

NBA Update

By Darrell Reider

This is the time of year when almost every possible sport is in action, making millions to satisfy outrageous contracts. Playoffs are now going on in the NBA and NHL, Major League Baseball and NASL Soccer have started new seasons, the tennis circuit is well on its way to Wimbledon in late June, the PBA is holding tournaments all over the country, Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions--as well as some NFL teams--are hard at work in spring training, and the NFL scouts are looking over the college talent in preparation for the upcoming draft. About the only sports not in action at the moment are Tahitian Badminton and Ice Fishing on the Dead Sea.

Some very interesting developments have taken place over the past few weeks in professional basketball post-season play, so let's recap the action. In the preliminary round, the Houston Rockets, led by the phenomenal Moses Malone, ousted the Magic-less Angeles Lakers in three games. The Los Angeles fans were stunned when the Rockets invaded the Forum and stole two games, including the clincher. The Houston victory matched the Rockets against the Mid-West champion San Antonio Spurs. Currently, Houston leads the best-of-seven series three games to two, with the next game back on their home court. Malone has really carried the team with his scoring, rebounding, and outlet passes to ageless guard Calvin Murphy. If Malone can continue his domination over the Spurs, look out for the Rockets in the Western Finals.

Surprisingly, the Kansas City Kings--after narrowly beating Portland in the preliminary round--lead their series with the Phoenix Suns three games to one. That's right, the Phoenix Suns, winners of the Pacific Division this year! The Suns must sweep the next three games if they are to survive. If Coach Cotton Fitzsimmons can keep K.C. hot, it will be the Battle of the Underdogs for the Western title.

In the East, the Chicago Bulls swept Red Holzman's New York Knicks behind the fabulous play of forward David Greenwood and center Artis Gilmore. The Bulls had ended the regular season with an eight-game winning streak, and were victorious in 15 of their last 17 games. But all good things must come to an end, and the Boston Celtics saw to it.

I.M. VOLLEYBALL

By Yvonne Harhigh

In intramural volleyball action, the Free Peas (third place finishers in the regular season) swept their semi-final match from the No Names in two straight games.

In the other semi-final, the heavily favored Bombers won by forfeit over the Jerks.

The final match should be exciting, as the Free Peas--who boast of being the only team in the playoffs which has any female members--try to block the Bombers' efforts to be I.M. volleyball champs for the second year in a row.

Watch the bulletin boards for the date and time of the showdown!

My co-editor's favorite player, Larry Bird, and the rest of the Celts, destroyed the Bulls in four straight games, thus reviving memories of the infamous Boston Massacre. Boston is very tough, especially with Kevin McHale, Robert Parrish, Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell, and Rick Robey coming off the bench. Guard Nate Archibald has been the team leader all season, and I believe he'll lead the mighty Green and White to the finals.

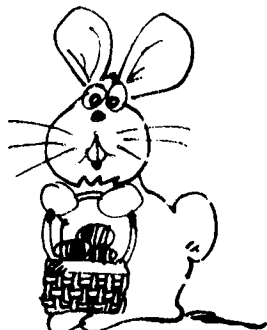
Meanwhile, the Philadelphia 76ers dusted off the Indiana Pacers to advance to the quarter-finals against the Central Division champs, the Milwaukee Bucks. The Sixers and Bucks are now tied at two games apiece, excluding last night's game at the Spectrum. Both teams are tough at home, and I feel this series will need all seven games to decide a winner. Coaches Billy Cunningham and Don Nelson have super teams that both belong in the finals. But with the playoff set-up in the NBA, that is impossible. The key for the Sixers is getting consistent play from center Darryl "Chocolate Thunder" Dawkins. Dawkins cannot play over-aggressively, as he has been getting into early foul trouble. He must box out big Bob Lanier and control the boards (not an easy task), look for the open man, and, above all, play with his head in the game, not in left field.

On the other side, Marques Johnson, a former UCLA standout, is the floor leader of Milwaukee. Marques has been playing most of the games above the rim, in big man territory, getting rebounds and blocking shots. He plays a good game of basketball, and sets an example for Dawkins. The winner of the Sixers-Bucks series has the pleasure of meeting the Celtics in the Boston Garden for the Eastern Conference title.

My prediction is that the winner of the East should capture the 1981 NBA crown, prestige, lots of money, and the cover of Sports Illustrated. Going out on a limb, I like the Celtics, with Robert "00" Parrish. Last season, the Celts tried to trade Parrish, but no teams nibbled at the offer. Now, they have extended his contract and he's up for mayor in Boston, on the same ticket as Larry Bird. Sorry, Jack, the sixers just don't have the overall strength that Boston has this year. Next year's slogan for the Sixers, instead of "We Owe You One," will be "How Many Do We Owe You?"

We would also like to say hi to Pat in the Dining Hall, because she says, "mention me, mention me!" So, hi to Pat in the Dining Hall.

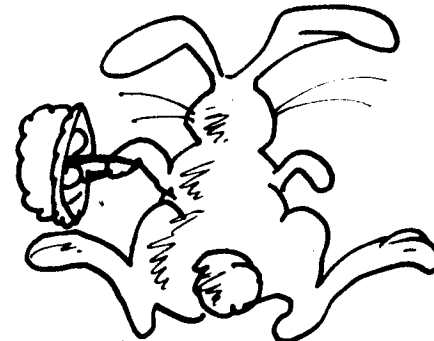
Next Issue: Intramural updates, Capitol baseball, and pro playoffs.



SPORTS QUIZ

How many teams came from the World Hockey Association to the National Hockey League which are still active today?

Answer: Four--Edmonton, Quebec, Winnipeg, and Hartford.



CLASSIFIEDS

PERSONAL

Mom--Since your birthday was last week, let this Happy Birthday message suffice for '82--WJN

Baby Doll--My love for you grows deeper every time I see you. My sorrow in leaving you is only quenched by the sound of your voice over the phone and your reassuring letters. I Love You! I am really looking forward to putting a ring on your finger, then everyone will know, without a shadow of a doubt, that you are mine and vice versa. Love eternally --Jack

Who wears red shorts, on second floor Wrisberg?

Broxmire--So you've been here almost three weeks. I hope you are having fun. It's not like the other place. Do you miss Ralph C.? Until next issue--Your favorite DJ

SMS--One picture is worth a thousand words--keep it fast and glassy!--Goofy Foot

Who had the mushy half banana facial?

Sunshine--I'm glad you decided to stay! You brighten up my Wednesday nights!!! --Thunder

Joan & John--Congratulations on your engagement. Best wishes--Lynne & Ray

HLB--Don't lose it yet. Only 8 more weeks--Mountain Woman

PTW--Sorry it ended so abruptly and cold. You won't be forgotten--WFB

WB--You're cute! If you disclose the place & time mentioned in the note, I'll be there--RR

Rube & #8--If we finish over .500 we will return to Rosies II--Cowntippers

HLB II--Which leg was it?--Rox

My favorite female RA--So, aren't you glad I.M. bowling is a lot better? I'm glad you stayed; you are nicer looking than us guys--Bottom 1/2 of 328

Nutch--What do you think of my NYR? The NYMs won, even the NYs are playing good. Gretzky for "All World" W328

Spoiled Rotten--You are a great person Your Roomie

Pesche--Have a nice Easter. This is the second of seven--Your Lover

Hot-Blooded Italian--Watch out for railroad tracks.

#15--Be nice to umps at Christian colleges.

Puppies--In response to your memo--Talk is cheap! Prove it!--J&M

Fun-Loving--I know I'll keep searching even after today--Loved-the-Fun

Mountain Woman--Wanna go to Brian's wedding with me on May 23? Free social drinks at reception. Let me know. --Ex-Sec-Treas.

flip--Fall asleep in any bars lately?--Andy Boring

Tulip--Happy Anniversary--Popeye

John--Who irons his clothes while wearing them, and takes a shower with his clothes on--The Bartender's brother

Joe & Joan--Happy Anniversary--Ray & Lynne

J&M--I can't believe you're aggressive. I guess I'll find out Tuesday night. I'm not sure I know what to wear!--Puppy

John--What time is it? Don't lie, don't lie to me. Help me up, help me up, someone please help me uuuuuup. What time is it? DOOONN'T LIEEE--The Bartender

SGA Presidential Candidates--Nothing personal, OK?--Leonard Wumke

Hard Bananas, fresh bananas, hard bananas. Who has the hard, fresh bananas--Arrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr

Beautiful--And you are because I say so. Smile for me.

Buddy--Take us back to the clear water, sunny skies, mystery drinks, "good" beans and great times!--B3

You're So Bad--Hendrix, Handicaps, U.S.A. Flag, Parking Lots, Mud, Winning Arguments, elements, emotionals, alligators, Partying, Buds, Sat. & Sun. Mornings, no kisses, but hugs, I can't get no relief!--The Only Babydoll L.D. Lou

Beautiful--Glad I found you. Life's been nice since I did.

Rox--Let me tell you, your legs are just killing me. They are even good at volleyball--HLB II

#44--Next time we go on the road bring a paper bag--#10 & #20

REV--This one's for you--Rosanne

Kathy--For someone who sits in her room and doesn't participate in extra-curricular activities: Don't worry about us--The Men from Second Floor Church

Thanks--Thunder & lightning for not allowing me to quit--Handicap

MOUNTAIN WOMAN--It's nice to see you relaxed (cool and mellow). Have a Happy Easter with JR--HLB

Jou Jou--I'm looking forward to us spending Easter together. I hope it's a happy one for you. Love--Tunsa

MAG--No charge for the house call. I'll get my payment some other way. Love, Doc

M.W.--You're next.--U.D.

WSDC Seniors--Ready to party hardy your last term? If not, I'll make sure you are real quick! One bourbon, one scotch, one beer...--Julio

HELP WANTED

IT'S TIME AGAIN for the James Jordan Award recipient to be chosen. Anyone who wishes to serve on the screening committee is asked to submit his or her name, address, and phone number to Lois in W-104 or drop it in the president's mailbox in W-110.

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