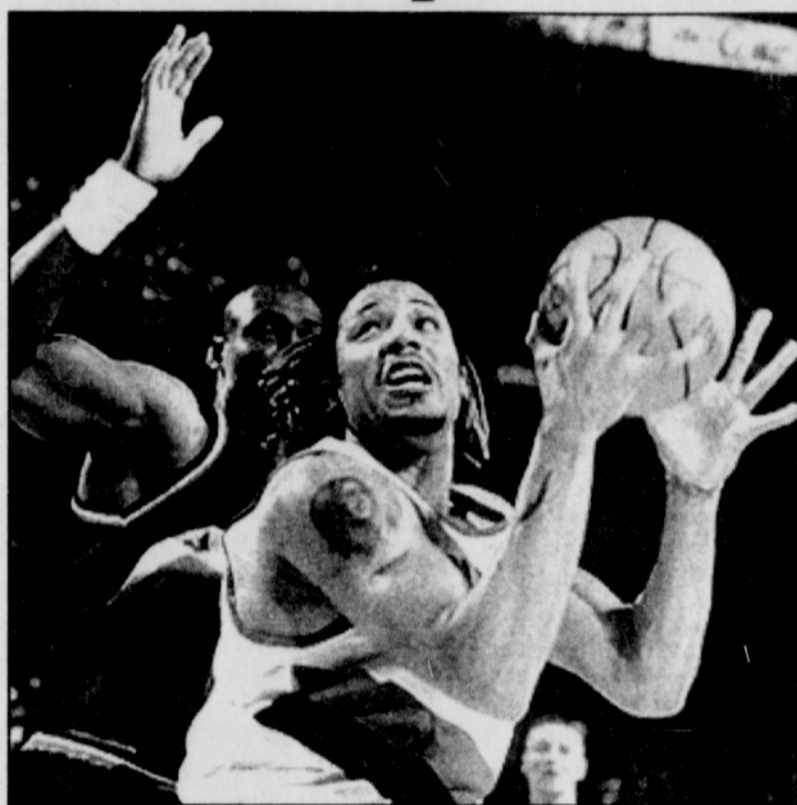


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Blazers looking for a different Jazz team to show up

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The Portland Trail Blazers are expecting the real Utah Jazz to arrive any time now. Jerry Sloan says what you see is what you get. "This is who we are," the Utah Jazz coach said Monday, surveying the damage after Sunday's 94-75 loss to the Blazers in Game 1 of their best-of-seven Western Conference semifinals. "I'd like to say we're a different team," Sloan added. "I'd like to say, 'Well, all of a sudden Michael Jordan is going to show up and play for us (in Game 2 Tuesday),' but that isn't the way it works. We just have to go with who we are and see what happens." The Jazz trailed by only four points entering the final quarter Sunday but missed nine of their first 10 shots and were outscored 29-14 in the period. Whether the short recovery time after the first round was to blame, or it was Portland's strong defense in the fourth quarter, the Jazz looked nothing like the proud team that made the conference finals five times since 1992. "We felt like they were going to come out and deliver the first blow and play with a lot of energy and intensity," Portland's Scottie Pippen said before practice Monday. "But they were not the same team. ... We can expect a totally different team to come out (Tuesday) night." Pippen had a terrific game, scoring 20 points and exploiting a mismatch against Jazz guard Jeff Hornacek. The 6-foot-8



Brian Grant made Karl Malone and the Jazz pay on only two of his 10 field-goal attempts, but his 10 rebounds and hustle more than made up for his shooting. Associated Press.

Pippen scored 13 points in the second half, most of them while he was being defended by the 6-4 Hornacek. Hornacek, who also had trouble guarding Steve Smith in the high post, said he expects to stay on Pippen. But Sloan criticized his team for standing around and not helping Hornacek. "I think everybody in America knew that they were going to post us up,

except four other guys watching," Sloan said. "Yeah, they made some shots, but their offensive rebounds kill you too. When you stand and watch and then you don't rebound, what are you supposed to do? Start switching players around? No, I don't do that. Hornacek's a pretty good player. I have no less confidence in him."

U.S. tunes up, 4 to 0 Canada

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April Heinrichs liked what she saw Sunday in the U.S. women's soccer team. Creativity. Aggression. Playmaking. These attributes, as much as the 4-0 victory over Canada in front of 7,659 at Civic Stadium, pleased the U.S. coach, who must decide in the coming months which 18 players will defend the Olympic gold medal in Sydney, Australia. The United States won the Nike U.S. Women's Cup for the seventh consecutive time by outscoring opponents 12-0. It dictated the pace Friday against fleet Mexico and outgrappled physical Canada on Sunday. Friday was a goal-scoring highlight film on a cold, damp night. Sunday saw the U.S. team press in the first half without result, then break the Canadian defense in the second half under a sunny May sky. "We found that this team really can play and there's a creative flair that I hadn't seen," said Heinrichs, whose team is coming off an intense two-week Olympic residence camp. "Now we need to get back to blue-collar work." New Canadian coach Even Pellerud knows all about the U.S. team's style. As coach of Norway, Pellerud beat the United States seven times. Without Norway's scoring flair, Canada settled into a defensive stance rough enough at times for Heinrichs to call it "mean-spirited." "He doesn't have the depth we have," Heinrichs said. "He doesn't have the panache this team has. So he uses what he has." The tournament was part of the process that started at training camp and will continue during matches in Australia, the United States and Europe. Heinrichs must announce an Olympic team by Aug. 15, one month before the opening of the Games, but is expected to announce it in mid- to late July. The United States outshot Canada 32-9, but it wasn't until Portland's Shannon MacMillan lobbed a crossing pass to Julie Foudy for a header in the 46th minute that the Americans scored. "The first half, we were disconnected," midfielder Kristine Lilly said. "We had some great chances. It is frustrating, but you also have to know

it's going to happen." Lilly, 28, was honored before the game for making her 200th international appearance — a milestone no other player has reached in international soccer. The U.S. Soccer Federation gave Lilly a white-gold necklace, decorated with a CC and a diamond. Her sponsor, Adidas, gave Lilly a special pair of gold-colored soccer shoes with "200" on the heels that she wore for Sunday's game only. And teammates gave her a bracelet. "They made me cry before the game," said Lilly, whose parents traveled from Connecticut to watch their daughter make history. Despite the offensive frustration in the first half, the United States dominated on both ends of the field. "The Mexico game, we dictated the pace," said MacMillan, a former University of Portland star who was named player of the tournament for her two goals and two assists. "We controlled those passes. Today, there comes a time when the passes don't work. You have to dig your heels in and just wear them down. "Soccer can be a very stingy game. We can play a team and beat them 10-0 and, the next day, play them 0-0." Canada ran its offense through 16-year-old phenomenon Christina Sinclair and captain Amy Walsh, but it rarely threatened. Siri Mullinix had three saves for the United States. The Canadians compensated with a defensive wall and aggressive play. "I think we showed great rhythm, great timing," U.S. defender Brandi Chastain said. "Canada was very physical. And they were not going to back down from that." Foudy's goal opened the door for the U.S. team, which last faced — and defeated — Canada last June in a sendoff to the Women's World Cup and the championship. Cindy Parlow came off the bench to score in the 75th minute on a header off Lilly's pass. Portland's Tiffeny Milbrett, selected the player of the game, gave her team a 3-0 lead when she gathered Parlow's shot off the crossbar and high-kicked it past goalkeeper Karina LeBanc. Reserve forward Christie Welsh scored the final goal in the 85th minute, leaping high to lob a bouncing ball over LeBanc's hands. "I knew we weren't playing like Team USA," Milbrett said. "Yet we won 4-

0. We knew we could win pretty or ugly."

Franco wins PGA event on second playoff hole

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It is party time in Paraguay again. Carlos Franco gave his countrymen reason to celebrate by settling down on the second playoff hole Sunday and repeating as champion at the \$3.5 million Compaq Classic in New Orleans. "This is very sweet, very sweet for me, very sweet for my country, very sweet for everyone," Franco said. "I know everyone in my country was watching on television and being very nervous. But now it's OK." Franco survived a bogey on the first playoff hole, then made a three-foot putt for par on the second to beat Blaine McCallister and win \$612,000. "The trophy is very nice," Franco said. "It's for my wife. I like the money." The 18th hole was McCallister's undoing in both regulation and the playoff. "I played some good golf today," McCallister

said. "It's disappointing to end like I did. I mean, it feels like I just bled all over the place out there." McCallister had a one-stroke lead over Franco after 17 holes, but found the front bunker at 18 and missed a 12-foot putt for par. Franco saved par with a five-footer, leaving both players with closing 4-under-par 68s. The playoff started on No. 18 and Franco hit into a fairway bunker off the tee. His third shot went to the fringe of the green and he went about five feet past the hole and made a bogey 5. McCallister was on in two and had about a 30-footer for birdie, but he missed that and a four-footer for par. On the second playoff hole, the par-4 16th, McCallister hit into a bunker off the tee and then into a greenside bunker which he couldn't get out of. His fourth shot went through the green. Franco's second shot also went into a greenside bunker, but he hit within three feet and made the putt.

French Open: Colin Montgomerie won his first title of the season, making two eagles on the back nine en route to a two-stroke victory in the \$1.08 million French Open in Versailles. The Scotsman closed with a 4-under-68 for a 16-under-272 total. Jonathan Lomas of England was runner-up at 274. LPGA: Laura Davies shot a 2-over-72 but held on for a two-stroke victory over Dottie Pepper in the Philips Invitational in Austin, Texas. The Briton finished at 5-under-275 to win her second event of the year and the 60th of her international career. Davies won \$127,500 for her 19th victory in 12 years on the LPGA Tour. She needs three more points to qualify for the LPGA Hall of Fame. Pepper started the day seven strokes off the lead but closed with a 67. Webb wins: Karrie Webb shot a 1-over-73 in swirling winds and scored her sixth victory of the season.

First-time Derby trainer puts bad luck of 1992 behind him

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Neil Drysdale waited eight years to walk a horse to the paddock on the first Saturday in May. And when he did, Fusaichi Pegasus gave him a career-defining moment in a most memorable week. Drysdale won the 126th Kentucky Derby with a frisky colt whose playful personality is just the opposite of the serious-minded trainer. "I'm just so delighted for the horse," Drysdale said in his clipped British accent. "He's very talented and I'm very proud of him."

Fusaichi Pegasus was Drysdale's first Derby starter in a career that began with handling show horses in the 1970s. Drysdale, who is the epitome of British reserve, broke up the Bob Baffert-D. Wayne Lukas stranglehold in the Derby. He is the first trainer other than Baffert or Lukas to win since 1994. Bad luck kept Drysdale from saddling his first Derby horse in 1992. A.P. Indy turned up with a bruised foot on Derby Day, forcing Drysdale to scratch him. The injury also kept A.P. Indy out of the Preakness. But

the colt came back to win the Belmont and was voted horse of the year, giving Drysdale some consolation. He certainly didn't need any here. The 1½-length victory Saturday by the Japanese-owned horse, whose tongue-twister of a name often leads Drysdale to call him "the colt," completed a dream week for the trainer. Drysdale was elected to racing's Hall of Fame on Tuesday. Lukas followed the same path last year, getting into the hall days before Charismatic won the Derby. "It's a very humbling week and very rewarding," he said.



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