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## Lakers perform title Magic; top Sixers 114-104

**United Press International**  
INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Once again, the Los Angeles Lakers are sampling the NBA vintage champagne.

And once again the Philadelphia 76ers are left with dreams of what might have been.

The Lakers clinched the NBA championship with a slim 114-104 victory over the 76ers Tuesday night. Now they have a parade through downtown streets to look forward to.

All the 76ers have is a somber return to the City of Brotherly Love and weeks of chastisement on radio talk shows.

The Lakers captured their second NBA crown in three seasons with the victory, winning the series, 4-2, and tying an NBA playoff record with a 12-2 record after sweeping Phoenix and San Antonio in the Western Conference.

For the 76ers — who were seeking to become the first team in NBA history to rebound from a 3-1 deficit in the title series — it was another bitter end to a championship series. They've lost in the finals three times in the last six years.

For 76ers' superstar Julius Erving — who led his team with 30 points — this one may be the hardest to swallow.

"I'm more disappointed this time than any other year," Erving said. "As to why, I don't know. It just hurts more than any other year. It's very painful."

And while the 76ers were dreaming of what might have been, 50 feet away the Lakers were letting loose with champagne. Coming off last year's shocking loss to the Houston Rockets in the first round of the playoffs, the Lakers said the championship was much sweeter.

"The guys made up their minds that no matter what the cost, we were going to get our title back," said Laker guard Magic Johnson, who was named the 1980 series Most Valuable Player and grabbed the honor again this year.

Los Angeles center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar agreed last year weighed heavily on the Lakers' minds, and also said Sunday's embarrassing 135-102 loss to Philadelphia provided another incentive.

"We remembered Sunday, we remembered it real well," he said as his 20-month-old son, Amir, sat on his shoulder in the crowded locker room.

"It's hard to put this championship into words. Last year we were at the bottom and now we've come all the way back to the top."

In the somber Philadelphia locker room, Maurice Cheeks said that the better team had won.

"I can't say I've ever seen a better team," Cheeks said.

## Cardinals squeeze out 5-4 victory

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Whitey Herzog put the squeeze on the Montreal Expos Tuesday night.

The St. Louis Cardinals, under Herzog's instructions, employed the old-fashioned squeeze bunt on two occasions and were successful both times in defeating the Expos, 5-4, in 12 innings.

The Cardinals tied the score, 2-2, in the seventh when pinch-hitter Mike Ramsey squeezed home Tom Herr from third. And they scored what proved to be the winning run in the 12th inning on another suicide squeeze play when Ken Oberkfell brought home Willie McGee. McGee had tripled in the go-ahead run that broke a 3-3 tie.

"We played good and we executed good," Herzog said. "We bunted three guys over and scored twice on the squeeze play."

Herzog's only regret was that he didn't use the squeeze play in the fourth inning when the Cardinals left the bases loaded after scoring one run.

"I wish I would have had the squeeze in the fourth inning, maybe we wouldn't have had to play so long," he said.

The usually reliable Woody Fryman lost in relief for Montreal and dropped his record to 2-2.

Al Oliver drove in two of the Expos' runs with singles in the first and 12th innings.

Elsewhere in the National League, Philadelphia downed Chicago, 5-2, Pittsburgh whipped New York, 6-2, San Diego beat Cincinnati, 4-1, and Atlanta edged Los Angeles, 4-3.

**PHILLIES 5, CUBS 2** — At Philadelphia, Marty Bystrom scattered five hits in eight innings to help the Phillies hand the Cubs their ninth straight loss.

**PIRATES 6, METS 2** — In New York, Don Robinson celebrated his 25th birthday with a two-run, fourth-inning double and 7½ innings of three-hit pitching in pacing the Pirates.

**PADRES 4, REDS 1** — John Montefusco and Luis DeLeon combined on a three-hitter and Terry Kennedy drove in two runs to spark the Padres, in San Diego.

**BRVES 4, DODGERS 3** — At Los Angeles, Dale Murphy scored twice and singled home the tie-breaking run in the seventh inning to lead the Braves.

In the American League, Boston Red Sox manager Ralph Houk, quite clearly, has found a system for winning — all he does his loosen his right arm and point to the bullpen.

Mark Clear handles the rest.

The Red Sox, coming from behind to win a game for the 19th time this season, used a Carney Lansford single with none out in the 10th inning Tuesday night to give Boston a 4-3 victory over the New York Yankees.

The triumph was the fourth in a row for the Red Sox, with the decision going to Clear, 5-1, who now has four wins and seven saves in his last 11 appearances. George Frazier fell to 1-1 as the Yankees lost for the sixth time in seven games.

"We have been doing this all year, battling back, battling back, battling back," said Clear, who helped the Red Sox maintain a share of first place in the American League East with Detroit. "We played an excellent game and got good performance from everybody."

Jim Rice led off the 10th with a walk and moved to third when


Carl Yastrzemski ripped a single through the middle. Two pitches later, Lansford drilled the game-winner as the Red Sox boosted their extraining record this season to 5-0.

In other AL games, it was California 11, Toronto 4; Detroit 8, Cleveland 3; Baltimore 4; Milwaukee 2; Kansas City 9; Minnesota 4; Seattle 2, Texas 1, in 14 innings; and Chicago 5, Oakland 4.

**ORIOLES 4, BREWERS 2** — In Milwaukee, Gary Roenicke and Cal Ripken Jr. hit home runs and Scott McGregor pitched a six-hitter to post the win over Milwaukee.

**MARINERS 2, RANGERS 1** — At Arlington, Todd Cruz doubled home Al Cowens from second base with two out in the 14th inning to lead Seattle.

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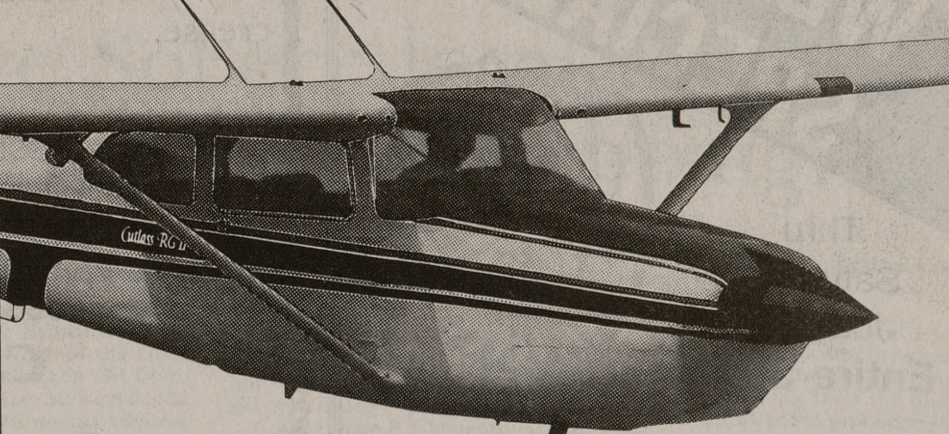
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