

Sport Talk

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Boston's all-pro forward Larry Bird and the Laker's all-pro guard Magic Johnson carry the load for their respective teams. For the past three years, they have been the subject of many debates concerning which is the better player. If Sun's coach John Macleod had a vote, here's how it would go: "I'd take Magic, said Macleod, I know Larry Bird had an outstanding year, and so has Bernard King.



Larry Bird demonstrates just why champagne goes so well with champions.

"I think it could well be that people don't appreciate how good he (Magic) is. He can guard a point guard and he can guard the post. He

also can take the big forward, the small forward and big guard.

"If you're open ...whoosh. He gets you the ball. Magic is a juicer. He's a juice man. He sprays it all over the place."

Magic Johnson is the consummate basketball player.

Bob Cousy, ex-Celtic star, says Bird is the best he's ever seen. Larry Bird, beams Cousy, can do it all. He's so fundamentally sound. This year's MVP will be decided after the playoffs and if the media has anything to do with it ...then it's Bird by a landslide.

Rumors are flying and the latest has Kevin Laughtery, Chicago Bull coach, going to Kansas City. But put little faith in that deal. Remember, Reggie, their's is now playing in



MAGIC JOHNSON

KC and reunion with Laughtery is highly improbable.

Houston Rocket's general manager Ray Patterson, who already has Ralph Sampson under two, says he would not think of trading Akeem Olajuwon. It is reported that Houston receives calls daily inquiring about Mr. Akeem. There have been rumors that Houston might trade Olajuwon for some proven veterans.

Philadelphia has reportedly asked Chicago to draft Michael Jordan. Philly would then send guard Andrew Toney and forward Bobby Jones plus a 1985 first-round choice.

Chicago is in dire need of a big man, but is leaning toward the 6'6" Jordan.

Okay, I guess we would be terribly remiss if we ignored the big blockbuster trade made by the Blazers. Yes, I've heard all the talk and must admit that 99.9 percent have been against. Let's see now. Wasn't it Fat Lever, Wayne Cooper and Calvin Natt to Denver for, uh, uh, Kiki Van de Weghe? And didn't they also throw in two draft choices? When news finally hit, it was indeed startling. The first inclination here was to the feelings of Calvin Natt. Calvin, a bona fide star, must have been hurt. And it does hurt a little to hear both Jack Ramsay and Stu Inman talk negatively about Natt's abilities.

The deal is made and Denver is the winner. Calvin Natt straight up with Denver would have made Denver the winner. Pat Lever will come back to haunt Portland. Lever is going to be premier point guard in this league. Remember, Ramsay, when asked, always declined judgement as to which was the better player. Valentine emerged because of his playoff performance. If Valentine was a better penetrator, then Pat had the better outside shot. Everything else appeared equal.

On Wayne Cooper: Coop is as good a back-up center as there is in the NBA. Back-up centers are worth their weight in gold. It's small wonder that Denver has received so many calls pertaining to Cooper's services. Some viewers on the trade say that it's strictly money and the cap.

Some see the move necessary to sign both Sam Bowie and veteran Jim Paxson. The unloading of the salaries was the primary concern, the bodies were not. Some see the trade as a on-on-one deal involving only Natt and Van de Weghe. Portland says they need outside shooting because teams are now packing it in making it harder and harder to get the easy shot.

Stu Inman tells us that the past Playoff between Los Angeles and Boston showed us that. But he (Inman) failed to mention the importance of a bench, which LA also showed us to vividly.



THOMAS HEARNS

Boxing: Thomas Hearns vs. Roberto Duran

Hearns has been under the tutelage of Emanuel Stewart for some 15 years and has always followed Stewart's instruction. But against Duran, Hearns has said that he will not listen to his manager. The problem is that Stewart would like to see Tommy box Duran for 15 rounds and get a decision. Hearns, once called "Hit man," would like



ROBERTO DURAN

to knock Roberto out, and says that is what he will do. Hearns (38-1, 32 knockouts) has fought only twice in 18 months, winning both by decision.

Hearns, the 2 1/2-1 favorite, says he will finish Duran, who has never been knocked out in 81 fights, by the tenth round. Hearns believes beating Duran will move him to the top now that Sugar Ray is gone.

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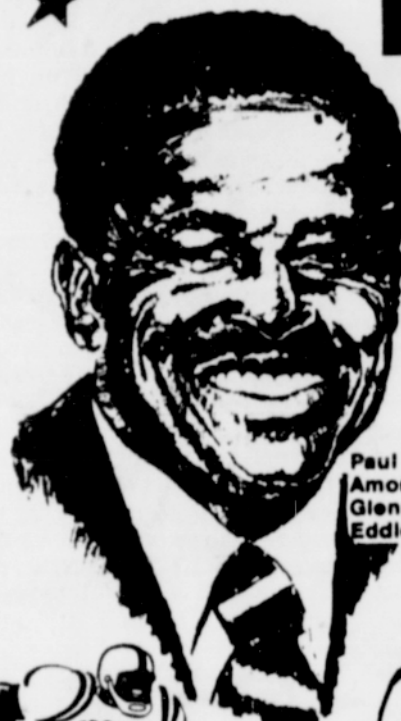
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