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## Suspect arrested as Wolves grapple with loss



Malik Sealy

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The Minnesota Timberwolves are trying to focus on Malik Sealy's life and not the wrong-way and possibly drunken driver who ended it. "If being angry brought back Malik Sealy, I think we'd all be angry," vice president Kevin McHale said. "But nothing anybody's going to do or say right now is going to change the events of 4 a.m. on May 20. That's written in stone." On Monday, the State Patrol arrested Souksangouane Phengsene, 43, of Minneapolis, who remained under guard at Hennepin County Medical Center, where he's being treated for serious injuries from the crash. Investigators have until noon

Wednesday to present the case to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office for formal charges. Investigators said Phengsene was driving the wrong way on Highway 100 early Saturday morning when his pickup smashed into Sealy's sport utility truck in the Minneapolis suburb of St. Louis Park, fatally injuring the popular player who was returning from teammate Kevin Garnett's 24th birthday celebration. An emergency worker reported that Phengsene, who was convicted of drunken driving in Des Moines, Iowa, three years ago, smelled of alcohol as he was extricated from the wreckage. Blood tests are pending. McHale said the team was trying to remember the good times such as Sealy's buzzer-beating basket against Indiana this season, the first game-winning bucket of his career. "We watched the shot against Indiana when he banked it in and he's on the floor and he's got his hands raised and he's kicking his legs," McHale said, smiling. "I think that's the way I'll always remember him, just the smile. And the interviews and the intelligence." McHale insisted the team held no animosity for Phengsene. "You can be angry at a lot of things," McHale said. "What good does that do?" The Timberwolves are planning to fly to the funeral Friday on the campus of St. John's, where Sealy starred before being drafted by the Indiana Pacers

in 1992. All the players except Rashaun Nesterovic, who has returned to Slovenia, are expected to attend. On Monday, Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders attended a memorial ceremony for Bill Musselman, who coached him at the University of Minnesota in the 1970s and served as the Wolves' first coach. Saunders broke down as a prayer at that service was said for Sealy, who is survived by his newlywed wife, Lisa, and their 3-year-old son, Malik Remington. "I had a tough time today," Saunders said. "But I think it's going to be that way for a while. It's going to be like that for our players for a while." Sealy was coming off the best season of his eight-year NBA career, and he was a big part of their franchise-best 50-32 record. "I hear people say we had a great year, 50 wins. But that doesn't matter. Because no matter what, this year will go down as a loss," Saunders said. Lisa Sealy released a statement saying the family was deeply moved by the sympathy of the Timberwolves, the NBA, friends and the public. She said the family was "thankful to know that Malik was loved by so many." Sealy was one of the more affable and intelligent players in pro sports. He had parts in commercials and movies and was a successful businessman. He played for the Pacers, Clippers and Pistons before finding a niche with the Wolves.

## Reversal leaves Lakers facing 'a true test'

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There was no need for hack-a-Shaq tactics Monday night at the Staples Center. Now, how about some CPR for the Los Angeles Lakers? Shaquille O'Neal was missing free throws, all right, but it had little bearing on the Trail Blazers' 106-77 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers to even the best-of-seven Western Conference finals 1-1. The Blazers seized control with a 20-0 third-quarter run, punished the Lakers the rest of the way, and left owner Paul Allen, sitting at courtside, with a nodding smile at game's end. "That's one," Allen said. "It is going to be a tough series. It will be good to be home for the next two games." The Blazers had lost 17 consecutive playoff road games to the Lakers dating to the 1977 championship season. Beyond that, the Lakers were 42-5 at home this season, including 6-0 in the playoffs. It didn't matter Monday. The Blazers blanketed Shaquille O'Neal, shut down Kobe Bryant and made their 109-94 Game 1 loss a distance memory, handing the Lakers their most one-sided loss of the season. "We were bad; they were good," said O'Neal, who scored 14 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter. "(The

Blazers) didn't make any adjustments; we just relied on jumpers too much. They were packing it in on me, daring our shooters to shoot." Just like Saturday. This time, though, the Lakers were missing. They shot 39.1 percent from the field, including 6 of 23 from three-point range. The Blazers led only 48-45, then broke it open by outscoring the Lakers 28-8 in the third quarter. The Blazers used a huge advantage at the free-throw line (35-17) and won the second-half rebounding battle 26-12. They even got three third-quarter three-pointers from Rasheed Wallace, who had been 8 for 50 from three-point range in the regular season. "That was quite a game by Portland," Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson said. "They didn't shoot that well, but they had a game plan that worked well against us. They pounded the ball in, drove it to the hoop, created foul situations and put us on our heels. We played on our heels in the second half. "They played great defense — you can't take anything away from them — but our offense execution was poor. We got a little ragged there in the third quarter. But their defense in that third quarter was great." Jackson said the Lakers played an "awful" first half. "I went into the locker room and said, 'If that is as good as they can do with us playing that poorly, and they are

only on top by three points ... we surely can play a much better second half.' We came out and played worse." O'Neal finished with 23 points and 12 rebounds in 39 minutes, but he had just nine points through three quarters and was 5 of 17 from the free-throw line. Arvydas Sabonis and Brian Grant had defensive coverage, and Scottie Pippen came with help every time the ball went in deep. Pippen also went to the basket hard, getting 21 points and 11 rebounds. He made nine of his 12 free throws. "Scottie hurt us more with his offense than his defense," Jackson said. "Then, in the second half, it was Wallace who got untouchable for a bit. That really bombed us." Bryant, who had 13 points in the opener, was 2 for 9 from the field and finished with 12 points. Already, he had an eye on Friday's Game 3 at the Rose Garden. "That place is going to be rock and rollin'," Bryant said. "We will be ready. This makes it a little more fun. It's all about challenges. It's about obstacles." The Lakers made one for themselves Monday night. "We won all our home games in the first two rounds of the playoffs," O'Neal said. "Now we have our hands full. This is going to be a true test for us."

## The next streak: Tiger takes aim at Byron

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Tiger Woods' streak of consecutive PGA Tour victories ended at six in San Diego. Another streak ended in Germany when, for the first time in 16 tournaments worldwide, Woods failed to win after having at least a share of the 54-hole lead. OK, he's human. But with each tournament, Woods creeps closer to a record that has stood for more than 50 years — Byron Nelson's streak of 113 tour events without missing the cut. Woods is not even halfway there — 48 going into the Memorial. But considering he has missed only one true cut in his career, the only thing that figures to stop him is injury. If Woods were to keep pace with his current schedule — and continue to make the cut — he would tie Nelson's mark around the 2003 U.S. Open. The "cut watch" has been issued twice this year. Woods was on the bubble on the back nine of the Buick

Invitational, squeezed in and had a share of the lead Sunday before finishing second to Phil Mickelson. He was on the cut line again two weeks ago in the Nelson Classic, made it with three strokes to spare, then went 67-63 on the weekend and finished one stroke out of a playoff. Woods never paid too much attention to the winning streak because a) it spanned two seasons and b) he failed to win a European tour event during that stretch. Why is this streak so special? "It means that even when you're playing bad, you're still fighting and you have the mental tenacity to hang in there on those bad days and get it around where you make cuts," Woods said. "I'm not going to dog it out there. That's just not my style." Woods counts his streak at 52, dating to the 1997 Canadian Open in Montreal, the only 36-hole cut he missed. The PGA Tour's number of 48 dates to Pebble Beach in 1998, where Woods withdrew instead of returning seven months later in August to complete 54 holes. Woods was at 4-over 148 after two rounds and would have needed a 65 to make the cut.

## Calkins caps his career with third straight title

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Michael Calkins, called by his coach "arguably the best high school kid to ever play tennis in Oregon," completed a brilliant career Saturday with his third Class 4A boys singles championship. The Jesuit senior became the third player — and first in more than a half-century — to win three 4A boys titles when he defeated Jon Endrikat of North Medford 6-2, 6-1 at Tualatin Hills Tennis Center. Calkins finished his high school career with 56 consecutive victories — 17 this season — after losing the state final as a freshman. "Mike also scored 38 of a possible 40 points in his four state tournaments, which would at least tie

the all-time record, if not be the all-time record," Jesuit coach Jeff Wood said. Endrikat took a 2-0 lead on Calkins, then got a close-up look as the Crusader blew past him to win 12 of the next 13 games. "I played great today," said Calkins, 18, who defeated Dustin Taylor of Lakeridge 6-3, 6-1 in the morning semifinals. "What can I do?" Endrikat said as he walked off the court. "I'm giving it my all, playing the best I can, and he's blowing ball after ball by me. You can't beat him when he's playing like that." The last to win three boys titles was Tom Macdonald of Grant, from 1946

to 1948. The only other three-time winner was Emery Neale of Grant (1937 to 1939). Endrikat, a 17-year-old senior, beat undefeated Beau Smith of Cleveland 6-3, 7-5 in the morning semifinals. Jesuit also won the doubles with Jake Sunshine and Ricky Humphries, and the Crusaders won their third consecutive team title, scoring 24 points to more than double the score on the runner-up teams. Lake Oswego, Lincoln, North Medford and Sheldon shared second place with 10 each. The fourth-seeded Sunshine and Humphries beat top-seeded Todd Lindbloom and Ryan Felker of Roseburg 6-2, 6-1 in the final.

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Los Angeles is 43-6 at home. Wallace, who drew his second technical in Game 1 for glaring at referee Ron Garretson, said he had no special motivation Monday night. "I'm just going out there and playing," Wallace said. "My preparation for this game wasn't any different than Game 1." Wallace had 11 points and five rebounds in the third quarter, when the Blazers outscored Los Angeles 28-8, tying the Lakers' playoff low for that quarter and just two short of the NBA record-low for a third quarter, set by Atlanta against Boston on May 6, 1986. "The first half was just awful and we were only down by three points," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We certainly could play a better second half was my message to the team at halftime, and we went out and played worse." Scottie Pippen had 21 points and 11 rebounds for Portland. He scored 17 points in the first half as the Blazers took a tenuous 48-45 lead. Smith scored 24 for the Blazers, who are 3-3 against Los Angeles this season and the only team to win twice on the Lakers' court. "My mindset was to attack," Pippen said, "establish that we weren't going to be a jump-shooting team." The Lakers made just two of 15 shots in the third quarter and were outrebounded 14-5, even though O'Neal played the entire 12 minutes. Bryant said it was the best defense, and the worst quarter, the Lakers experienced all season. Brian Shaw's 3-pointer cut Portland's lead to 56-51 with six minutes left in

the third, but it would be the Lakers' last field goal of the quarter. Smith's inside basket started the run and Wallace's third 3-pointer ended it, putting the Blazers ahead 76-51 with 8.5 seconds left in the quarter. "They pressed the ball and drove to the hoop and put us in foul situations," Jackson said. "They had us back on our heels." Bryant's two free throws with 1.3 seconds allowed the Lakers to avoid tying the NBA playoff record for lowest-scoring third quarter and made it 76-53 going into the fourth. "We got a little desperate in the middle of the third quarter," Jackson said, indicating he should have called timeout. "I take credit for this. I left them to hang out to dry a little bit too long and try and find their own way back out of that morass, and they just couldn't find their way out."

## Red Bullet's trainer happy with win

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Joe Orseno was right. For the better part of three weeks, the trainer of Red Bullet told anyone who would listen that Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus was not unbeatable. On Saturday, his lightly raced colt proved him right. Red Bullet pulled off to a 3 3-4-length victory over Fusaichi Pegasus in the \$1 million Preakness on Saturday and ended the \$4 million colt's bid for a Triple Crown. "I'm excited, glowing, I feel real good," Orseno said. "I'm not one to hide my emotions. I'm happy." Orseno, who trains privately for Frank Stronach, perhaps the most influential man in racing, decided 30 minutes after a 4 1/4-length loss to Fusaichi

Pegasus in the Wood Memorial to skip the Derby and get ready for the Preakness. "It just seemed like the right thing to do for the colt," Orseno said. "And it paid off today." Although there were many who believed Orseno was ducking Fusaichi Pegasus, Orseno simply said his colt was not experienced enough to move on and needed time off. Five weeks after his only loss, the son of Unbridled made it four wins in five career starts. "This was unbelievable," said Orseno, who last week saddled Pimlico Special winner Golden Missile. "Turning for home he put in the move I thought he could put in. He just needed another opportunity to go out and do it."

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