

SPORTS



WNBA Basketball player's Tammi Reese (top left) of the Utah Stars and Ruthie Bolton-Holifield (top right) of the Sacramento Monarchs, paid a visit to the local Boy's & Girl's Club. Ms. Bolton-Holifield is the national director of "Play Fit - Stay Fit" also pictured are Bottom (l to r) Xavier Brown, Ma'aloom Shamsuadin, and Whitney Clunes-Myer.

GOLF-WOODS SAYS HE FEELS JORDAN-LIKE PRESSURE

Likening himself to Michael Jordan when it comes to expectations heaped on him, Tiger Woods says his golf game is better than when he ran away with the Masters last year with a 12-stroke victory.

Woods, fresh from his first victory on the PGA Tour in 10 months, arrived here on Tuesday for the Byron Nelson Classic and said "it's just a matter of getting the right breaks at the right time, then you will win."

"I've been really, really close this year, but I got a lot of breaks in the final round (last Sunday)," said Woods, 22.

"It's just like Michael (Jordan), MJ, he goes out and scores 20 points and that's pretty good and people wonder what's wrong," said Woods, who won last year's Byron Nelson Classic in his first appearance since his historic Masters victory.

"My overall game is more consistent than last year, my stroke average is lower and I think I'm playing better," Woods said.

"People got caught up in the media hype and it all snowballed last year," said Woods, whose winning margin was the largest in Masters history. "It was hard to go through, especially for a person my age. I don't think it will be like that again, but if it does, hopefully I'll know how to handle it because I've been through it before."

Woods is ranked number one this week, largely on the strength of his victory in last week's Bell South Classic, but the current Official World Ranking system has changed leaders almost weekly.

This week's field contains many of Woods' competitors for the top spot including Ernie Els (ranked No. 2), Justin Leonard (6), and Nick Price, (8) and Phil Mickelson (9), along with Masters champion Mark O'Meara.

Leading PGA Tour money winner David Duval, who has won five times since last October, was in this week's field but withdrew late Monday night citing mental exhaustion.

Woods said his goal in the weeks before the 1998 U.S. Open was to get his game in the best shape possible.

"I want my game to peak three more times this year. I play these tournaments for fun and because I enjoy the competition, but I want my game to peak around the majors."

After playing last week in Atlanta and this week at the Byron Nelson, Woods is expected to skip next week's Colonial tournament in nearby Fort Worth. He will play in Jack Nicklaus' Memorial tournament the following week and may play one more time before the U.S. Open

at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, June 18-21.

Woods, Els and Leonard won the first three major championships last year (Masters, U.S. Open, British Open) before Davis Love III captured the PGA Championship with Leonard second.

Woods said next month's Open is the next chance for a golfer to prove his top ranking among his peers.

"We're all playing well right now, but nobody has broken away from the pack. It's like when I was growing up watching Nicklaus and Palmer, Watson and Wadkins, now week in and week out it's going to be one of us."

The Byron Nelson tournament is sold out for the second straight year largely due to Woods' appearance. The \$2.5 million total purse pays \$450,000 to the winning golfer on Sunday.

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Madison-LF	14	2	R,G	Franklin-G,M	15	1	
Roosevelt-JM,J,L	12	3	M,B,W	Madison-LF	13	3	
Grant-F,C	10	6	M,R,R,F,L,W	Wilson-C,B	11	5	
Lincoln-M,R	10	6		Cleveland-W,J,M,G	10	5	
				Benson-L,W,JM	7	8	
Wilson-C,B,J	9	6	G,L,M,M,J,M,R	Marshall-R,C,B	7	8	
Cleveland-W,J,M,G	8	7	M,R,W,G,L	Grant-F,C	6	10	
Franklin-B,M	8	8		Lincoln-B,M,R	5	10	
Benson-W,JM	4	12		Roosevelt-JM,L	5	11	
Marshall-R,C,B	3	12		Jefferson	0	18	
Jefferson-R,W	0	16		Jefferson forfeits are posted.			
FINAL MENS TENNIS				FINAL GIRLS TENNIS			
W	L	To	W	L	To		
Lincoln	9	0	Lincoln	9	0		
Grant	8	1	L	Cleveland	7	2	
Wilson	7	2	G,L	Grant	7	2	
Benson	6	3	W,G,L	Wilson	7	2	
Roosevelt	5	4	W,L,G,B	Marshall	5	4	
Cleveland	4	5	R,G,W,B,L	Franklin	4	5	
Franklin	3	6	G,C,B,R,W,L	Benson	3	6	
Marshall	2	7		Madison	2	7	
Madison	1	8		Roosevelt	1	8	
Jefferson	0	9		Jefferson-M	0	9	
MENS TRACK				GIRLS TRACK			
W	L	I	W	L	I		
Franklin-G	6	0	Lincoln-W	6	0		
Benson-G	5	1	Benson-G	5	1		
Grant-B	5	1	Wilson-L	5	1		
Cleveland-J	3	3	Grant-B	4	2		
Madison-R	3	3	Cleveland-J	3	3		
Wilson-L	3	3	Jefferson-R	2	4		
Lincoln-W	2	4	Franklin-G	2	4		
Roosevelt-M	2	4	Madison-R	2	4		
Marshall-F	1	5	Roosevelt-M	1	5		
Jefferson-R	0	6	Marshall-F	0	6		
FINAL MENS GOLF				FINAL GIRLS GOLF			
W	L	I	W	L	I		
Franklin*	8	1	Lincoln	6	0		
Wilson*	8	1	Wilson	5	1		
Lincoln	7	2	Cleveland	4	2		
Grant	6	3	Franklin	3	3		
Cleveland	5	4	Benson	2	4		
Madison	5	4	Roosevelt	1	5		
Benson	3	6	Grant	0	6		
Roosevelt	2	7					
Marshall	1	8					
Jefferson	0	9					

*Franklin beat Wilson in dual 5/1/98

Lakers 110, SuperSonics 95

By JIM COUR

The Los Angeles Lakers have the most momentum in the playoffs and it has carried them to their first Western Conference final since 1991.

The Lakers, getting 31 points, nine rebounds and eight blocked shots from Shaquille O'Neal, finished their rout of the Seattle SuperSonics with a 110-95 victory Tuesday night.

The Lakers, who won 22 of their last 25 regular-season games and beat Portland 3-1 in the opening round of the playoffs, lost the first game of the best-of-7 series to the Sonics then won four straight.

The Lakers advanced to the conference finals against Utah, which beat San Antonio 87-77 Tuesday night to win the other semifinal in five games. The conference finals start Saturday in Salt Lake City.

It was a painful night for the Sonics, whose coach, George Karl, isn't expected to be back next season. Karl's contract expires on July 1 and he probably won't be offered a new one by Seattle despite his regular-season winning percentage of .719.

Eddie Jones and Rick Fox each had 17 points for the Lakers, while Nick Van Exel had 15. Los Angeles set a franchise playoff record with 13 3-pointers, five by Fox.

Vin Baker led Seattle with 28 points, while Gary Payton added 20.

The Lakers shot 56.3 percent (36-for-64) in beating Seattle, a team that had a 3-1 edge on them during the regular season, for the second straight time in the KeyArena.

After the Sonics won the series opener, they didn't have a chance against the Lakers and their incredible center, the 7-foot-1, 315-pound O'Neal.

In the fourth quarter, the Sonics got within 98-91 after Detlef Schrempf scored on a hook shot with 5:15 to go.

But O'Neal responded with a layup and Jones made three free throws to put the Lakers ahead 103-91. And it was all over for the Sonics.

O'Neal scored eight points in the third quarter when the Lakers held off the Lakers and took an 86-76 lead. Van Exel hit two 3-pointers for Los Angeles in the final 3:45 of the quarter.

The Lakers led 62-50 at the half despite a 19-5 run by the Sonics over the first 5:39 of the second quarter. That run came with O'Neal resting on the bench. It was a different story when he got back.

After Payton's 3-pointer cut Los Angeles' lead to 44-41, the Lakers

took a timeout and O'Neal returned to the game. He made a layup and then added two free throws after being fouled by Jerome Kersey.

With 2:36 left, O'Neal hit a short baseline jumper to put the Lakers ahead 58-48.

Los Angeles shot 23-for-31 from the field in the first half, including 8-for-12 in the second quarter.

In the opening period, the Lakers got four 3-pointers from Fox and shot 15-for-19 to take a 39-22 lead. The Lakers, who twice led by 18 points, took a 29-13 with 3:40 left in the quarter after a 23-4 run. Fox had 12 points and O'Neal 10 in the first period.

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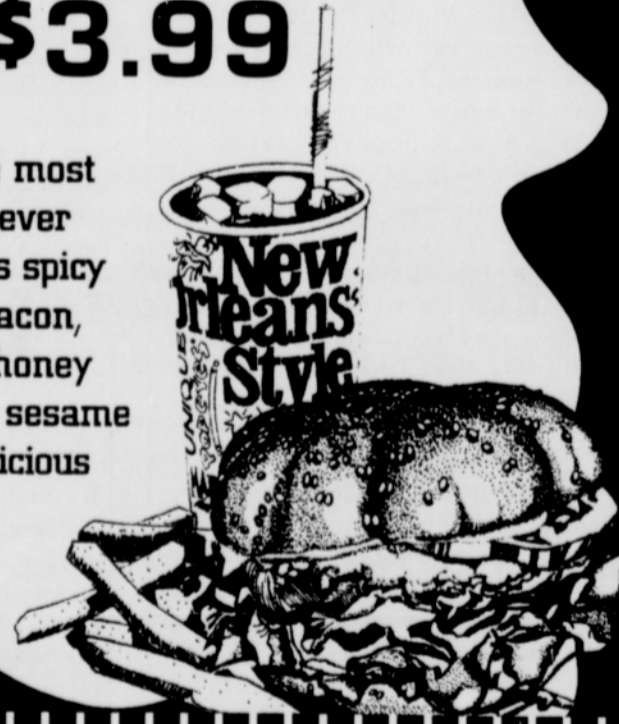
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