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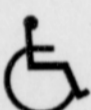
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Robinson Retires Two-Time NBA Champ

'Admiral' leads Spurs in career ending game

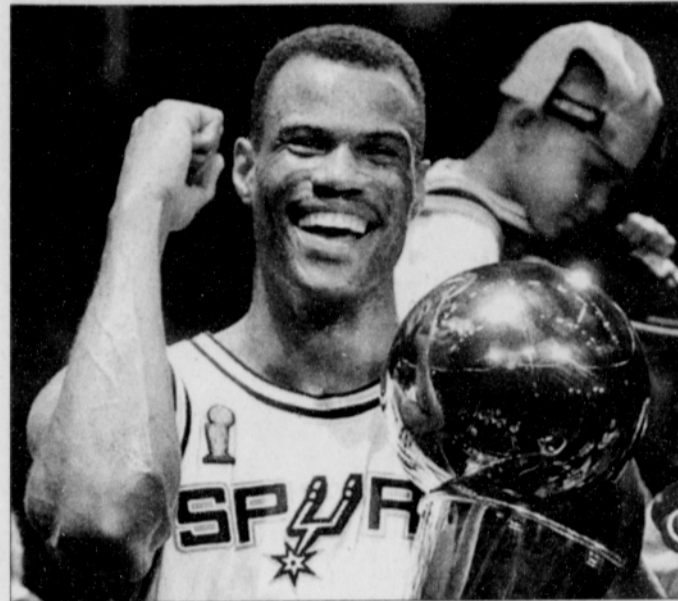
(AP) — David Robinson was standing along the paint, waiting for a free throw, when it finally happened. His career was over.

Kevin Willis checked in and replaced Robinson with 35.6 seconds left in the final game of his 14th season. What could've been a sentimental walk to the sideline was anything but. It was the hug-filled journey of a two-time NBA champion.

Robinson went out a winner - and, best of all, was a big reason why his team came out on top in his final game.

Robinson had 13 points and 17 rebounds to help carry the San Antonio Spurs past the New Jersey Nets 88-77 on Sunday night in Game 6 of the NBA Finals.

He had 11 points in the first three quarters when the Spurs were struggling, then grabbed seven re-



San Antonio Spurs center David Robinson holds the NBA Championship trophy after the Spurs beat the New Jersey Nets 88-77 in Game 6 of the NBA Finals in San Antonio, Sunday. (AP photo)

bounds during a stunning fourth-quarter rally.

"My last game, streamers flying, world champions. How can you write a better script than this?"

Robinson said. "It's unbelievable. I'm going to end my career on the highest of highs."

When the buzzer sounded, Robinson shared a long embrace

with coach Gregg Popovich as confetti fell and fireworks sparked. A fan in the upper deck released a banner that read, "Dear David: 50 Bon Voyage" as the Admiral crossed the court and picked up one of his sons, with his own parents not far away.

As Robinson held aloft the championship trophy next to Tim Duncan, who was holding up his MVP prize, mimicking a signature image from their first title in 1999. This portrait of the big men will again be an enduring image in a city that adores both players and the team, their only major pro sports franchise.

"Dave's been an incredible part of this team for a lot of years," Duncan said. "The last couple of seconds, I thought, 'I'm not going to play with this guy again. I'm going to have to play on this court without him.' It's going to be weird. I don't know to expect."

And now, it's over. "I feel great about it," he said. "There's no bitter to it. It's all sweet. It's great."

Atlanta Crowned Inner City Champs

Teams from all over the country came to the Portland to compete in The Inner City Players Basketball Tournament at Grant High School.

Teams competing in the June 13-15 event were the Oakland Soldiers, Atlanta Celtics, Inner City Players #1, Houston Superstars, Portland Legends, Seattle Rodery, ICA Panthers and Inner City Players #2.

The championship game was between the Atlanta Celtics and the Seattle Rodery, with Atlanta edging Seattle, 79-72. Oakland defeated Inner City Players #1 in another close contest, 72-68 to claim third place. Other consolation games were the Houston Superstars against the Portland Legends with Houston winning 75-65; and the ICA Panthers defeating the Inner City Players #2, 80-65.

The Most Valuable Players of the tournament were Tim Pierce of the Oakland Soldiers and Brandon Rush of the Atlanta Celtics. Many other standout players were named to the All Tournament Team as well.

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2003 Kia Sorento EX



The Kia Sorento is an all-new mid-size sport-utility making it mark in the SUV market. The Kia Sorento is similar in looks to BMW and Lexus with of course a little change in body and grills. What sets the Sorento apart is its priced \$5000 to \$6000 less than other comparable SUV's.

Yet is loaded with features and seats five with plenty of elbowroom.

It has potential of becoming one of the best sellers in the SUV market. Kia designed of the Sorento incorporates the little extras that appeal most to SUV buyers that provide plenty of space for passengers and storage.

The wood grain that surrounds the center console gives it a more expensive appeal. The engine is

smooth packed with power that is noticeable when accelerating. The Sorento's body s design does not give a sense of stability when turning corners.

The quality of ride is acceptable but could use some improvement to make it feel likes it fits to the body. The suspension was adequate over rough roads and train tracks. The interior was quite, pro-

ducing very little road noise to be heard from inside.

The 2003 Kia Sorento becomes more attractive with the price and the features that are packed in to it. It a good-looking vehicle built on a truck platform that boasts a V6 engine. When comparing mid-size SUV's don't forget to look at this one because you may find an extra 5 to 6 thousand advantage.

CARCORNER BY DAVID REEDER

Finding the Right Auto Loan

In order for lenders to offer low rates and fast customer service, they are a little selective about the loans they will fund. Here's what to expect when you search for an auto loan:

Purchase restrictions. Lenders who offer very low interest rates need to see their investments protected if they want to stay in the black. For this reason, most will either want to see you buy from a dealer or will require a good credit rating if you intend to buy from a third party.

Loan Amount. The loan amount you're looking for will also affect your chances of

qualifying for a low-rate online auto loan. Online lenders generally won't fund loans for less than \$7,000 or for more than \$75,000. So if you're looking at you're neighbor's 1977 beater or a brand new Rolls, you'll probably have to arrange financing somewhere else.

Credit Restrictions. These depend on how you're making the purchase. If you're buying from a dealer, you'll be able to secure a loan regardless of your credit situation. (Of course, with bad credit you'll pay a higher interest rate.) But if you need a person-to-person loan, your credit profile will need to be clean.

If you have credit problems there are great lenders who offer higher risk loans; but they come with more restrictions.

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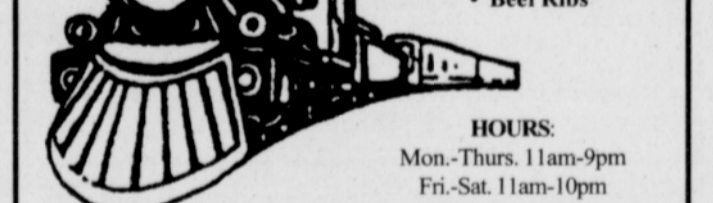
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