

SPORTS

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Seems like old times in NBA

By Joel Pinckney

If you follow the National Basketball Association, particularly the Atlantic Division, it may seem like old times again.

With only a handful of games, the Philadelphia 76ers lead the Atlantic Division by three games over their rival Boston Celtics. The 76ers are looking for their first division title since the 1982-83 season, the year they went on to sweep the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA finals.

Led by viable MVP candidate Charles Barkley, who is often overlooked because of his outspokenness, the 76ers have surprised many this season. Picked by many experts to finish no higher than third behind the New York Knicks and the Celtics, the 76ers have quietly become a legitimate championship contender.

Meanwhile, the Knicks have slumped recently, dropping them into third place. Patrick Ewing is having an MVP-like season, but hasn't received much help as of lately. As for the Celtics, Larry Bird is back but they have yet to find the

consistency that kept them at the top throughout the 80s.

In Philadelphia, the 76ers have gelled. In addition to the scoring, rebounding and leadership of Barkley, the off-season acquisition of Rick Mahorn has added some muscle inside. Point guard Johnny Dawkins quietly distributes the ball, while second-year guard Hersey Hawkins lights it up from outside. The ever-improving Derek Smith and sixth man Ron Anderson give the 76ers some quality play off the bench, and do not forget about Coach Jim Lynam, who has done an outstanding job.

If Philadelphia wins the Atlantic Division, keep an eye on them in the playoffs. They are exceptionally tough at The Spectrum, their home arena. The 76ers will have home court advantage up to the Eastern Conference Finals should they win the division, assuming the Detroit Pistons make it to the conference finals.

Around the rest of the Eastern Conference, the Pistons are still the team to beat, but will not repeat if Joe Dumars is on the sideline come

playoff time. You can never count out the Celtics, but inconsistency has hurt them throughout the year. The Knicks are looking to regain the form of the season, but the team to catch is the Chicago Bulls, with "Mr. Everything" Michael Jordan. The Bulls have more depth than last season with rookies B.J. Armstrong and Stacey King, and Scottie Pippen is a blooming superstar. Look for the Bulls in the NBA Finals, even if Dumars gets healthy.

Over in the Western Conference, the Los Angeles Lakers are still the best team. They boast the best record and are looking for a rematch with the Pistons, but the fast-rising Phoenix Suns are their toughest challenge. The Utah Jazz may win the Midwest Division but are a player short of a championship team. Portland's playoff woes will continue, and the San Antonio Spurs, with rookie sensation David Robinson, need seasoning. Look for Magic Johnson and the Lakers in the finals against Jordan and the Bulls. The Lakers will win the championship in six games, while Magic walks away with the series MVP trophy.

Duke eaten up in shark infested area

by Corey Wiles
Sports Editor

The UNLV Rebels came out to play Monday night and defeated the Duke Blue Devils 103-73 in the NCAA Championship game. In what was the climax of an incredible tournament, this game was all one sided as UNLV dominated the game from the beginning and never looked back.

UNLV was led by guard Anderson Hunt with 29 points. But it was Augmon, Butler, and Johnson who destroyed Duke on the boards. "UNLV was more physical and caused a lot more turnovers," said commentator Brent Musberger. "They are the best team in the nation." UNLV never really looked like they were in trouble and at times they looked invisible. Duke was as

cold as I've ever seen a team shoot. They just didn't seem like they could get it rolling. They got frustrated and then took it out on each other. They didn't stand a chance after that.

UNLV had a spectacular season and the fans definitely favored the Rebels Monday night. Probably because Denver is closer to Las Vegas or maybe because they wanted it just a little more. In the "shark tank" which is where the Rebels play their home games, they do not lose. Named the "shark tank" in honor of their coach Jerry Tarkanian, the Rebels did not lose this year at home. That is called total intimidation and domination.

UNLV head coach Jerry Tarkanian, who has had problems in the past with recruiting, wasn't thinking about problems last night. However, the recruiting problems have given

UNLV a bad boy image that has been hard for them to shake. Even though there has been problems, take nothing away from the Rebels. Winning a national championship with this year's crew of legitimate, outstanding athletes was no fluke. UNLV is said to go through grueling practices and you better believe it pays off. The Rebels run and gun philosophy is backed up with tenacious defense. This is a winning combination.

So the game didn't live up to the hype of a national championship game, but we got to see a show performed by UNLV. The Rebels are going to be tough again next year, but it is very hard to repeat. It's tough because the tournament is tough and unpredictable. It takes a lot of talent and a little luck to go the distance in the NCAA tournament. The Rebels made it look easy.

Baseball returns!

By Doug Friedle
Staff Writer

It was not all that long ago people wondered if we would see baseball at all. Well, April 9th marks the Opening Day ceremonies for most of the major leagues.

It will be a week later than expected but baseball will finally get underway. The lockout being settled for the most part, its time to get down to business. The only big change in the agreement is the fact that the rosters will be 27 men for the first three weeks than 25 from May 1 on.

Who will win this year? At the moment that is almost impossible to tell. Spring training has not really been a true indication at the type of play we'll see (or at least I hope not).

Many new faces are making themselves feel at home the next couple of days with their new teams. When they become adjusted to their new teams the standings could be real close.

Don't miss Cortland Lax's first home game Sat., 1:00 p.m. against Hobart!

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN PHYS. ED. AND RECREATION

April 9, 1990, Student Reading Room
PEB Building, 3-4 p.m.

The program will be an informal presentation by the participants to help you understand career opportunities for physical education and recreation majors.

You are encouraged to ask questions after a 30 minute presentation and opportunities to meet individually with participants will follow thereafter.

Mrs. Linda McGraw

Non traditional fields in higher education

Mr. Douglas Tainage, manager, NJ Branch, John Greeley's Fitness personal home fitness instruction private clubs corporate fitness equipment sales massage and nutrition therapy

Mr. Stephen M. Stutch, Cns. Rt. Buffalo Psychiatric Center recreational therapy (services to various units) admissions, intensive treatment, secure care, psychiatric rehab, medical surgical, geriatric, mentally ill, chemical abuser and out patient facilities

Ms. Anne Hutchinson, Recreational Therapist, rec. dept., Cortland recreational therapy higher education

Ms. Brenda Cottone, Health Promotion director, Cortland YWCA health and wellness programming non profit organizations

Ms. Marilyn Tier or Mr. Michael Smith, special education, OCM BOCES, Cortland special education therapy physical education

Ms. Sheila Donahue, Director of Personnel, Great Peak Resort, Cortland resort and leisure position

Ms. Marybeth Colosi, Recreation Assistant, Cortland Youth Bureau, Cortland youth programming facility operations

Facilitator: Mr. Robert Frederick, Career Associate, Cortland

Sports Update

MEN'S LACROSSE (5-2): Ranked seventh in the nation, the Red Dragon men's lacrosse team extending their win streak to three games by downing 16th ranked Potsdam State 11-7 and beating Ithaca College 16-9 last week. Sophomore attackman Todd Freeman (JAMESVILLE) tallied a season single-game high six goals against Ithaca. After playing seven straight road games to start the 1990 season, Cortland opens at home on Saturday with a 1p.m. contest against national champion Hobart College on Davis Field.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE (1-0): The 1990 Cortland women's lacrosse team, under veteran coach Pat Rudy, opened the season with 6-5 victory today over visiting Lock Haven University on Holloway Field. The Red Dragons took a 3-0 lead in the opening minutes, but Lock Haven battled back to tie the game at 5-5 early in the second half. Cortland junior Ann Bolton (FREDONIA) scored the game winner 10 minutes into the final stanza. In a busy week, the Dragons are at Hartwick on Tuesday, host Hamilton on Wednesday, play at Trenton State on Saturday and at Glassboro State on Sunday.

BASEBALL (7-6): Coach Tony Cirelli's Dragons started their State University of New York Athletic Conference schedule by splitting a twin bill at New Paltz State last Wednesday, losing 7-4 and winning 13-4. Visiting Cornell swept two games, 5-2 and 4-1, from the Dragons on Thursday. Cortland hosts Ithaca College in one nine-inning game Tuesday afternoon, hosts Albany State in a Thursday double-header, and plays two games at St. John Fisher on Saturday.

SOFTBALL (7-3): Idle last week, the Red Dragon softball squad, ranked 16th in the nation, plays a doubleheader at Oneonta State on Tuesday, plays two games at Geneseo on Thursday, competes in the Montclair (NJ) State Tournament on Friday and Saturday, then hosts Stony Brook for two games on Sunday.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK: For the second straight week, the Red Dragon men's and women's outdoor track season start was delayed because of inclement weather. The Cortland squads will look to begin the 1990 campaign on Saturday at the Albany Invitational.

MEN'S GYMNASTICS: The three-time national champion Cortland men's gymnastics squad remains idle until the United States Gymnastics Federation Division II-III Championships at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs on April 13-14.