

SPORTS

Jordan Lifts Bulls Higher And Higher Registration Still Open For Pal Tennis In The Parks

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

Below is an article that was written by Monte Poole of the Oakland Tribune, which is published in Oakland, California. I was so impressed with the content of the article that I wanted to share it with you. "Jordan Lifts Bulls Higher and Higher" was written right after the Chicago Bulls won their third NBA Championship.

"After cooling and kissing the hot hands of John Paxson deep into Sunday evening, all of the Chicago Bulls not named Jordan ought to begin this day by walking over to His Airness and lifting him high above their heads. And they ought to hold him there for about two years."

It is time the Bulls carry Jordan. He has carried them long enough. If the regular season and conference play-offs were not enough, these NBA Finals provided a surplus of evidence.

In the 47 minutes and 56 seconds before Paxson's dead-on three-pointer won Game 6 and Chicago's third consecutive title, it was Jordan in flight and his teammates clinging to his cape. He carried them into the fourth quarter, took a brief rest, then came off

the bench to drag them through the fire, famine, rain and the rampaging Phoenix Suns.

In this most trying series, Jordan somehow remained airborne despite carrying freight that included 11 teammates, and opportunist named Richard Esquinas the considerable burden of three-peating.

He got it done. The Jordanizing of the Bulls is Michael's best work to date. He generated income for himself, his teammates and Pat in the league's history book.

But where, exactly, is that page? And should it be a team picture, or simply a mug shot of Jordan?

Only the Celtics, under Coach Red Auerbach, and the Minneapolis Lakers, led by center George Mikan, had won three in a row. But they were "teams" first, last and forever.

When Minneapolis accomplished the feat (1952-54), there were nine teams in the league. Moreover, they had Hall of Famers at guard (Slaters Martin), forward (Jim Pollard) and center (Mikan). Those Lakers dominated because they had the players to

dominate.

Boston's eight-year run (1959-66) was powered by a Hall of Fame coach and "Seven" players who have been elected to the Hall -- Bob Cousy, John Havlicek, Tom Heinsohn, K.C. Jones, Sam Jones, Bill Russell and Bill Sharman. They dominated because they had the talent to dominate and kept finding more talent.

The Bulls have one Hall of Famer, and he powered their three-year run. Jordan being Jordan almost obscures the fact that the Bulls will get credit for a three-peat.

Never has one man taken a team so far so many times, with so much at stake, with everybody knowing he had to do it. Once and for all, this should silence the few remaining arguments against Jordan being the best ever.

Consider some of the teams that never three-peated. The Bird-Parish-McHale Celtics. The Reed-Frazier-DeBusscherse Knicks. The Chamberlain-Baylor-West Lakers. The Magic-Kareem-Worthy Lakers -- the only one of this group to repeat as champion.

OMSI Debuts New Planetarium Show

(Dream Worlds, Inc.)

Visitors will tour Saturn's rings, Jupiter's clouds, globular star clusters, a black hole and supernova while experiencing the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's new planetarium show: Dream Worlds, Inc.

The show premieres Saturday, June 19, and runs daily throughout the summer in OMSI's Murdock Sky Theater.

Dream Worlds, Inc. is presented as a holographic travel brochure for an "interstellar cruise line," which

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Thinking Of Tomorrow's Youth Today

Forest Service Chief F. Dale Robertson and National Forest Foundation Chairman Donald M. Kendall, former chairman and CEO of PepsiCo, Inc., announced today pilot summer camps for hundreds of at-risk youth between the ages of 15 and 18.

In describing the camps, Robertson said "For the first time, these young people will receive a salary, be required to report to work on time, and see their school lessons applied to their work in the forest."

These youth forest camps will set the stage for a national expansion of the program, which responds to a crisis among American youth. The USDA Forest Service and the Na-

tional Forest Foundation are working together to create new camp projects that will provide jobs, work training, and educational and emotional growth for youth.

The camps will be run by the Forest Service in partnership with other government agencies and private companies.

Kendall noted that youth unemployment rates in many city and rural ethnic neighborhoods approaches 50 percent. He called on other business leaders to support the camps. "Seldom in our business or personal life do we have this opportunity to truly make a difference. These opportunities must be seized when the timing is right and that time is now," he said.

Oregon Weekly Unemployment Benefit Amounts To Be Increased

Weekly unemployment benefit amounts will go up slightly in Oregon on July 4, 1993.

The maximum benefit per week will be \$285 and the minimum benefit per week will be \$66. The current maximum and minimum benefit amounts are \$271 and \$63. The change affects new employment insurance claims filed on or after July 4.

The calculation of benefits is done on an annual basis and is required by law. It is based on a percentage of the average wages paid in Oregon. Frank Richey, Manager, Unemployment Insurance Program Analysis, says the reason for the increase is that Oregon average wages are up slightly.

The number of individuals who received unemployment benefits checks in 1992 was 207,890.

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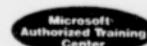
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