

Gretzky extends streak, scores in all 43 games

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DETROIT — Wayne Gretzky is an act only Wayne Gretzky can top.

Gretzky holds virtually every season scoring record of significance in the National Hockey League and, despite being just 22, should close in on some career scoring standards before reaching the age of 25.

Yet his incredible streak of having scored in every game played by the Edmonton Oilers this season is gripping the nation much as a consecutive-game hitting streak by a baseball player. "We'd been on the West Coast since Dec. 15 and it was kind of quiet about the streak out there," Gretzky said. "I didn't realize how much publicity the streak was getting back East. Now I'm starting to think about it."

Gretzky extended the streak to 43 games Monday night with a pair of unassisted goals and an assist in leading Edmonton to a 7-3 trouncing of the Detroit Red Wings. Gretzky has redefined the word "offense" in hockey. He's been player of the week so many times the NHL would be smart to name the award after him so other players could know what it was like to win it.

Yet there remain those who believe Gretzky only excels because today's hockey is so offensive-minded. "Hockey was great 20 years ago. It was great 30 years ago. It was great 10 years ago. And it's great today," Gretzky said, getting into his rebuttal.

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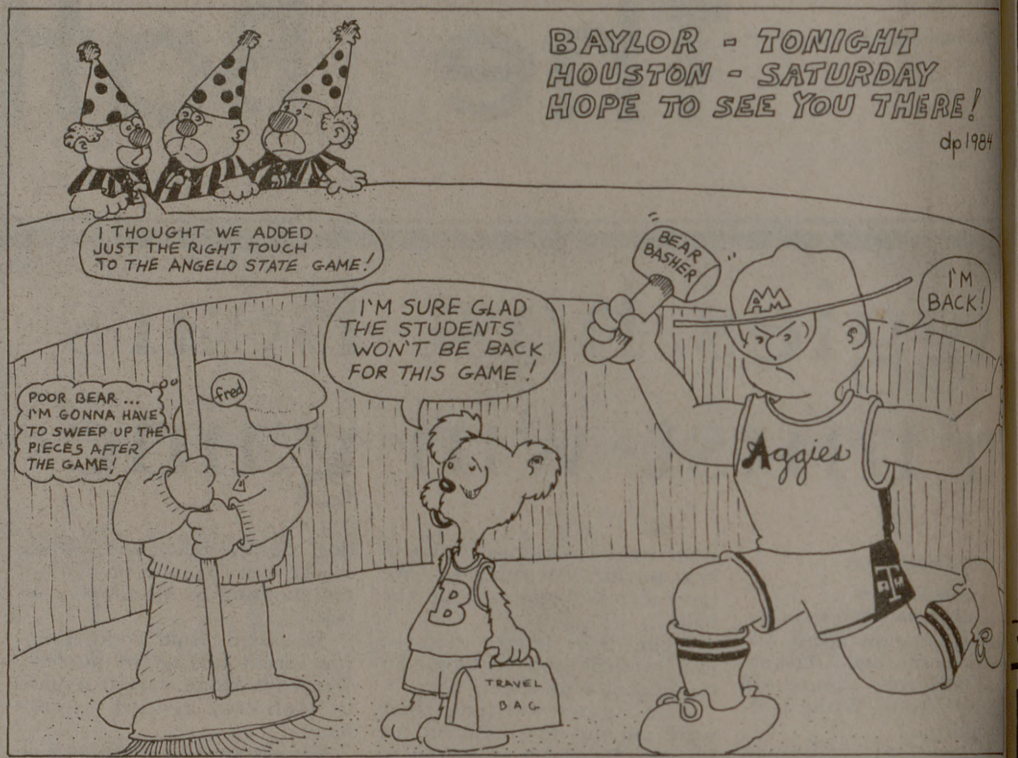
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Magic spurs LA comeback over Rockets

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HOUSTON — Magic Johnson hit a 12-foot jumper with 1:08 left in overtime to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a come-from-behind 136-132 win over the Houston Rockets Tuesday night.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for the West Coast franchise. Bob McAdoo, a reserve forward for Los Angeles, led all scorers with 32 points. It was his first game back in action after missing three contests to an injury.

The Rockets were led by Lewis Lloyd with 28 points, including two free throws with three seconds left in regulation time.

The Rockets raced to an early 20-point lead in the first quarter, opening a 28-8 advantage with 4:42 remaining and led 35-21 at the quarter break behind 10 points by Lloyd and Ralph Sampson.

The Lakers cut the lead to nine, 58-49, at halftime with McAdoo contributing 9 points and James Worthy contributing 10.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 16 points in the third quarter after being held to 5 the entire first half and Johnson hit a three-point goal from midcourt to cut the Rocket lead to 92-91 at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was a saw affair, with both teams scoring at both ends of the court. Jamaal Wilkes of the Lakers and Elvin Hayes sparked their respective teams, with Wilkes scoring 8 in the fourth quarter and Hayes scoring 9.

The second battle between Rocket rookie Sampson and Jabbar ended late in the fourth quarter when they both fouled out.

For the game, Sampson had 20 points and 11 rebounds while Jabbar had 21 points and only 3 rebounds.

Educators push NCAA reforms

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DALLAS — For the college presidents intent on reforming intercollegiate athletics, Tuesday was a .500 day at the NCAA convention.

While Proposition 35, a proposal drafted by the American Council on Education to establish a 44-member board of college presidents empowered to enact and suspend NCAA legislation, failed, the university executives did become a functioning entity within the NCAA structure.

That came by way of Proposition 36, an NCAA proposal to counter the board of presidents by creating the panel, but giving it only advisory power.

"Whatever presidents do from now on, it's legitimized," said Stephen Horn, president of California State University at Long Beach. "And it's legitimized by a two-thirds vote of the NCAA. This makes presidents a part of the apparatus."

"This is clearly a win, though we didn't get everything we went in to get."

Though the ACE failed to gain even a majority, much less the two-thirds vote needed to pass Proposition 35, the presidents were able to modify Proposition 36 so that the university executives, and not the NCAA, will select members of the presidents commission. Another amendment overwhelmingly passed under Proposition 36 gives the presidents the power to

call for a roll-call vote on major issues.

It was the absence of that power Tuesday that throttled the effort to pass Proposition 35, which failed by a vote of 32-313.

"I think we were disappointed that we never had a chance for a roll-call vote," said J.W. Peltason, president of the ACE. "We would have gotten a majority on a roll-call vote."

Peltason said an ACE poll of presidents prior to the convention indicated 69 percent of those surveyed were in favor of establishing a board of presidents. He said the two convention roll-call votes denying motions for a roll-call vote allowed some waffle.

"We were very upset there was no roll-call," said Xavier University President the Rev. Charles L. Currie. "I think that was part of the NCAA arrangement."

Peltason said the ACE proposal also lost support from Division III schools because many of the presidents of those institutions were unable to attend because of budgetary constraints.

But Horn said the amendment to Proposition 36 allowing presidents to demand a roll-call vote on major issues will help force the desires of absent presidents at future conventions.

"We're through the last part of covering up your vote," Horn said.

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