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Miller's Corner

UNLV goes down in flames and PSU takes step forward

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MARCH MADNESS BECAME SUDDEN SADNESS for the Runnin' Rebels of UNLV, who watched their fantastic run at a repeat NCAA title dwindle when point guard Greg Anthony fouled out with three minutes to play against Duke. The Blue Devils peaked at the right time, unlike UNLV, whose lack of competition throughout the year might have been a death wish.

AFTER THE GREAT REBEL MASSACRE in the 1990 tournament final, Duke vowed to fight UNLV to the finish, physically, emotionally, and mentally. The Duke-UNLV semifinal will be remembered as one of the best games of all time, unlike the North Carolina-Kansas game, which resembled Beaver College playing Thiel College.

KANSAS FOUND THE SLIPPER TO THEIR LIKING, but unfortunately, it was Dorothy's, not Cinderella's. I can hear the Kansas student body now, "Rock Chalk, Jayhawks. There's no place like home. There's no place like

home." Away from the wicked Blue Devil defense of the east, anyway.

THE NCAA TOURNAMENT FINAL was a great game, as usual. Although Duke controlled the game from the outset, Kansas hung close enough to keep the Devils on their toes, despite poor shooting.

GUESS WHO MISSED THE PARTY OF THE YEAR? Christian Laettner of Duke. Due to NCAA drug testing, Laettner was expected to give a sample AFTER their monumental, if not unbelievable victory over UNLV. Laettner missed all the post-game festivities, including what would probably be the most celebrated bus ride in history back to the hotel, because he was so dehydrated and couldn't produce anything. Someone should remind the NCAA that the locker rooms are not test labs, and what happened to Laettner shouldn't happen again. Why not test before the game? The NCAA flunked that one. What a shame.

THE MONKEYS ON THE BACKS of Duke coach Krzyzewski (shoe-chef-

ski) and sophomore point guard Bobby Hurley are history. Last season's nightmare final was so tragic for the New Jersey point guard, that last summer he had nightmares about shark attacks in swimming pools. Certainly Hurley's defense and overall play may be worthy of causing nightmares in opponent's sleep. But, could you imagine being chased around by twenty Bobby Hurleys in Blue Devil suits, stabbing you with a pitchfork made of shark skin?

PENN STATE BASKETBALL STEPPED FORWARD once again by beating UCLA and falling to Eastern Michigan (a game they should have won) in overtime, in their first tournament appearance in thirty years. It'll be interesting to see how the PSU hoopsters fare against opponents next season like Ohio State, as they prepare as an independent to return to the NCAA tournament. The Lions will begin Big Ten conference play during the 1992-93 season.

A TOUCH OF CLASS, certainly not out of the ordinary for Charles Barkley, was displayed by Sir Charles

recently when he tried to spit on a fan, and spit on an 8-year-old girl. Barkley tried to make excuses, apologized halfheartedly, and was fined only \$10,000 and suspended for one game by the NBA. I can think of a hell of a lot better suspensions than that for such a cruel and obscene act. Barkley's antics give me all the more reason to dislike my once favorite 76er. I stopped liking the Sixers when they traded Moses Malone. Trading Maurice Cheeks was the icing on the cake.

I KNOW THE SYRACUSE HEAD COACHING POSITION isn't vacant, but could I please have an application anyway? I could at least be an assistant and give the worst coach in college basketball a few pointers. More than a few, actually.

IS IT JUST ME, or is the NCAA tourney not the same since CBS took over the early rounds for ESPN?

BILLY PACKER has got to go. I've heard enough of him. We want Dick Vitale, baaaaaby!!

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division in baseball. The Boston Red Sox won the crown last year with 88 wins. The other division winners needed well over 90 wins to capture their divisions.

The Red Sox could prevail again this year. Pitcher Roger Clemens anchors a good, but not great staff. And slugger Jack Clark was made for Fenway

Park's Green Monster.

The Toronto Blue Jays and Baltimore Orioles could challenge, but the Jays seem to choke every year and the O's just don't seem to have the starting pitching.

Saving the best for last, the AL West is by far the best division in baseball. The Oakland A's are the clear favorites. If the Bash Brothers and company should lose another World Series, they will go from a dynasty to

underachievers. The list of stars on this teams goes on and on: Dave Stewart, Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire, and Rickey Henderson to name a few.

The rest of the teams in this division have a tough task. All of these teams, save the Minnesota Twins, could possibly win any of the other of the divisions.

The Chicago White Sox, who challenged the A's last season, have gone all out by acquiring outfielder Tim

Raines and signed Bo Jackson this past week in hopes of a mid-season return by the two-sport human highlight film.

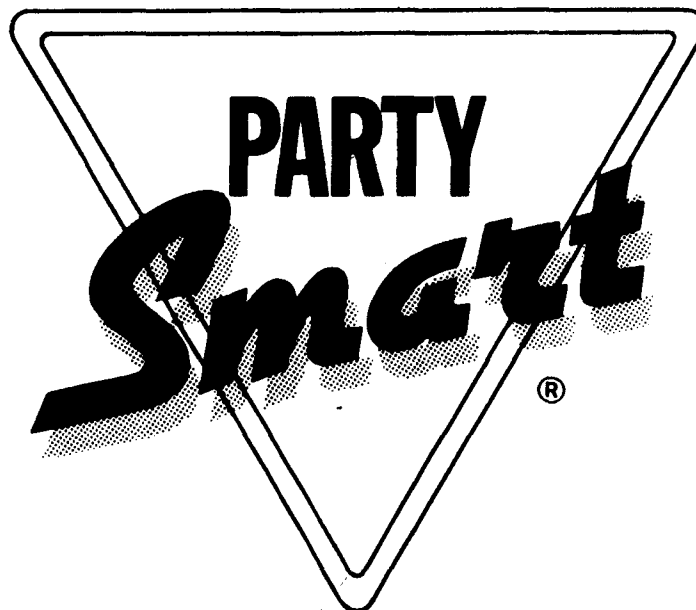
The Royals have added Kirk Gibson for leadership and still have a very talented team even without Bo.

But the A's just look stacked as usual. The question with them is not division title or pennant, but can they erase the past three years of memories brought on by the Dodgers, Reds, and the Bay Earthquake

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