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Malone, Jazz too much for Rockets in opening game

■ WEST:
Despite shooting just 6-of-16, the newly crowned MVP led the Jazz with 21 points and 13 rebounds

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — They threw an MVP party for Karl Malone, and the man of the night didn't seem to want any part of it. He picked up his trophy as quickly as he could, refused to say any words to the crowd and then played — at least for him — a mediocre game.

But the rest of the Jazz, who Malone had thanked so much for helping him win the award, showed why they earned his praise as Utah opened the Western Conference finals with a 101-86 romp over the Houston Rockets on Monday night.

"I didn't want to draw any more attention to the MVP than had already been on me,"

Malone said. "They wanted me to say something, and I said absolutely not. I wanted to do this quick so I could stay focused on the basketball game."

The pregame ceremony lasted just over a minute. Malone shook commissioner David Stern's hand, held the trophy up, spun around and sprinted back to the Jazz

bench.

"I don't want the fans to think I snubbed them," Malone said. "But I didn't want to get caught up in it because this game was

big for us. Me talking could have gotten the other team revved up to play, so I made it short and sweet, I turned to every direction of the crowd so they could see it, and then I was out of there."

Jeff Hornacek scored 19 points, John Stockton had 16 points and 13 assists and the rest of the team made strong contributions to back Malone's 21-point, 13-rebound effort.

Malone also had five turnovers and shot just 6-of-16 from the field, but the occasional sloppiness didn't matter to his adoring crowd.

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Karl Malone
Utah Forward

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Houston 86
Utah 101

NHL PLAYOFFS

Colorado 1
Detroit 2

American League

Seattle 13
Anaheim 4

National League

San Diego 13	Colorado 3
Cincinnati 6	NY Mets 4
Los Angeles 1	San Francisco 4
Montreal 2	Chi. Cubs 15
Houston 9	St. Louis 3
Philadelphia 5	Atlanta 7

Sonnen leads UO wrestlers in national tournament

The Oregon wrestling team switched to Greco style wrestling by competing in the National Espoir Tournament and Junior World Championships, which concluded in West Lafayette, Ind., Sunday.

Chael Sonnen led the Ducks with a third-place finish in the 198-pound division. Also in the 198-pound classification were Doug Lee and Mike Mondt, who finished fifth and seventh, respectively. Mike Mier finished seventh for Oregon at 132.

Nelson, Boyer, Davis garner annual awards at luncheon

Chris Nelson, Arianne Boyer and Marie Davis were honored as Oregon's top student-athletes as part of the University's annual spring parents weekend awards luncheon Saturday afternoon.

Nelson was the recipient of the Emerald Athletic Trophy as the University's top senior student based on outstanding achievement in academics, athletics and citizenship.

Boyer was presented the Jackson Award as the athletic department's top senior female competitor, while Davis took home the Higdon Trophy as the school's top sophomore student-athlete.

Nelson holds a 3.39 GPA in fine and applied arts and earned all-America honors while placing fourth in the high jump at the 1996 NCAA Track and Field Championships.

Boyer was an honorable mention All-American for the Oregon women's basketball team this past season. She led the Ducks in scoring and rebounding in each of the past two seasons, and was a two-time selection to the Pacific-10 Conference all-league first team.

Davis is an NCAA provisional qualifier in the 3,000-meter run this season as a member of the Oregon women's track and field team.

Touché



University fencing Club member Melissa Gustafson spars with Club president Doug Rutledge in Gerlinger Hall Monday evening.

Kozlov's two goals give Red Wings 2-1 lead

■ WEST: Vyacheslav Kozlov scored the game winner with 8:20 to play in the third period on a wrist shot by Patrick Roy's blocker

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Vyacheslav Kozlov scored both Detroit goals as the Red Wings defeated the Colorado Avalanche 2-1 Monday night to take a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Colorado never lost two straight games during last year's Stanley Cup run, but it has been a different story this year. The Avalanche lost Games 3 and 4 in Chicago during the first round and now two straight to Detroit.

Game 4 will be played Thursday night at Joe Louis Arena, where the Red Wings are trying to end a 42-year drought without a Stanley Cup championship. The best-of-seven series moves back to Colorado for Game 5 on Saturday night.

Kozlov's second goal of the game — his seventh of the playoffs — came on a wrist shot that sailed over Patrick Roy's blocker, just inside the right post, at 8:20 of the third period.

Joe Sakic's sixth goal pulled the Avalanche into a 1-1

tie on a power play in the second period. It was the fifth time in the game Colorado had a man advantage.

Kozlov opened the scoring on the second shot of the game. Kozlov, taking a pass from Sergei Fedorov in front of the net, shot it over Patrick Roy's blocker for a 1-0 Detroit lead at the 1:12 mark.



The rest of the first period was a virtuoso performance by Mike Vernon in the Detroit goal. As a result, it was the first time in 13 playoff games Detroit held the lead after the first period of a game.

It was Colorado's first visit to Joe Louis Arena since the infamous donnybrook March 26, the fourth and final meeting of the regular season between the teams. That night, Detroit was called for 19 penalties totaling 73 minutes while the Avalanche served 75 minutes and 20 penalties. Even the goalies fought that night.

This time, Roy and Vernon fought not with their fists but with their great athletic skills. Colorado had been outshot 75-36 during the first two games, but each team had 28 shots in this game.

PLAYOFFS

■ WEST:
After losing the first game in Colorado, the Red Wings bounced back to take a 2-1 lead over Colorado

■ NEXT GAME:
Game 4 is Thursday in Detroit at 4:30 p.m. on ESPN (34)

■ EAST:
Game 3 between Philadelphia and New York is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. on ESPN