSY, TO HELP YOUR RAMS BEAT THE COWBOYS. NOW, PASS THE WORD ON TO YOUR RAMS. THE VERY GREAT POWERS THAT I HAVE WILL BE WITH THEM, WORKING, WHEN THEY PLAY TAMPA BAY, AND THEN IN THE SUPERBOWL. IN SHORT, ROSY ROSENBLOOM AND I WILL WORK AS A TEAM, WITH OUR COMBINED PSYCHIC POWERS, TO GET ROSY HIS BELOVED SUPERBOWL THAT HE DIDNT HAVE WHEN HE WAS ALIVE. HE STILL WANTS IT. THAT IS, HIS SPIRIT DOES. AND IF MY POWERS WORK, HE WILL HAVE IT. SO TELL YOUR RAMS TEAM THAT MAGIC IS WORKING WITH THEM. A BOOK ABOUT MY AMAZING POWERS, AND MY LIFE, WILL APPEAR NEXT NOVEMBER, CALLED EARTH AMBASSADOR, BY MISHLOVE AND ROGO, PUBLISHED BY HARCOURT BRACE, HARDCOVER. MRS ROSENBLOOM, ROSY AND I ARE GOING TO HELP YOUR BOYS GET THAT SUPERBOWL, BELIEVE IT. TODAY I BEAT THE MIAMI DOLPHINS. YOU CAN CHECK ON THAT. WAYNE GROVE, CARE OF NATIONAL ENQUIRER, 3282 PARADE PLACE, LANTANA FLORIDA 33462. I RAN 2 HURRICANES OVER FLORIDA THIS YEAR, AFTER TELLING HIM THAT I WOULD. . CALL HIM AND SEE

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LA turns Tampa into pumpkin 9-0

By HAL BOCK

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Just when it seemed that time had passed them by, the Los Angeles Rams, of all people, earned a trip to the Super Bowl, of all places.

The perennial bridesmaids — losers in four of the previous five conference championship games — turned into brides Sunday with a 9-0 victory over Tampa Bay that ended the Bucs' Cinderella bid for the title game and gave the Rams the National Football Conference crown.

Frank Corral kicked field goals of 19, 21 and 23 yards, accounting for all the points in the game, and propelling the Rams into the big one Jan. 20 against the defending champion Pittsburgh Steelers, who defeated Houston 27-13 for the American Football Conference crown earlier Sunday.

Corral, bothered by a bad ankle all year, said he had pulled a hamstring in his kicking leg last week.

"A kicker tries to have his leg like a whip, but with the injury I can't get that," Corral said. "All I can do is try and make contact and get it up."

That was good enough Sunday, as the Rams put on an awesome defensive show in shutting out the Bucs, who had become popular underdogs after reversing three sad-sack seasons and charging into the playoffs.

"I knew it'd be a defensive struggle and I felt it might come down to a couple of field goals," Corral said, "but I never dreamed it would be like this."

Los Angeles Coach Ray Malavasi has been dreaming about a trip to the Super Bowl for some time, and he'll be taking a team that had a 9-7 regular-season record — poorest of any of the 10 playoff clubs.

"It's been so long," he said. "This is my ninth year in the playoffs and always before, it's been frustrating. We've waited for this day a long time."

Four times, beginning in 1974, the Rams had played for the NFC title and lost — twice to Dallas and twice to Minnesota. Each of those losing teams seemed stronger Super Bowl threats than the one Malavasi will take to Pasadena in two weeks.

Waiting for the Rams will be the awesome Steelers, shooting for a record fourth Super Bowl crown.

"Pittsburgh will be tough, but I'm not afraid of them," said Malavasi. "I'm not afraid of anybody in the NFL."

Why should he be? After all, he's already beaten Cinderella.

It will be the first time the Rams will play for the National Football League championship since 1951, when they won the title. Four times in the past five years they reached the conference title game only to be eliminated one step short of the Super Bowl.

In their fifth try they made it on defense, completely throttling the Bucs and ending Tampa Bay's Cinderella season. With All-Pro defensive end Jack Youngblood playing despite a hairline fractuure of his left leg, the Rams' defenders played inspired football and rarely allowed Tampa Bay to threaten.

The closest call the Rams had came when Corral, the kicker, made a touchdown-saving tackle against Isaac Hagins following the first Los Angeles field goal. Corral was the last Los Angeles defender and caught Hagins with a rolling tackle at the Bucs' 29.

Twice the Rams seemed to have touchdowns, only to lose them on decisions by the officials. First an apparent 4-yard TD run by Cullen Bryant was nullified by an illegal motion penalty, then Preston Dennard grabbed a 20-yard pass from Vince Ferragamo in the end zone but was ruled out of bounds before he had possession of the ball.

It was the first time in NFC history that no touchdowns were scored in a championship game.

The first quarter was scoreless, but late in the period the Rams launched a drive that carried them to the Tampa Bay 1-yard line.

The big play in the march was a 35-yard pass by Ferragamo to Dennard on a third-and-13 situation at the Tampa Bay 39. Bryant went in from the 4 on the next play, but the touchdown was nullified and the Rams were pushed back to the 9. Wendell Tyler picked up 8 yards, putting Los Angeles at the 1, but when two plays failed to dent the Bucs' end zone, Los Angeles settled for Corral's 19-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter.

The teams exchanged punts twice before Ferragamo got the Rams moving again. The young quarterback, starting only his seventh pro game because of an injury to Pat Haden, completed five straight passes in a drive that was culminated by Corral's 21-yard field goal with 47 seconds left in the first half. Three of the completions in the drive went to Charle Young, who caught only 13 passes all season.

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YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD ME IN YOUR BOX, AS I REQUESTED. THIS WAS THE FIRST MISTAKE. CARROLL'S GHOST WAS WITH ME TODAY TO TRY TO WIN THE SUPERBOWL. MY POWERS CREATED A LOT OF FUMBLES AND INTERCEPTIONS TO HELP THE RAMS, BUT THE RAMS DID NOT CASH IN ON THEIR OPPORTUNITIES. SEE YOUR FILMS. I CREATED TWO INTERCEPTIONS BUT ON BOTH OCCASIONS YOUR RAMS DROPPED THE BALL, LOSING EASY TOUCHDOWNS. I DID MY BEST TO GET CARROLL HIS BELOVED SUPERBOWL. BUT HIS OWN TEAM TOOK IT AWAY FROM HIM. AND THAT IS THE FINAL END OF CARROLL.
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Telepathy + PK = telepathic PK
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Owens

January 10, 1980

Mr. Scott Rogo

Dear Scott:

"The worst storm in 30 years" has just struck the Portland-Vancouver area.

My alien mind...caused it to happen.

This is the run-down on it:

(1) While you sat with me, I mentally threw "enemy! Enemy!" at members of the Portland Trailblazers, who SYMBOLIZE PORTLAND... because I had been badly treated in Portland; shamed by the TV studio in front of my kids, as I explained to you.

(2) At Christmas, and several other occasions, my boy Beau begged me to "make it snow, Daddy." I wanted to do it for him, but was working on several psi projects and didn't want to set up a PK Map for snow on the Portland-Vancouver area.

(3) Last week little Teddy came to me and begged me to "make it snow, please, Daddy." Again, I wanted to, badly...because as perhaps you know I love my children deeply and try to give them everything that they want, if I can. But I explained to him that maybe I had better not make out a PK Map for that, for the reason explained above.

Now...at that time there had only been relatively warm weather in this entire area...and just rain, no snow. A few days later all hell broke loose. There is so much snow out around our house that cars cannot drive...it's that deep. We can't even get our car out away from the house.

I checked with the SIs. They reminded me of their Sept. 24, 1979, warning, which is enclosed. And:
They explained that when I attacked the symbol of Portland... the Trailblazer team...it was exactly like when I attacked the giant radar dome in Virginia and inadvertently wrecked the Chesapeake Bay, later. It brought onto this area the worst storm in 30 years for the area. Made it a disaster area.

Also they added one more point (since I had read your excellent book on my work): This area had already been sensitized when I gave the Silverton, Oregon, demonstration, on it...and my powers simply refocused that attack, and amplified it, coupled with the above points to add motivation, hence more amplification.

Ted Owens (PK Man) Owens

Beau Owens

Sept 24, 1979

The SI s:

"Be careful what you ~~think~~ ... because with the brain of Future Man, as you ~~think~~, so it will happen. From now on hide your thoughts from other humans."

Teddy + Bess requesting snow.
"Enemy" interfer. as attack on Portland area!

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"Anniversary" of any '78 demo??

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Killer storm to deliv

Three die; additional snow due

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A snow and freezing rain storm that crippled the Portland area Wednesday was expected to intensify Thursday with a heavy blanket of new snow and freezing temperatures.

Three deaths were blamed on the storm, including that of a woman killed Wednesday by a falling tree in Portland, an elderly woman found dead near her Woodland, Wash., home, and a truck driver whose tractor-trailer rig collided with another truck on icy U.S. 730 near Umatilla.

The National Weather Service said from three to five inches of new snow

More stories, pictures on the storm are on Pages B1-3,5,8.

was expected in the Portland area by early Thursday, making driving conditions "nearly impossible."

Snow also was expected to spread into southern sections of Western Oregon and into southeastern parts of the state early Thursday, the Weather Service said, as colder air aloft moved down from the Vancouver Island area of British Columbia.

The chance of measurable precipitation in the Portland area was pegged at 50 percent Thursday and 40 percent Thursday night.

Three people stranded in snowbound vehicles in the Columbia River Gorge were rescued Wednesday by an Amtrak train led by a Union Pacific Railroad snowplow. One suffered from frostbite.

"As far as we can tell, there isn't



CLEAR THE DECK — Workers remove snow from roof over boats at

The storm forced closure Wednesday of all public schools in Multnomah County and in Clark, Skamania and Cowlitz counties in Washington, but all remained open in Washington County and Oregon City.

Portland School District officials said late Wednesday that a decision on whether schools would operate Thursday would not be made until early Thursday morning.

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With snow-laden power lines downed trees blocking city str many homes without light or hea transportation severely curtailed, land Mayor Connie McCready de