

### Eastern Conference

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
y-Boston	55	21	.724	-	Won 8	34-5	21-16	37-15
New York	36 .	41	.468	191/2	Won 3	29-10	7-31	25-28
Washington	35	42	.455	201/2	Lost 1	23-15	12-27	24-29
Philadelphia	34	42	.447	21	Won 2	25-13	9-29.	23-29
New Jersey	18	59	.234	361/2	Lost 11	15-23	3-36	10-43
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
x-Detroit	50	26	.658	-	Won 1	31-6	19-20	35-17
x-Atlanta	47	29	.618	2	Lost 3	29-9	18-20	32-20
x-Chicago	45	30	.600	41/2	Won 2	28-10	17-20	29-22
Milwaukee	40	36	.526	10	Lost 2	28-11	12-25	26-26
Cleveland	38	40	.487	13	Lost 1	28-10	10-30	26-28
Indiana	35	41	.461	15	Lost 1	24-14	11-27	22-29

#### Western Conference

MIDWEST	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
x-Dallas	50	26	.658	_	Lost 1	32-7	18-19	38-16
x-Denver	50	27	.649	1/2	Won 2	31-6	19-21	35-20
x-Houston	43	32	.573	61/2	Lost 2	28-8	15-24	30-23
x-Utah	42	34	.553	8	Won 2	29-7	11-27	33-21
San Antonio	29	47	.382	21	Lost 1	22-16	7-31	23-31
Sacramento	22	54	.289	28	Lost 1	18-21	4-33	16-37
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
y-LA Lakers	57	19	.750	-	Lost 1	34-5	23-14	41-13
x-Portland	47	28	.627	10	Lost 1	30-7	17-21	33-20
x-Seattle	41	35	.539	161/2	Won 1	30-8	11-27	28-26
Phoenix	26	50	.342	301/2	Won 1	20-18	6-32	19-35
Golden State	19	57	.244	381/2	Won 1	15-23	4-34	14-40
LA Clippers	17	60	.221	42	Lost 2	14-25	3-35	13-41
x-Clinched pla	yoff be	rth; y	Clinche	d divis	ion title			

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Houston at Denver 9:30 pm

Golden State at Portland 10:30 pm

Denver 120, L.A. Lakers 106
Phoenix 123, San Antonio 116
Golden State 112, Dallas 110
Seattle 113, L.A. Clippers 92
LA Lakers 109, Portland 103
Dallas 104, Sacramento 96
Sacramento at Houston, 8:30 pm
Atlanta at Philadelphia 7:30 pm
Milwaukee at Detroit 8 pm
Sacramento at San Antonio 8: 30 pm -

EASTERN CONTENDERS' REMAINING GAMES (4 playoff berths remain) Milwaukee (6) - Home (3): Tuesday, Philadelphia; Wednesday, Washington; April 22, New York. Away (3): Friday, Detroit; Sunday, Chicago; April 23, New

Phoenix at LA Lakers 10: 30 pm

Dallas at Seattle 10: 30 pm

Cleveland (5) - Home (3): Friday, Boston; Monday, Indiana; April 23, Philadelphia. Away (2): Today, Detroit; April 22, Chicago.

Indiana (6) — Home (3): Today, Chicago; Saturday, Philadelphia; April 23, New York. Away (3): Monday, Cleveland; Wednesday, Atlanta; April 22, Detroit. Washington (5) — Home (3): Sunday, Boston; April 21, Detroit; April 23, Atlanta.

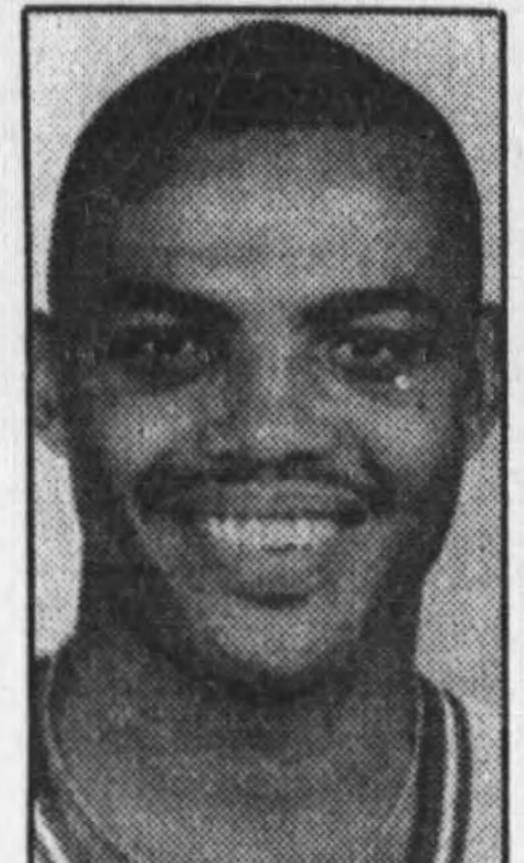
Away (2): Friday, New York; Wednesday, Milwaukee. New York (5) - Home (2): Friday, Washington; Tuesday, Chicago. Away (3): Sat-

urday, Atlanta; April 22, Milwaukee; April 23, Indiana. Philadelphia (6) — Home (3): Friday, Atlanta; Tuesday, Milwaukee; April 21, New

Jersey. Away (3): Saturday, Indiana; April 23, Cleveland; April 24, Detroit. WESTERN CONTENDERS' REMAINING GAMES (1 playoff spot remains) San Antonio (6) — Home (3): Friday, Sacramento; Tuesday, Los Angeles Lakers;

April 24, Dallas. Away (3): Saturday, Utah; April 21, Houston; April 22, Dallas. Phoenix (6) — Home (3): Saturday, Seattle; Tuesday, Golden State; April 22, Los Angeles Lakers. Away (3): Friday, Los Angeles Lakers; Wednesday, Seattle; April 24, Houston.

Sacramento (5) — Home (2): Tuesday, Los Angeles Clippers; April 23, Portland. Away (3): Today, Houston; Friday, San Antonio; Sunday, Portland; April 22, Golden



**Charles Barkley** 



Michael Jordan



**Kevin McHale** 

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### Team statistics

	Pts.	Opp. Pts.	FG	Opp.	TO	TO.	Reb.	Reb.	Reb.
ATLANTA	107.9	104.2	.485	.471	15.0	16.1	.344	.676	.510
BOSTON	113.7	107.1	.519	.477	15.9	14.5	.299	.685	.492
CHICAGO	104.4	100.9	.488	.469	15.3	15.4	.341	.704	.522
CLEVELAND	104.2	103.5	.490	.475	17.9	17.6	.312	.663	.488
DALLAS	109.1	104.4	.475	.466	15.3	15.0	.373	.678	.526
DENVER	115.6	112.1	.471	.490	14.7	19.7	.299	.676	.487
DETROIT	109.3	104.3	.492	.467	16.7	16.4	.344	.688	.516
GOLDEN STATE	106.7	114.4	.467	.499	16.9	17.2	.311	.654	.482
HOUSTON	108.2	106.7	.468	.464	16.7	17.2	.333	.665	.499
INDIANA	104.3	105.5	.479	.473	16.3	15.7	.299	.677	.488
L.A. CLIPPERS	98.4	108.5	.444	.478	18.5	17.9	.306	.651	.478
L.A. LAKERS	112.1	106.2	.502	.473	16.1	15.4	.324	.677	.501
MILWAUKEE	106.0	105.3	.474	.472	15.7	16.6	.319	.667	.493
NEW JERSEY	100.2	108.5	.466	.495	18.6	17.5	.306	.684	.495
NEW YORK	105.5	106.1	.467	.477	18.7	20.1	.359	.654	.507
PHILADELPHIA	105.9	107.0	.476	.495	17.5	15.7*	.354	.674	.514
PHOENIX	107.9	112.6	.485	.498	17.3	15.8	.319	.680	.499
PORTLAND	114.8	110.9	.485	.474	16.8	17.8	.346	.684	.515
SACRAMENTO	107.8	113.7	.472	.499	17.9	14.8	.340	.680	.510
SAN ANTONIO	114.0	118.4	.492	.500	17.3	17.5	.322	.642	.482
SEATTLE	111.1	109.6	.475	.485	17.1	18.5	.364	.671	.517
UTAH	107.8	104.5	.488	.448	18.0	17.9	.302	.664	.483
WASHINGTON	106.1	106.6	.469	.479	17.0	16.9	.343	.650	.497

### Individual leaders

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SCORING AVERAGE					
	G	FG	4 .	PTS	
Jordan, Chi.	75	966	664	2603	34.7
Wilkins, Atl.	72	847	496	2224	30.9
Bird, Bos.	71	823	387	2130	30.0
Barkley, Phil.	73	675	649	2041	28.0
Malone, Utah	76	771	506	2048	26.9
Ellis, Sea.	70	732	291	1856	26.5
Drexler, Port.	74	762	427	1961	26.5
Aguirre, Dall.	70	686	349	1771	25.3
English, Den.	74	771	295	1837	24.8
McHale, Bos.	58	503	316	1322	22.8

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- FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE				
	FG	FGA	PCT	
McHale, Bos.	503	836	.602	
Parish, Bos.	395	675	.585	
Barkley, Phil.	675	1154	.588	
Stockton, Utah	420	730	.575	
Rodman, Det.	371	662	.560	

	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Hodges, Phoe.	81	167	.485
Price, Clev.	65	136	.478
Long, Ind.	28	65	.431
Bird, Bos.	97	227	.427

## Memphis State: Give to charity, not agent

### School hopes to regain players' eligibility

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

Memphis State will recommend to the NCAA that basketball players Marvin Alexander and Sylvester Gray each contribute \$3,500 to charity rather than repay the money owed to former Atlanta sports agent Jim Abernethy if their eligibility is restored.

The proposal will be heard as part of Memphis State's appeal on behalf of the players to the NCAA on April 25.

In the past, the NCAA has required that athletes who were declared ineligible for receiving money offer restitution to the source as a condition for reinstatement.

"Obviously, we don't think the money should go to Abernethy," said Memphis State athletic director Charlie Cavagnaro. "And we don't think the money should go to our institution. So a charity, or perhaps an academic cause not associated with Memphis State, would be appropriate."

Repayment will be made only if the NCAA eligibility committee decides to rule in favor of Gray and Alexander, Memphis State's two best players. They were ruled inelinotified of their association with Abernethy by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Gray would have two years of eligibility remaining, Alexander one. Memphis State had hoped the matter would be resolved by Wednesday because the national signing period reopened. If the ap-

peal is denied, Memphis State will

have two more scholarships to offer. The declaration deadline for underclassmen who want to enter the NBA draft is May 14.

"We'd like to get this process over in fairness to the university and the student-athletes themselves," said Cavagnaro.

Cavagnaro said he believes Gray and Alexander have paid a sufficient penalty to reclaim their play-

ing eligibility.

"I don't think we're asking for special consideration," said Cavagnaro. "Both players have received a harsh penalty. They lost virtually the whole season. They have taken an enormous amount of abuse from gible Dec. 15 when the school was the personal embarrassment of their mistake. They have been ridiculed in the newspapers, the television, the radio and in public. They were the two best players on a team that won 20 games anyway and might have gone to the Final Four if not for this situation.

> "Both Gray and Alexander also were immediately cooperative from the time they were confronted with this. They were penalized because they did not come forward on their own. I just feel very strongly they have paid their debt. They deserve another chance."

> Cavagnaro said the players' situation compares to that of University of Pittsburgh football player Teryl

Austin. Austin had his eligibility restored after being suspended for signing with agents Norby Walters.

Austin, who cooperated with NCAA and school officials, had to serve a two-game suspension by the NCAA and an additional two-game suspension by Pitt. He also had to repay the agents and secure a contract release from them.

Gray and Alexander would have to be released from their contracts by Abernethy, who was unavailable for comment. Since Tennessee Attorney General Michael Cody is considering civil action against Abernethy, there is some question whether Abernethy will release the players.

"We tried to meet with Abernethy back in December, but he wanted immunity from any legal action, and we didn't feel we could do that," said Cavagnaro.

Abernethy did meet with an NCAA investigator three weeks ago to discuss his involvement with college athletes, including Gray and Alexander.

# Nuggets belt Lakers 120-106

From Wire Reports



DENVER — Alex English scored 29 points, Fat Lever added 28, and Michael Adams had22 as the Denver Nuggets defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 120-106 Wednesday night

for their 12th victory in the last 13 games.

It was Denver's 50th win of the season against 27 losses, only the second time since the Nuggets joined the NBA they have reached that figure. The Nuggets also won their season series with the Lakers 3-2 and became the first team since 1978-1979 to win a season series with the Lakers and the Boston Celtics. The Nuggets did the honors then, too.

The loss was the fourth straight on the road for the Lakers, 57-19. The last time Los Angeles lost that many in a row away from home came in the first four games of the 1984-1985 season.

Denver used a 20-6 run in the second quarter, sparked by three straight scores by T.R. Dunn, to grab the lead for good after the Lakers had opened a 41-34 advantage.

LOS ANGELES (106) Rambis 2-5 3-4 7, Worthy 6-15 3-4 15, Abdul-Jabbar 5-9 1-1 11, M.Cooper 3-11 4-4 11, Johnson 5-12 4-7 14, M.Thompson 7-17 1-2 15, Green 4-6 2-2 10, Campbell 7-12 2-3 16, Matthews 2-2 1-2 5, Wagner 1-1 0-0 2, Smrek 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-90

**DENVER (120)** English 12-22 5-5 29, Rasmussen 6-14 0-0 12, Schayes 2-4 4-4 8, Lever 13-24 2-2 28, Adams 8-17 4-4 22, W.Cooper 1-2 0-0 2, Hanzlik 1-4 2-2 4,

Vincent 4-9 1-1 9, Dunn 3-5 0-0 6, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, Brooks 0-0 0-0 0, Evans 0-0 0-0 0.Totals 50-101 18-18 120. 32 21 26 27-106 Los Angeles

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### Dantley leads Pistons over Cavaliers 115-98

DETROIT - Adrian Dantley scored 26 of his 28 points in the second half Wednesday night to lead the Detroit Pistons to a 115-98 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Isiah Thomas added 21 points as the Pistons reached the 50-victory mark for the second consecutive year and the third time in franchise history. Larry Nance scored 20 points, and Brad Daugherty added 16 for the Cavaliers.

**CLEVELAND (98)** 

man. Att.—18,808.

Sanders 3-10 0-0 6, Nance 8-12 4-4 20, Daugherty 4-11 8-9 16, Harper 6-13 2-2 14, Price 2-4 0-0 5, Williams 3-9 4-6 10, Ehlo 7-14 0-0 15, Curry 3-4 3-3 9, Dudley 1-4 0-0 2, Hubbard 0-0 1-2 1, Rogers 0-0 0-0 0, Henderson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-81 22-26 98. DETROIT (115)

Mahorn 1-1 0-0 2, Dantley 7-15 14-15 28, Laimbeer 7-16 0-0 15, Dumars 1-4 3-4 5, Thomas 10-19 0-2 21, Johnson 7-12 2-3 16, Salley 4-8 4-6 12, Rodman 4-6 0-0 8, Edwards 3-4 2-2 8. Totals 44-85 25-32 115.

29 22 28 19- 98 Cleveland 29 25 25 36-115 Three-point goals-Price, Ehlo, Laimbeer, Thomas. Fouled out-Nance. Rebounds- Cleveland 45 (Nance 12), Detroit 51 (Laimbeer 13). Assists-Cleveland 21 (Ehlo 4), Detroit 24 (Dumars 6). Total fouls-Cleveland 27, Detroit 24. Technical-Rod-

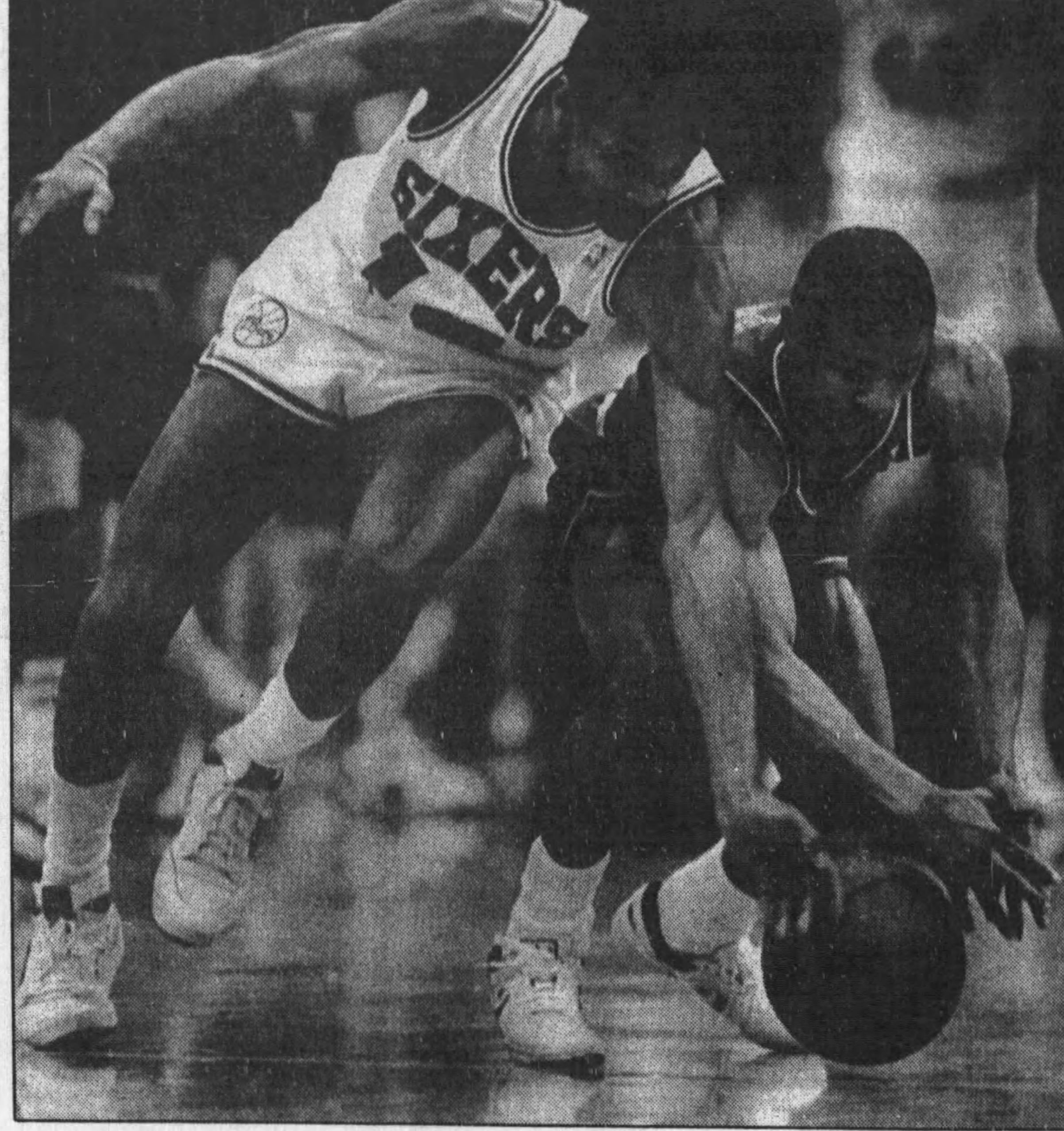
### Knicks rout Pacers 127-107 as Ewing scores 41 points

NEW YORK - Patrick Ewing continued his torrid scoring spurt with 41 points in 26 minutes and the New York Knicks coasted to a 127-107 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

INDIANA (107)

Person 5-9 4-4 14, Tisdale 6-14 0-0 12, Stipanovich 3-6 7-8 13, Fleming 4-6 0-0 8, Long 3-9 0-0 7, Williams 3-8 0-0 6, Gray 0-3 0-0 0, Anderson 11-17 3-5 25, Miller 4-9 2-2 10, Skiles 3-6 2-2 8, Dreiling 0-0 0-0 0, Wheeler 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 44-90 18-21

**NEW YORK (127)** Green 2-4 1-2 5, Walker 4-8 1-2 9, Ewing 18-24 5-6 41, Jackson 3-7 1-2 9, Wilkins 4-13 6-6 14, Newman 9-15 4-4 24, Cartwright 2-5 3-4 7, Tucker 2-4 1-1 5, Toney 4-6 2-2 11, Orr 1-2 0-0 2, Carlisle 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 49-88 24-29 127



United Press International

The 76ers' Maurice Cheeks (left) tries to strip the day night during first-half action at The Spectrum ball from Bullets' guard Tyrone Bogues Wednes- in Philadelphia.

New York	23 26 25 33—107 36 28 32 31—127
Three-point goals-Jacks	son 2, Newman 2, Toney,
Long. Fouled out-None	Rebounds-Indiana 43 lew York 50 (Green 13).
New York 37 (Jackson 1	dale, Fleming, Skiles 4), 17). Total fouls— Indiana
23, New York 25. Att.—1	,587.

### Celtics win eighth straight by beating Bucks 123-104

BOSTON — Larry Bird scored 26 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and added 10 assists as the Boston Celtics increased their season-high winning streak to eight games with a 123-104 rout of the Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE (104) Cummings 7-13 7-16 21, Sikma 1-11 2-2 4, Breuer 4-11 2-2 10, Moncrief 5-8 1-1 11, Lucas 5-8

2-2 12, Pierce 9-20 2-2 20, Krystkowiak 5-9 5-6 15, Mokeski 0-3 0-0 0, Reynolds 2-7 5-5 9, Stroeder 1 0-0 2. Totals 39-91 26-36 104. BOSTON (123) McHale 8-11 5-7 21, Bird 9-18 8-8 26, Parish 8-14 5-6 21, Johnson 3-3 4-4 10, Ainge 6-10 3-4 17,

Paxson 2-7 0-1 4, Roberts 3-5 2-2 8, Minniefield 1-2 0-0 2, Gilmore 1-1 1-2 3, Acres 1-3 3-4 5, Lohaus 3-3 0-0 6. Totals 45-77 31-38 123. 19 27 23 35-104 Milwaukee

26 32 39 26-123 Three-point goals-Ainge 2. Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Milwaukee 46 (Krystkowiak 8), Boston 55 (Bird, McHale 10). Assists-Milwaukee 25 (Cummings, Moncrief 5), Boston 37 (Bird 10). Total fouls-Milwaukee 28, Boston 28, Att.-14,890.

### Barkley's clutch three-pointer lifts 76ers past Bullets 98-97

PHILADELPHIA - Charles Barkley connected on a three-point shot at the buzzer to give the 76ers a 98-97 overtime victory over the Washington Bullets, keeping Philadelphia's playoff hopes alive.

**WASHINGTON (97)** 

Jones 2-4 2-2 6, Williams 4-14 2-2 10, M.Malone 4-13 10-12 18, Colter 1-4 0-0 2, J, Malone 11-18 1-

1 23. Walker 6-14 0-0 12, Bol 0-1 0-0 0, Catledge 3-6 0-0 6, B.King 3-5 1-2 7, Johnson 4-9 2-4 10, Bogues 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 39-91 19-25 97. PHILADELPHIA (98)

Barkley 13-21 10-15 38, Coleman 1-2 1-2 3, Gminski 6-17 7-7 19, Cheeks 5-17 4-4 14, Wingate 3-11 0-1 7, Robinson 2-14 0-2 4, D.Henderson 0-0 0-0 0, A.King 3-5 0-0 6, G.Henderson 2-6 2-2 7, Thornton 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 35-95 24-33 98.

28 19 20 20 10-97 Washington Philadelphia 19 11 27 30 11-98 Three-point goals-Barkley 2, Wingate, G.Henderson. Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Bullets 60 (Walker 11), 76ers 67 (Barkley 20). Assists-Bullets 29 (M.Malone 7), 76ers 20 (Cheeks, G.Henderson 8). Total fouls-Bullets 27, 76ers 22. Tech-

nicals—Barkley, Philadelphia bench. Att.—7,868.

### Golden State upsets Dallas 112-110 on late free throws

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rookie forward Tellis Frank hit a pair of free throws with two seconds left in the game to lift the Golden State Warriors to a 112-110 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

DALLAS (110)

Aguirre 7-18 8-10 22, Perkins 4-11 6-6 14, Donaldson 2-3 4-5 8, Blackman 6-19 5-6 17, Harper 21 4-4 25, Tarpley 3-6 3-3 9, Davis 0-2 3-4 3, Alford 0-1 0-0 0, Schrempf 6-7 0-0 12. Totals 37-88 33-38 110.

**GOLDEN STATE (112)** Frank 7-14 6-8 20, McDonald 4-8 0-0 8, Hoppen 1-3 1-2 3, Garland 5-10 2-2 13, Mullin 8-16 8-8 24, Whitehead 2-5 1-1 5, Feitl 4-4 1-4 9, O.Smith 6-13 2-2 14, Harris 5-9 4-5 14, White 1-3 0-0 2.Totals 43-85 25-32 112.

17 36 27 30-110 **Golden State** 26 24 28 34-112 3-point goals-Harper 3, Garland, Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Dallas 57 (Donaldson 12), Golden State 48 (Frank 7). Assists-Dallas 17

(Harper 5), Golden State 26 (Garland 6). Total

fouls-Dallas 20, Golden State 29, A-8,120.

### SuperSonics hammer Clippers 113-92 behind McDaniel

SEATTLE — Xavier McDaniel scored 23 points and Kevin Williams had six of his 18 during a 21-7

Seattle spurt in the second quarter, and the SuperSonics went on to defeat the Los Angeles Clippers 113-

L.A. CLIPPERS (92)

Cage 4-9 1-2 9, Norman 5-11 0-2 10, Kite 2-7 0-0 Valentine 4-10 1-2 9, Woodson 7-13 9-9 23, Cureton 0-1 2-4 2, Burtt 4-7.9-10 17, Dailey 1-8 3-4 5, White 2-4 1-2 5, Gregory 4-6 0-0 8. Totals 33-76 26-35 92.

SEATTLE (113) Chambers 5-17 7-8 17, McDaniel 10-15 2-2 23, Lister 5-9 5-5 15, McMillan 3-9 0-2 6, Williams 8-13 2-4 18, Threatt 5-11 3-4 13, Schoene 4-12 2-2 10, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, McKey 3-9 0-0 6, Young 1-4 1-

Angeles 27, Seattle 25, A-7,759.

24 16 28 24- 92 L.A. Clippers 29 29 28 27-113 3-point goal-McDaniel. Fouled out- None. Rebounds-Los Angeles 57 (Cage 16), Seattle 59 (Chambers 12). Assists- Los Angeles 15 (Valentine 6), Seattle 29 (McMillan 10). Total fouls-Los

2 3, Polynice 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 44-101 24-31 113.

### Johnson's 37 points carry Phoenix past Spurs 123-116

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Eddie Johnson scored 37 points and started a decisive 12-0 run in the final three minutes as the Phoenix Suns avoided a second-half collapse and stayed alive in the NBA playoff race with a 123-116 win over the San Antonio Spurs.

SAN ANTONIO (116)

Brickowski 3-7 3-4 9, Mitchell 5-10 1-1 11, Anderson 6-14 0-1 12, Robertson 10-20 7-8 27, Sundvold 5-12 0-0 11, Nimphius 0-1 0-0 0, Berry 13-20 5-7 31, Nealy 1-1 0-0 2, Wilson 3-5 3-4 10, Gudmundsson 1-2 1-1 3. Totals 47-92 20-26 116.

PHOENIX (123)

Gilliam 7-18 3-9 17, E.Johnson 17-25 3-4 37, West 7-9 4-7 18, Hornacek 8-15 4-4 20, K.Johnson 3-9 5-6 11, Bailey 1-2 0-0 2, Adams 4-13 3-3 11, Thompson 3-7 1-2 7. Corbin 0-4 0-0 0.Totals 50-102 23-35 123.

San Antonio 27 33 27 29-116 37 30 31 25-123

3-point goals-Sundvold, Wilson. Fouled out-Brickowski, West. Rebounds-San Antonio 52 (Berry 9), Phoenix 63 (K.Johnson 13). Assists-San Antonio 25 (Robertson 11), Phoenix 36 (K.Johnson 11). Total fouls-San Antonio 28, Phoenix 24. A-10.822.