

## SPORTS

# Predictions full of Bull-oney



## FROM THE SIDELINES

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The Portland Trail Blazers and the Chicago Bulls will play for the NBA Championship.

It has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

Finally, the two best teams in the league for the past three years will get a chance to go head-to-head.

I know everyone is just dying for my prediction, so here it is, game by game.

**Game One:** Clyde Drexler and Michael Jordan have a disappointing beginning to their much-awaited showdown, combining for only 10 points in the first half.

Chicago benefits from Bill Cartwright's god-like work inside. He ends up making 17 of 18 from the free throw line and finishes with 19 points.

After the game, Blazer coach Rick Adelman complains about the referees and says Portland lost because of the "Cartwright Rules."

Chicago 117, Portland 109.

**Game Two:** Portland is able to steal one from Chicago on the Bulls' court thanks to the three-pointer. Danny Ainge, Terry Porter and Drexler combine to hit 13 of 20 from the arc, as Jordan goes six for 23 from the field.

After the game a disappointed Jordan says: "I'm not making any excuses, but I did have a sore ankle, my feet are swollen, my gums are bleeding. I have a wart on my shooting hand. I'm partially blind in my left eye and my third cousin died last night."

Portland 121, Chicago 105.

**Game Three:** Portland returns home to a wave of sign-toting Blazermaniacs. Some of the more intriguing signs are: "Clyde Drexler will dunk the ball over Michael Jordan," "The Bulls will win ... NOT!" and "Portland is my favorite team."

Despite the Blazer fans' creativity, the Bulls are able to overcome the brutal taunting and blast Portland.

Scottie Pippen scores more than 10 points for the first time in the series, finishing with 11 points. "I think tonight I proved why I was selected to the U.S. Olympic team," Pippen says after the game.

Chicago 132, Portland 99.

**Game Four:** In the longest game in NBA playoff

history, Portland evens the series up with a quadruple-overtime victory. Because of the length of the game, both teams' starting lineups foul out after the third overtime, thus creating a crucial showdown between Portland's Wayne Cooper and Chicago's Will Perdue.

Cooper scores all 12 of the Blazer's points in overtime, including a breakaway windmill jam with five seconds remaining to seal the victory.

Portland 174, Chicago 171.

**Game Five:** Before Portland's final home game of the series, master color man Magic Johnson offers this magnificent commentary: "Portland needs to say to Chicago, 'You're in my house. Get that stuff outta here. We the man.'"

Whatever.

Portland takes the lead in the series with ease as Jordan and Pippen combine for 15 points and 15 turnovers.

After the game Pippen says: "I'm not making excuses, but my ankle ..."

Portland 121, Chicago 100.

**Game Six:** Unfortunately, the lights go out midway through the second quarter causing a three-hour delay and preempting "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" to 3 a.m.

Back at the NBC studios, host Bob Costas is overwhelmed with excitement. "Finally, my late-night talk show will be on when people are awake," he says. Leno wants to get to bed, so he calls Joan Rivers to fill in as guest host or hostess, depending on your political correctness.

Chicago 99, Portland 80.

**Game Seven:** The deciding game is fast and furious, as Jordan has 24 at halftime and Drexler has 20. In response, Adelman inserts Mark Bryant in the second half to start a fight with Jordan and get him ejected. Chicago coach Phil Jackson puts in Scott Williams to start a fight with Drexler.

The plans backfire as Williams and Bryant get in a fight, causing a bench-clearing brawl.

Drexler and Jordan hide behind press row as the two teams duke it out. Everyone except Jordan and Drexler is ejected. With the score tied at 100 and two minutes remaining, the game turns into what everyone wanted in the first place: Jordan vs. Drexler, mano a mano.

I'm not even going to touch this.

I'm not making any excuses, but ...

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## Duck puts 82nd at meet

Oregon's Leigh Hornung shot a two-over par 74 Saturday at the NCAA Women's Golf Championships, finishing in a six-way tie for 82nd place.

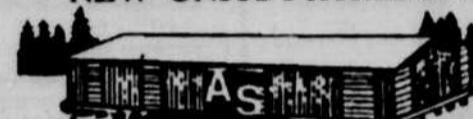
Hornung shot her best round of the tournament at Karsten Golf Course in Tempe, Ariz., Saturday to improve upon her finish. The senior, a native of Arizona, was the first Duck to ever compete at the national championships.

Seventeen teams and 102 golfers competed in the event.

San Jose State won the team title with a 1,171, and Arizona finished second with an 1,175.

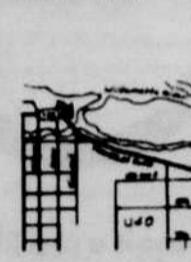
Georgia's Vicki Goetz fired a seven-under par 65 the final day and finished the tourney eight under with a first-place 280. The Wildcats' Annika Sorenstam, the defending individual champ, was second with a 283.

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