



# Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes, Sports Editor

After all was said and done the North Carolina State Wolfpack went out and took a 54-52 win from the nation's top ranked team, the Houston Cougars.

Houston's famed Phi Scamma Jamma shouldn't feel bad. For they weren't outplayed in Albuquerque last Monday night, they were merely outcoached.

Houston's Guy Lewis, coaching in his first championship game in 27 years, coached as if it were his first game period. Lewis made two monumental coaching errors. First he left Clyde "The Glide" Drexler, the hub of both his offense and defense, in the game long enough to pick up four, yes four fouls in the first half.

This should never happen to a player that means so much to a team.

What Lewis did was tantamount to asking Alberto Salazar to run the Boston Marathon on one leg, while all the other runners use two.

A player can play the second half with three fouls, but is reduced to almost nothing when he's asked to play with four. Drexler's game became so tentative that he was no longer a factor. Clyde's line was a sub par 1-5 from the floor, 2 rebounds, no assists and no blocked shots.

Houston's bench is so deep that they could have survived this first mistake and were on the way to doing so.

The Cougars went into the dressing room down 33-25. On Saturday they trailed No. 2 Louisville by a 12-point margin. In the second half, with Drexler leading break after break and Akeem Olajuwon grabbing board after board, while blocking everything in sight the Cougars outscored the Cardinals 21-2 and went on to victory.

But against the Wolfpack Coach Lewis chose to slow the game down after his team erased an eight-point halftime deficit and went up by seven.

What's that old saying, "Dance with the one that brings you." Well, Houston won all year by running, not by going into a freeze. When they had NCS on the rocks early in the second half, Lewis made a mistake by loosening up when he should have tightened the tourniquet.

Monday's loss by Houston, or I should say Lewis... is a classic example in showing that the best team doesn't always win. Houston, for sure, had the horses. North Carolina State's Jim Valvano proved to be the best coach. And how about Akeem "The Dream" Olajuwon? "The Dream" was awesome against the "Pack." He had 20 points, snagged 23 boards and seven blocked shots. Just how good is Akeem?

"Olajuwon is rapidly becoming the best center in the game," stated Lew Harris, "and I've seen them all through the years. This man is a better shot blocker than Bill Russell, he's more aggressive than Chamberlin and quicker than Jabbar." Harris goes on to say.

"And in my book," Harris says, "the guys were the best of all time."

Comparing Olajuwon with today's top centers Ralph Sampson and Pat Ewing, the feeling here is that Akeem is better than Ewing and not far behind the 7-4 Sampson. Remember Akeem is from Lagos, Nigeria, a country in Africa that is better known for its jungles than for basketball courts. Olajuwon's progress in just one year has been phenomenal. Houston, despite their defeat, is still the best team in the

country. PAC-10, as well as west coast basketball, was considered down this year. And after watching the final four teams—NCS, Louisville, Georgia and Houston one can easily see why basketball's elite made their statements claiming eastern and southern superiority.

The teams in the final four showed us all that the thinking and recruiting of players is due for a great revolution. The lean, skinny players are now replaced with big muscular athletes who can run through brick walls, skywalk and handle the ball. Perhaps Coach Jack Avina put it best when he said, "West Coast basketball will have to change; we've got to alter our thinking as far as the recruitment of players." If the teams gathered at Albuquerque were representative of collegiate's finest, then the message should be clear. For they were all comprised of big, swift black players. There wasn't one white starter on any of the four teams. If Oregon and Oregon State are to be competitive on the national scene, they're going to have to travel south or east and actively recruit the Houston prototype.

### Remember Moses?

Thursday, October 21, 1976 just may be one of the blackest days in Trailblazer history. For it was on this day Coach Jack Ramsay let the greatest player in basketball go.

The following is an excerpt from a local publication: The players seemed to take the departure of Moses Malone (traded Tuesday to Buffalo for cash and a future draft choice) well. One who was saddened, however, was Lucas, who, like Malone, came to Portland in the dispersal draft of American Basketball Association players.

"I miss Mo," Lucas said. "I feel sorry for him. I don't think he had a chance here. He can play the game. I know that because I played against him in the ABA."

Luke was so right. Mo, as Luke calls him, can truly play the game, as he's proven night in and night out. But how can you feel sorry for a man who makes two million per?

As it turned out Portland's letting Malone go was the best thing that could have happened to Moses. He would never have made that kind of money in the Rose City. Dr. Jack didn't like Moses' game, and has said in the past that he wasn't too fond of "Dr. J."

Oh, well, to each his own.

### Did you know...

That former Blazers Geoff Petrie, Jim Barnett and Dale Schlueter all were waived on the same Wednesday seven years ago.

That both Sidney Wicks and Curtis Rowe joined the Celtics in October of 1976.

That as a Freshman Magic Johnson led Michigan State to its first Big Ten title in 14 years.

That Virginia's 7-4 all-American Center Ralph Sampson is the first Collegian to be named NCAA College Player of the Year three consecutive times.

That Curtis Sliwa, founder of the Guardian Angels, picked the Seattle Mariners and the San Diego Padres to meet in this year's world series. And the Mariners to win it all?

That Cleveland's World B. Free will be wearing the Blue and Gold of the N.Y. Knicks next year.

That Portland will go all out to sign Kevin McHale, when he becomes a free agent after this year.

That those choosing the All-America teams rate Steve Stipanovich Missouri's 6-11 center over Houston's Akeem Olajuwon.

## Howard claims national tae kwon do title

by Bonnie R. Keys

Dong Ja Yang, assistant professor of physical education at Howard University, is the man behind the tae kwon do movement in the United States.

He has generated so much respect for this Korean martial art that in May 1982 tae kwon do was recognized by the International Olympic Committee and will be included in the 1988 Olympic games.

Yang has also coached the Howard University Tae Kwon Do team to the number one position in the National Amateur Athletic Union, making Howard's squad the top team in collegiate tae kwon do in the nation.

From 1977 to 1982, Yang presented lectures and seminars to students and instructors at 69 colleges na-



Dong Ja Yang, left, coach of the Howard University tae kwon do team, watches members of his championship team demonstrate various kicks of the Korean martial art. (Photo: Marvin T. Jones)

tionwide on establishing tae kwon do as a part of their physical education programs as well as an intramural and club sport.

In 1967, Yang went to Howard from the University of Iowa to teach tae kwon do and judo, adding both martial arts to Howard's physical education program.

Yang promotes tae kwon do because of the physical, spiritual and technical values he says it gives.

"In my estimation," he says, "none of the other sports can give these benefits to the same degree that tae kwon do does." His goal is to see tae kwon do become a popular sport.

A native of Korea, Yang is a master of both tae kwon do and judo. He is 5 ft. 8 in., 184 lbs. and in competitions, he is included in the "light-heavy" category.

In his native Korea, where Yang began participating in martial arts at the age of 5, almost all of the schools have tae kwon do as a part of their physical education programs.

"Tae kwon do is new to the United States," he says. "I wanted to introduce it and make an effort to spread it around as a sport and an art."

Because of his involvement in promoting tae kwon do nationally, Yang was elected to a second term as president of the 45,000-member National AAU Tae Kwon Do Union of the U.S.A., the governing body of tae kwon do in the United States. He served as president of the Na-

tional Collegiate Tae Kwon Do Association for four years—1974 to 1978. This past December, he was elected first vice president of the Pan American Tae Kwon Do Union, which is comprised of 32 countries from North, Central and South America. And, he is a member of the United States Olympic Committee.

Tae kwon do, which literally means the art of fighting (do) with the feet (tae) and hands (kwon), was developed in Korea about 2,300 years ago. It consists of moves that use kicks about 75 percent of the time and hand moves or punches about 25 percent of the time. It is a method of offense and defense without the use of weapons, and involves personal encounter.

Karate, on the other hand, is primarily 75 percent hand moves or punches and 25 percent kicks, and judo primarily consists of throwing, holding, choking and arm locks.

According to an April 1982 survey conducted by the University of California at Berkeley, there are 127 colleges in the United States that have tae kwon do teams.

This past November, the Howard University Tae Kwon Do Team competed at a competition hosted by the University of California at Berkeley which included teams from Harvard, Yale, UCLA, Stanford University, MIT, Cornell and the University of Maryland. The Howard team maintained its status as the national collegiate champions—a ti-

tle which the women's team has held for six consecutive years and the men's team, for four.

"Members of the team have their God-given potential to be great," Yang says. But he adds, "The potential is of little value if you do not have a dedicated person to help develop it."

"Tae kwon do requires superb physical endurance and perseverance to overcome the physical as well as the mental obstacles. This is the goal I project to the team. I ask them to do it and they do," he says.

"Dedicated" is the best word to describe Yang, according to Douglas Lewis, a junior majoring in psychology and a member of the Howard Tae Kwon Do Team.

Lewis attributes the success of the team to Yan. "He's one of the best instructors in the country. Nobody can compare with him because he knows what's effective and is up on the new techniques. Yang's key to success, Lewis says, "is the respect everyone here has for him."



Oregon's Alberto Salazar will compete in the Marathon in Rotterdam, Holland, Saturday. The race will be aired on ABC.

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