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Oregon Sports Hall of Fame To Induct Seven New Members

September 26, 2011--The Oregon Sports Hall of Fame & Museum will induct seven new members Wednesday evening, September 28, at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, at its 32nd annual induction ceremony. According to Mike Rose, executive director, they will join over 340 prior inductees.

This year's class includes **Tom Trebelhorn**, long time MLB manager and current field boss of the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes; **Clive Davies**, masters marathoner; **Kelly Blair-LaBounty**, University of Oregon track sensation and Olympic heptathlon participant; **Les Gutches**, Oregon State, National and Olympics championship wrestler; **1982, '84, '86 and 2004 Linfield championship football teams**; **Rich Brooks**, Universities of Oregon and Kentucky, and St. Louis Rams head football coach; and **Morris "Bucky" Buckwalter**, long time Portland Trail Blazers assistant coach and team management executive.

Each year the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame helps preserve Oregon's rich sports heritage through its recognition of outstanding Oregon athletes and special contributors to sport.

In addition, Oregon Sports Hall of Fame college scholarships will be awarded to Oregon scholar-athletes, made possible by contributions from the MacTarnahan Family Trust. Six student-athletes will be awarded \$2000 scholarships to be used for continuing their education at Oregon colleges and universities.

This year's student athletes are:

- * **Travis Pederson – Gresham High School**
- * **Zac Cardwell – Lowell High School**
- * **Wasil Ahmed – Central Catholic High School**
- * **Marie Kempf – Phoenix High School**
- * **Megan Haueter – Bandon High School**
- * **Catalina Coleman – Hermiston High School**

The event will be held once again at the Multnomah Athletic Club, with a reception starting at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner and program at 7 PM. Veteran sportscaster, Bill Schonely will emcee the ceremony. Tickets are \$90 per person; tables of 10 are \$850. Please call the Hall of Fame at 503/227-7466 for additional information and ticket orders.

The Oregon Sports Hall of Fame recognizes and honors Oregon's rich athletic history with our museum and annual induction and awards ceremony. The Hall of Fame's goal is to inspire participation in sport and foster awareness of the values and life-long rewards gained from this participation.

The Oregon Sports Hall of Fame & Museum is currently closed to the public while seeking a new location, and can be reached at 503/227-7466, and www.oregonsportshall.org.

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Inductee Photos

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2011 Inductees

Linfield Championship Football

1982 NAIA Division II National Champions

In its eighth NAIA championship tournament, and its third title game, Linfield hit the jackpot in 1982. The Wildcats dominated William Jewell (Mo.) 33-15 at McMinnville High School's Wortman Stadium.

It didn't start out like that. William Jewell scored on an 86-yard pass-and-run 19 seconds into the game. But Linfield was undaunted – it was the eighth time in 12 games the 'Cats had fallen behind that season. Linfield tied the score in four plays, including a 38-yard kickoff return.

The Wildcats recovered five William Jewell fumbles and intercepted five passes, controlling the rest of the game before a paid crowd of 4,598 and a Northwest television audience estimated at 100,000.

Quarterback Randy Mueller threw three touchdown passes, completing 18 of 33 attempts with no interceptions. The Wildcats set a season record with 39 pass interceptions that still stands.

The NAIA honored as Mueller, center Brad Gilbertson, defensive guard Jim Winston, offensive tackle Dave Lorenz as All-Americans.

1984 NAIA Division II National Champions

Given the importance of the game – the winner would be the NAIA Division II champion – the second-half rally against Northwestern (Iowa) on Dec. 8, 1984 probably was the greatest comeback in Linfield football history. The Wildcats trailed defending NAIA-II champion Northwestern 22-0 with just over three minutes left in the third quarter.

Junior John Gray finally put Linfield on the scoreboard with a 27-yard field goal with 3:02 left in the third quarter. Then it was curtain time for sophomore David Lindley, who had won Linfield's starting quarterback assignment five games earlier. Lindley threw touchdown passes of 1 and 37 yards and fired two 2-point conversion passes as Linfield rallied. His totals for the game were 25 completions in 37 attempts – including 15 of his last 17 – for 305 yards as the 'Cats won going away, 33-22.

Linfield's 12-0 record included four victories by six or fewer points, including a 2-0 win against Pacific that coach Ad Rutschman considered the best defensive game by any of his teams.

Tackle Steve Boyea, free safety Floyd Halvorsen, center Jim Goveia, and tight end Keith Machida were chosen on NAIA All-America teams.

1986 NAIA Division II National Champions

The quarterback who had blossomed in the 1984 NAIA Division II championship game came full flower in 1986. David Lindley, whose teammates came to call him Zeus – after the mythic lightning-bolt thrower – broke or tied 12 Linfield passing and total offense records in leading the 'Cats to a dominating 12-0 record and their third NAIA-II title in five years.

Linfield defeated Baker of Kansas 17-0 in the championship game – the score, on a very cold day in the mud at McMinnville High School, was the Wildcats' lowest of the season. In 11 previous games they topped 40 points 7 times, including a 53-7 destruction of Carroll College of Montana in the NAIA semifinal. The Wildcats set six school team season offensive records, including most points

scored and most yards gained. Their only close call was a 27-21 victory over Pacific Lutheran in overtime in the NAIA quarterfinal.

Guard Doug Hire, kicker Greg Gullilford, QB David Lindley, linebackers Mark Seigner and Jody Tyrell, and tight end Dave Carlson were chosen NAIA All-Americans and a record 16 players won all-conference recognition. For the third time, Ad Rutschman was named NAIA coach of the year.

2004 NCAA Division III National Champions

Unbelievable! ... is the best word to describe Linfield's record-smashing 2004 season that culminated with the Wildcats capturing the NCAA Division III championship.

Linfield rolled to a 13-0 record, winning its first national championship in 18 years and fourth overall. The Wildcats captured NAIA Division II crowns in 1982, '84 and '86

With an offense that led the nation in passing, total yards and scoring, and a defense that improved with every game, the 2004 Wildcats established themselves as one of the best teams in program history.

Jay Locey, in his ninth season, was named national coach of the year by the American Football Coaches Association and Football Gazette.

The season began with high expectations, but few could have predicted the levels to which the Wildcats would rise.

In the championship game at Salem, Va., Riley Jenkins caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Elliott with 5:51 left to lift Linfield past Mary-Hardin Baylor 28-21. In the final minute, the Crusaders drove 61 yards before Linfield's Kelley Bertrand and Brandon Tom sacked quarterback Josh Welch on a fourth-and-four at Linfield's 19-yard line. Linfield's Zach Fleming, who had 11 tackles in the game, set up the winning score by jarring punter Hunter Hamrick and forcing him to fall on the loose ball at the Crusaders' 10-yard line. Chosen as the game's most outstanding player, Jenkins scored two touchdowns and rushed for a game-high 81 yards on 18 carries. Linfield limited UMHB's vaunted option attack to a season-low 155 rushing yards. Eric Hillison added 10 solo stops, three behind the line of scrimmage, and made an interception.

Tom Trebelhorn - Baseball

Tom Trebelhorn was born in Portland, Oregon, attended Cleveland High School and Portland State University, and spent five years as a minor league catcher and infielder. For an individual with such a short playing career, he went on to distinguish himself as a highly successful and respected manager in major league baseball. After his playing days ended, he served in several managerial

and coaching stints in the minor league organizations of the Oakland Athletics, Cleveland Indians, and Pittsburgh Pirates before being named as the first base coach of the Milwaukee Brewers in 1984. While coaching in the Oakland Minor League Organization, he was instrumental in teaching future Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson the intricacies of base stealing, based on remarks made by Henderson at his induction ceremony to the 'Hall' on July 27, 2009.

In 1985 he was named manager of the Brewers' top farm team, the Vancouver Canadians of the Pacific Coast League, in whom he guided to the league title. The following year saw him back in the majors as the club's third base coach. He was awarded the Brewers' managerial position after the retirement of George Bamberger with nine games remaining in the 1986 season. The following year, his first full season as manager in the major leagues, the Brewers began the season by winning their first 13 games on the way to a strong third place finish, a great improvement over recent seasons which garnered him Manager of the Year awards from *Baseball America* and *Sports Illustrated*.

Trebelhorn was named bench coach of the Chicago Cubs in 1992. He was promoted to manager in 1994. While Trebelhorn's tenure as Cubs manager was short, it was memorable. Following a slow start in which the Cubs failed to win their first 10 home games, Trebelhorn promised reporters that if the Cubs lost the next game, he'd answer questions from fans in front of the firehouse across from Wrigley Field. True to form, the Cubs lost the next game. True to his word, Trebelhorn marched across the street shortly after the game and held court. "OK, what do you guys want to know?" he said.

In 1995, he returned to the minor leagues as the first manager of the Tri-City Posse of the newly formed Western Baseball League, directing the club to the league finals. Following this, he was hired as minor league coordinator of instruction for the Baltimore Orioles, his first front office position. He served in this role for three years, and eventually as the Orioles' director of player development and director of organizational instruction for one year each.

In 2001 Trebelhorn was promoted to Orioles' third base coach. Midway through the 2005 season, he was transferred to the position of bench coach, taking over the role from Sam Perlozzo, who was named interim manager. In 2006, Trebelhorn returned to his former position of third base coach. For the 2007 season, he once again worked as the Orioles' bench coach.

He took on the role of manager again in 2008 for the Class A Salem-Keizer Volcanoes, and returned as manager of the Volcanoes in 2011. In 2009, Trebelhorn was selected to be a coach for the Italian national team during the 2009 World Baseball Classic.

Clive Davies – Masters Athlete

Clive Davies took up long distance running at age 57 and raced into history. He was encouraged to enter a 6.5 mile race by friend Ken Weidkamp and came in third in this first run. Distance running worked for him and he proceeded to set 46 U.S. and world age-group records in distances ranging from one mile to 60 kilometers (37.2 miles), all between the ages of 59 and 70. Ten years after his passing, he still holds national records for the marathon in three single-age record categories: age 64 (2:42), age 66 (2:42) and age 68 (2:53).

Perhaps his greatest performance was the 1981 Boston Marathon at age 66. Although he lost 90 seconds at the start due to the crowd and ran on the grass to pass slower runners, he came in at 2 Hr/43 min. The following year Sports Illustrated wrote that *“it would be no great stretch to call the whippet lean Davies “the world’s most gifted long distance runner.”* During this era, The National Masters News named him “the greatest runner ever”.

Nike made it possible for him to run internationally in Japan, London, and Paris. Clive ran the Nike Marathon in Honolulu in 2:42 at age 66, outpacing the first five Olympic Marathon winners times before 1931 and by- passing Champion Frank Shorter’s time who ran the same marathon in 1991 at age 44..two minutes longer than Clive’s time at 66! At age 70, Clive finished the Paris Marathon in 3:04. A Hood to Coast Team consisting of mostly 40 year old runners recruited Clive to run with their team. They did well and pulled back a bit to allow him to cross the finish line first for their team. Clive and his wife Frankie hosted the team overnight at their home in Oceanside after the race.

He was inducted into the National RoadRunners of America Hall of Fame in 1983. He received countless national awards from publications such as the ORRC, Runner’s World Magazine, Running Times Magazine, and the Athletic Congress.

Clive did much to contribute to road running by frequent participation in seminars and running organizations as a speaker and role-model. An accomplished artist, his drawings were part of the publications. He was born in Swansea, Wales in 1915. His father was a coal miner, and the family immigrated to the US in 1929.

He served in the army and attended the Art Institute of Pittsburg. He met and married his wife, Frankie, and became a graphic artist for McCann-Erickson when he moved to Portland. In addition to his commercial art, he established himself as a first -rate fine artist whose paintings were found in businesses such as Georgia Pacific and in galleries throughout the state.

Les Smith, ORCC Portland Marathon Director during the 1990’s, nominated Clive to the Hall of Fame years ago, saying “Truly, to have seen Clive Davies run is to

believe that time bestowed upon him a gift of playful energy that allowed him to maintain his youth and energy far beyond the view of normal concept of the aging process.” Les was with Clive when he ran a 5:05 mile at age 65! He was known to finish races completely spent. Les continued, “He was a legend, a gentleman of the highest integrity, an inspiration without question”.

Clive has been described by many as a quiet, even stoic man with a fierce competitive spirit. He worked hard and strived to win. As an artist and athlete, he combined disciplines of creativity and physical stamina in his appreciation of the environment and life. He was a hero and a role-model to generations of runners, among them his daughter and granddaughter.

He had a great love for his family and his grandchildren. He was beloved “Poppa” who taught them to enjoy walks, painting, and books he made for them with his words and drawings. He relished desserts and walks with his dog. He was a well-known and respected figure in Oceanside where he retired.

When asked once about what he liked most about running he said...”The actual act of running, the outdoors, the wind in my face, the warmth of the sun, the changing seasons, and the glories of Oregon all around me. All that and my dog for company.”

Kelly Blair-LaBounty - Track & Field

A Prosser Washington High School graduate, Kelly Blair-LaBounty was a three-sport standout and declared “arguably the best school girl athlete ever in the state” by the Seattle Times. Kelly was an all-league volleyball player, three-time all-league basketball player, two-time all-state basketball player, basketball state tournament MVP, while leading her team to the state championship, and winner of 10 individual state track titles.

While basketball was Kelly’s first love, track seemed to be her strongest suit. After being heavily recruited for her skills on the court, Kelly decided to attend the University of Oregon, where she played basketball and participated in track. After being awarded two letters on the court, Kelly decided it was time to concentrate on her track career. The decision proved to be rewarding.

The three-time NCAA All-American as well as three-time Pacific-10 Conference champion was regarded among the best female athletes in Oregon history both on and off the track. The 1993 NCAA heptathlon champion (6,034 points) still holds the Pac-10 championship meet record (5,989 points, 1993) and remains third on the conference’s all-time list (6,038 points) as the Oregon school record-holder. One of the Ducks’ nine individuals (male or female) to claim a minimum of three U.S. Track and Field Championships, she finished eighth in the heptathlon

in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta before qualifying for a return trip in 2000. In the process, she became the first American in three years to beat heptathlon world record-holder Jackie Joyner-Kersey in the '96 U.S. Olympic Trials. The two-time World Championships participant ranks fifth all time on the U.S. list in her specialty and 11th on the career collegiate ledger. She was named Pac-10 women's track athlete of the year as a junior (1993) and individually accounted for 56 of the Ducks' 170 conference-meet points her final two years. Upon graduating with a degree in finance and economics in 1994 (3.89 gpa), Blair ranked among Oregon's top four performers of all time in five separate events (heptathlon, 100 hurdles, 400 hurdles, high jump and long jump), and in the top 10 in a sixth specialty (200 meters). The two-time first-team academic All-American and five-time first-team academic all-conference honoree was a 1994 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship recipient as well as was one of four NCAA Top Eight Award recipients in school history

In recent years she has been working as a personal coach and promoting physical literacy with Bev Smith at Kidsports. She is married to former Duck defensive lineman Matt LaBounty who was an NFL 12th-round selection in 1992 by the San Francisco 49ers, and later played with the Green Bay Packers and Seattle Seahawks. The couple have two young sons, Jacob (7) and Lucas (3).

Les Gutches - Wrestling

Les Gutches has been involved in amateur wrestling at many levels for most of his life. A distinguished member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, he was one of the nation's top international wrestlers in history, as well as a successful college athlete. Gutches was a respected coach on the college and club levels. He currently serves in a senior management position with USA Wrestling.

In freestyle wrestling, he won the gold medal at the 1997 World Freestyle Wrestling Championships in Krasnoyarsk, Russia at 85 kg/187.25 pounds. He added a World bronze medal in 1999.

After his senior year at Oregon State, Gutches won both the U.S. Nationals and Olympic Team Trials to make the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team. He placed seventh in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. During his career, Gutches won all of the major events on the international circuit, including the 1999 World Cup, the 1999 Pan American Games and the 1998 Goodwill Games. He also captured five straight U.S. Nationals titles.

At Oregon State University, he won NCAA titles in 1995 and 1996, and placed fifth in the 1994 NCAA Championships. He received the Dan Hodge Trophy as the nation's top college wrestler in 1996.

Gutches grew up within the USA Wrestling system, competing on the local, state and national levels. He was the first athlete to win USA Wrestling national titles in all five existing age group levels at the time - Cadet, Junior, Espoir, University and Senior. He competed in the World Championships on four age-group levels, as well. He won a Cadet World silver medal in 1989 and an Espoir World bronze medal in 1993.

Gutches won three state high school titles at South Medford High School. He was inducted as a Distinguished Member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2009, and was a James E. Sullivan Award finalist in 1997. He was the 1997 Amateur Wrestling News Man of the Year, as well as Freestyle Wrestler of the Year for USA Wrestling and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

He served eight years as an assistant wrestling coach at Oregon State, helping build the Beavers into one of the nation's top programs. Gutches helped coach five athletes to NCAA All-American honors. In addition to athlete instruction, his duties included business and alumni relations activities. He was also a club coach with the Orange Crush Wrestling Club, working with college athletes as well as youth from the Corvallis community.

Gutches has also been an active clinician for many years, teaching young athletes on many levels. As Director of Program Development, Gutches is responsible for developing new or expanded programs, events and activities for USA Wrestling. He works closely with state associations to increase membership and programming. He works to expand strategic partnerships and assists in promotion and marketing activities. Gutches oversees the State Services staff of the organization. Gutches served four years as a commercial lender and credit analyst for Citizens Bank, Inc.

He received an MBA from the Oregon State College of Business in 2006, where he was a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. His undergraduate degree was in Anthropology with a minor in German Language and Literature. He was a threetime NCAA First-Team Academic All-American.

Rich Brooks - Coaching

Assuming a job that few men wanted, Rich Brooks elevated a program to heights that few deemed possible at that time. While he may best be remembered as Oregon's football coach who guided the Ducks to their first Rose Bowl appearance in 37 years, his legacy meant so much more -- he provided the foundation for the most successful era of college football in school history. Through his 18-year tenure, the Oregon State graduate became the Ducks' first coach to guide them to four post-season appearances, the first ever to take Oregon to back-to-back bowl berths and completed his tenure as the winningest football coach in school history. The two-time Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year and 1994 national honoree led the school to its first undisputed

conference championship in 46 seasons in 1994 in addition to serving as the University's director of athletics from 1992-94. The Northern California native became the school's first to coach the Ducks to nine wins since 1948 and a valiant Rose Bowl effort against No. 1-ranked Penn State. He concluded his Oregon reign posting a 14-3-1 record against rival Oregon State.

After leaving Oregon, Brooks returned to the pro game and was head coach of the St. Louis Rams (1995-96) and defensive coordinator of the Atlanta Falcons (1997-2000). He left the NFL for another chance as a collegiate head coach, a risk that paid off when he took a job at an apparent long shot at Kentucky.

He had two goals when he became the head football coach at the University of Kentucky. First, stay on the job longer than any head coach in school history. Second, leave the program in better shape than when he found it. The first goal will not be met, but it is on his terms as Brooks chose to retire after seven seasons with the Wildcats. The second goal undoubtedly has been achieved, as Brooks became the first coach to take Kentucky to four-consecutive bowl games and the first to win three-straight bowls.

"Rich Brooks changed the culture and the direction of the University of Kentucky football program," said UK President Dr. Lee Todd. "He was willing to take the heat and face the critics in the early years and build our program the right way. His no-nonsense, high-integrity approach earned the respect of his players, our fans and the media. "It has been a pleasure having Rich as our football coach because I always knew that whatever decisions he was making were in the best interest of the program and his students. The University is grateful for his impact on our program and for paving the way for future success."

"The University of Kentucky cannot begin to express its thanks to Rich and Karen Brooks for their contributions to the Wildcat football program," said Mitch Barnhart, UK Director of Athletics. "Rich took a program from a very difficult time and raised it to respectability on a national level, all the while doing it with dignity and class. "His toughness was a trademark for the program he put together. The foundation that he has laid will give those that follow an opportunity to experience success on a conference and national level. I wish him all the happiness he deserves in his retirement and look forward to continuing our friendship for many years to come."

The achievements are even more remarkable when one considers the rebuilding job done by Brooks, who took over a program for the 2003 season that was burdened by the effects of NCAA probation. Inheriting a low number of players and further hampered by probation-imposed scholarship reductions, Brooks had only 70 recruited scholarship players for the 2003 season, 72 recruited scholarship players in 2004, and just 69 for the 2005 campaign – well below the NCAA maximum of 85.

The results were predictable as Kentucky produced a 9-25 record for the 2003-05 seasons. But all along, Brooks and his coaching staff were building a program. The fruits of patient coaching and tireless recruiting were realized when the Wildcats went 8-5 in the 2006 season, capped by an upset of highly favored Clemson in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl. It was the most wins for a Kentucky team and first bowl victory since 1984.

Following the season, Brooks was recognized for his performance by the Kentucky chapter of the National Football League Players Association Alumni, which gave him the Blanton Collier Award in recognition of his on-the-field accomplishments and off-the-field steadiness that were hallmarks of Collier, the former UK and Cleveland Browns head coach.

More dramatic results were produced in 2007 – another eight-win season, coming against a schedule rated as high as the fifth-most difficult in the nation – capped by a Music City Bowl triumph over perennial power Florida State. Additional landmarks featured:

Simply going to postseason play in 2008 was a big achievement for the Wildcats, who had massive graduation departures from 2007, then sustained major losses to key personnel during the '08 campaign.

Despite the obstacles, the team reflected Brooks' hard-nosed attitude and fought its way to a 7-6 record and another bowl championship. Along the way, UK posted come-from-behind fourth-quarter victories over Middle Tennessee, Arkansas and, finally, Conference USA champ East Carolina in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

Rallying to win in the fourth quarter became a trademark for Brooks' teams. In the '08 win over Arkansas, for example, UK tied the school record for overcoming the largest fourth-quarter deficit in school history. The Wildcats trailed 20-7 with only five minutes to go before posting two late TDs to win, 21-20. It's not surprising that the previous time a 13-point deficit was erased in the fourth quarter was also by a Brooks team, in the 2004 season vs. Vanderbilt.

UK's win over East Carolina in the Liberty Bowl was another of Brooks' coaching gems. Trailing 16-3 at halftime, a fiery speech motivated his team to yet another fourth-quarter comeback triumph. In the process, it was the first time in school history that Kentucky had won bowl games following three consecutive seasons.

Brooks also received an individual accolade when CollegeFootballNews.com named him the 2009 SEC Coach of the Year. Brooks' versatile coaching abilities were reflected in the various achievements made by his offensive, defensive and special teams units.

Brooks' teams also posted accomplishments in the classroom. UK had a first-team Academic All-American from 2005-08, with only one other school in the nation able to make that claim. In 2005, UK led the nation by having three players on the Academic All-America squad. Hayden Lane and Jacob Tamme were the 2006 and 2007 SEC Football Scholar-Athletes of the Year, the first time in league history that one school had back-to-back winners of the award.

Brooks' amazing turnaround of Kentucky's football fortunes marked the second time in his career that he has resurrected a troubled program. He followed a similar course at the University of Oregon from 1977-94, taking a downtrodden team and eventually advancing to four bowls in his final six seasons. The 1994 season was his best, as he led the Ducks to the Rose Bowl and Brooks was named National Coach of the Year.

In his rebuilding jobs at Oregon and Kentucky, Brooks has a career record of 130-156-4, including 91-109-4 in 18 years at Oregon and 39-47 in seven seasons at UK. He went 30-22 in his final four seasons with the Wildcats.

A native of Forest, Calif., the 69-year-old Brooks played his collegiate football at Oregon State while obtaining his bachelor's and master's degrees. He coached at Oregon State and UCLA, and also had NFL stints with the Los Angeles Rams and San Francisco 49'ers, before landing the head coaching role at Oregon.

In retirement, Brooks will enjoy more time with his wife, Karen, four children (daughters Kasey and Kerri, sons Denny and Brady), five grandchildren, and countless friends made during a lifetime of coaching. He'll also have more time for his hobbies of fishing and golfing.

Morris 'Bucky' Buckwalter - Special Contribution to Sport

During his 22-year association with the Portland Trail Blazers, Morris 'Bucky' Buckwalter wore many hats. In each of his assignments, the La Grande, Oregon, native used his exceptional grasp of the game of basketball to positively impact the path taken by Portland's National Basketball Association entry.

Bucky began his tenure with the Blazers as a college scout the summer before the 1976-77 championship year. He stepped down as the team's senior scouting consultant after the 1996-97 season. In between, he did everything from being an assistant coach under Jack Ramsay to serving as Vice President for basketball operations from 1986-87 through 1991-92.

Buckwalter, who had a major hand in putting together the Blazer team that twice made serious runs at the franchise's second world championship in the early 1990s, was named The Sporting News' Basketball Executive of the Year in 1991.

His reputation for discovering basketball talent from myriad sources is no better illustrated than by the fact that during Buckwalter's tenure, the Blazers drafted Clyde Drexler, Terry Porter, Jerome Kersey and Clifford Robinson while trading for Buck Williams, Kevin Duckworth and Danny Ainge to give Portland the deepest roster of talent in the league. For three seasons through 1991-92, the Trail Blazers were 179-75 in regular season play, 34-24 in postseason and were in the NBA Finals twice.

One of Buckwalter's early draft plums came when his college scouting efforts led the Blazers to take guard Johnny Davis in the 1976 NBA draft. Davis had a big role in Portland winning the 1977 NBA championship.

Bucky was way ahead of the curve in looking across the Atlantic to evaluate talent. In 1986, he stunned the basketball world by drafting two European players, Arvydas Sabonis from Lithuania with the 24th pick overall, and Drazen Petrovic from Croatia in the third round (60th pick). Pundits questioned Portland's 'wasting' their picks on virtual unknowns (at least in this country). Vindication came big time when both not only made it in the NBA, but today are in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.

Buckwalter was introduced to professional basketball in 1972 when he joined the Seattle SuperSonics as an assistant coach. When Tom Nissalke was fired in January of 1973, Bucky took over as head coach for the remainder of the campaign. The following season, he was assistant general manager to Bill Russell.

His next job, head coach of the Utah Stars of the American Basketball Association, will forever be remembered by him luring a youngster named Moses Malone to forego a collegiate career and play professional basketball.

Buckwalter also coached the Fresno Stars of the Western Basketball Association for a year before joining the Trail Blazers staff.

Buckwalter's roots are deeply planted in Oregon's soil. A 1952 graduate of La Grande High School, he paced his Blue Mountain Conference team to the state tournament as a 6-foot-2 forward with a reputation as a furious competitor. La Grande finished fourth in the tournament and Buckwalter, who was also senior class president, earned first team All-Tournament honors.

He played collegiate basketball at the University of Utah, where he led the team in scoring as a sophomore and was all-conference his last two seasons. Those final two seasons, the Utes reached the NCAA tournament both times, losing out once to eventual champion San Francisco, led by Bill Russell.

After serving as an assistant coach at Utah for eight seasons, Buckwalter took over as head coach at Seattle University in 1967. In five seasons his teams posted a sparkling 79-49 record.

Bucky and his wife, Paula, still make their home in Portland. Their son, Bryan, has been a long-time member of the Trail Blazers broadcast crew.

2011 Scholarship Winners' Bios

Travis Pederson – Gresham High School

Travis is one of the few students at Gresham High to achieve the full International Baccalaureate diploma. He maintained a 4.0 grade point average while taking the most challenging curriculum offered. Travis was also a three sport athlete for all four years in baseball, basketball and football.

He is not only a star in athletics, but also has received the following honors and awards: Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Community College Vice President's Honor Roll, Link Crew and KGW Student Athlete of the Month.

Volunteer activities include, Cookies to Our Troops, Relay for Life, Zarepath Soup Kitchen and Busy Bees Volunteer Club. Mr. Pederson plans to attend the University of Portland in the fall.

Zac Cardwell – Lowell High School

Zac has been an active member of the National Honor Society and the Leadership Class Representative for his last three years at Lowell High School. He has been awarded Student-of-the-Month four times and was selected three years for the Register Guard's Prep Athlete of the month. He has maintained a 3.9 G.P.A. Zac competed in Football, Wrestling and Baseball. He is a four time State and District Wrestling champion, and is a three time All-League Infielder and an All State Catcher for his baseball team. Zac's community service has included running a church for kids, Lowell High School Restoration Painting Project, Vacation Bible School Jr. Leader and various youth coaching positions. Mr. Cardwell plans to attend Oregon State University in the fall.

Wasil Ahmed – Central Catholic High School

At Central Catholic High School, Wasil was a three year member of the Track and Field Team and State Champion Cross Country Team. He received multiple conference recognition awards. As well, he was a Nike Borderclash Participant (OR v WA) and a Cross Country Regional Participant for three years. Outside of the classroom Wasil has volunteered his time as a mentor/youth leader, mentor/student volunteer and as an Activity Coordinator at Providence Hospital. With a high school G.P.A. of 3.74 Mr. Ahmed plans on attending Lewis and Clark in the fall.

Marie Kempf – Phoenix High School

Varsity Track, Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Swimming are just a few of the extra-curricular activities that Maria has participated in while maintaining a G.P.A.

of 3.87. She holds the title for 2010-11 Oregon State Swimming Champion 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay and 400 Free Style Relay. She is the school record holder of the 200 Medley Relay and was featured in the ESPN Rise Girl Spring 2011 Article: "High C, Girls on the Rise." Marie has also volunteered her time with Future Farmers of America, Relay for Life, which raises money for cancer research and Phoenix Elementary School as a teacher's aide and camp counselor. Ms. Kempf plans on attending the University of Oregon.

Megan Haueter – Bandon High School

Megan has been a part of the Cross Country and Basketball teams since her freshman year at Bandon High School. She helped her Cross Country Team to a 3rd place finish her junior and senior years. Megan caddies at the prestigious Bandon Dunes Golf Course and was Assistant Coach basketball at the youth level. She has also been involved in community service such as the local Walk-a-Thon for Special Olympics, Earth Day and feeding the hungry. Ms. Haueter held a 3.89 G.P.A. and will be attending George Fox University in the fall.

Catalina Coleman – Hermiston High School

At Hermiston High School, Catalina competed on the Soccer, Cross Country, and Track and Softball teams. As well, she was a part of the Competition Cheer Team. This past year she served as Senior Captain on her soccer team and was recognized as a member of the First Team 5A Columbia River Conference. With a 3.81 G.P.A., Megan has earned herself a spot on the Honor Roll and is ranked 25th in a class of 231. Outside of school, Megan has volunteered her time coaching youth camps, working on local charity events such as the Hermiston Community Christmas Dinner and Cancer Benefit Dinners. Ms. Coleman plans on studying Ag Business at Oregon State University in the fall.