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those that it looks up to.

"Entertain us" seems to be the anthem these days. Good or bad, give us fodder for conversation and we'll be happy.

Give us a story of a brilliant athlete, which gives us ordinary people the chance to live out our fantasies.

"Where's my slippers?"

Give us the story of someone's tragic downfall, somehow giving new meaning to our mundane lives.

"Pass the pretzels, Hazel."

Give us the story of a thug fighter who lost it all and now stands to gain it back, and then some. After all, isn't that the American way?

"Do we have any more of that Cheez Whiz left in the fridge?"

You know, America: Land of the Free, Home of the Brave and, oh yeah, the Land of the Second Chance (and the third, and the fourth, etc.)

More accurately, the United States is the Land of the Underachiever. While Japan kicks our butt in everything but basketball, Beavis and Butthead have taken over as our chief role models, and channel surfing has become the sport of the future here in the United States.

Sports are no longer measured in RBIs, TDs and Saves. Instead, Katos, Itos and Cheetos are the new categories for those playing along at home. Sports have officially spilled out of the arenas and into the sector of everyday life.

So now all that's left to do is chronicle the downslide of "The Juice" and wait patiently for the inevitable return to grace of Mike Tyson.

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SULLIVAN

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Pelinka.

Sullivan said Rose came from his right and hit his arm after his release on the first free throw. Whether that affected the second free throw or not, he's not sure.

Anyway, he missed that next shot. What followed is one of the most replayed sequences of videotape in NCAA history.

There's the image of Webber getting the basket-

ball after the miss, taking the questionable steps that led to frantic protest from the North Carolina bench that he had traveled. Webber dribbles up the sideline with Derrick Phelps and George Lynch converging for the double-team. Sullivan is not in view, but he's kicking himself for missing the free throw and trying to get back on defense.

Then, Webber calls the timeout — the one he might not have called if Sullivan had hit the free throw.

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