

SPORTS

# Celts' Bird finds MVP nest — again



Boston's Larry Bird

**Associated Press**  
 INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics on Monday became the fifth player and first non-center to be named the NBA's Most Valuable Player in consecutive years.  
 The 6-foot-9 Bird was second in the league in scoring with a 28.7 average and was eighth in rebounding with 10.5 per game. He also averaged 6.6 assists, led the Celtics in steals and shot 88.2 percent from the free-throw line.  
 Bird, who led the Celtics to the best regular-season record in the NBA (69-13) and into the best-of-seven championship series against the Los Angeles Lakers, received 73 of the 78 first-place

votes from a nationwide media panel.  
 Each member of the panel picked five players, with the first through fifth choices receiving 10-7-5-3-1 votes, respectively.  
 Bird totaled 763 points, while Earvin "Magic" Johnson of the Lakers was far behind in second with 264, followed by Moses Malone of the Philadelphia 76ers with 218, the Lakers' Kareem Abdul-Jabbar with 206, Terry Cummings of the Milwaukee Bucks with 138 and rookie Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls with 134.  
 Jordan and Cummings had two first-place votes apiece, while Johnson got one.

Bird joins the Celtics' Bill Russell (1961-63), the 76ers' Wilt Chamberlain (1966-68), Abdul-Jabbar of the Bucks and Lakers (1971-72 and 1976-77) and Malone of the Houston Rockets and 76ers (1982-83) as the only players to repeat as winner of the MVP. The other four repeaters were all centers.  
 "It's a great honor to be considered one of the best players in the league," Bird said at a news conference to announce the award. "I'm pleased with my performance through the regular season, although I'm not too pleased with it now."  
 Ironically, Bird has struggled in the playoffs although the Cel-

tics have reached the finals and trail the Lakers, 2-1. After making 52.2 percent of his field-goal attempts in the regular season, he has hit only 46.3 percent in 17 postseason games.  
 "My shooting comes and goes," Bird said. "I'm a 50 percent shooter over the long run and it all averages out. I've had some good shots and missed them."  
 Bird was asked if he agreed with the opinion of many that he is the game's best player.  
 "There are a lot of great players in the league," he said. "I'd like to be considered one of the best, but I don't know about being called the best."

## Mandlikova shocked at French Open

Czech tennis star upset in straight sets

Associated Press

PARIS — Hana Mandlikova's dream of repeating her 1981 French Open triumph evaporated in the Parisian sunshine Monday.  
 Mandlikova was rudely shocked by Claudia Kohde-Kilsch in this year's \$2.2 million tennis championships at Roland Garros Stadium.  
 But Jimmy Connors was still in the running for his first-ever French Open final after he produced a typical scrappy, battling performance to reach the quarterfinals in men's singles.

Mandlikova, who was seeded No. 3 and to meet defending champion Martina Navratilova in the semifinals, was stopped by the No. 7 seed from West Germany 6-4, 6-4 in the women's quarterfinals.

"I thought I was in good shape, but maybe I should get in better shape," the 23-year-old Czech said after her loss.

Connors, the men's No. 3 seed whose best performances at Roland Garros have been reaching the semifinals in 1979, 1980 and last year, dropped the first set to Francesco Cancellotti of Italy before blasting back to post a 3-6, 6-0, 6-4, 6-2 victory.

"I would love to make the final here," Connors said. "Being in the quarterfinals doesn't make my day."

Defending champions Ivan Lendl and Navratilova each dropped only four games as they continued their march toward repeating their triumphs of last year.

Lendl stopped 10th-seeded Aaron Krickstein of Grosse Pointe, Mich., 6-2, 6-2, 6-0, while Navratilova eliminated Italy's Anna Maria Cecchini 6-2, 6-2.

Lendl will face Argentina's Martin Jaite and Connors will take on Stefan Edberg in the men's quarterfinals.

## Rangers nab Sooners' ace in first round

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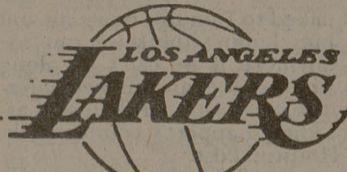
ARLINGTON — Bobby Witt, the University of Oklahoma's right-handed strikeout artist, was chosen Monday by the Texas Rangers in the first round of the regular phase of baseball's free-agent draft.  
 Witt was the third player selected in the draft. A 6-foot-2, 195-pound sophomore from Canton, Mass., he finished the season with a 7-3 record and a 3.90 earned run average.  
 During the recent season, which ended when the Oklahoma Sooners were eliminated in the NCAA regionals in Austin, Witt had 118 strikeouts, including 17 during one game against Texas, tying a school record.  
 A member of the 1984 Olympic team, Witt had a 3-0 record and an 0.69 ERA. He recorded 36 strikeouts in 26 innings at the Olympics. In two years at Oklahoma, Witt had 231 strikeouts, which placed him fourth on the Sooners' all-time list.  
 "Bobby is an outstanding player," said Oklahoma assistant coach Stan Meek. "He's got a great arm and shows a lot of poise on the mound. He's also a fierce competitor."

# Boston Garden waits quietly

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD  
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INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Boston Garden is waiting.  
 The 15 championship banners and the retired uniform numbers hanging from the rafters are waiting.  
 The 14,890 who make up the raucous capacity crowds are waiting.  
 They're waiting to work their magic on the Los Angeles Lakers. They're waiting to continue the Celtics' mystique of never losing the final game of a NBA championship series at home.  
 But they may never get the chance. Despite having the best record in the NBA during her regular season, the Celtics believe their "homecourt advantage" in the finals has been severely diluted by a travel format that is being used for the first time in 30 years.  
 To save travel costs and alleviate travel fatigue, NBA owners voted to have the team with the best record play the first, second, sixth and seventh games at home, with the other team hosting Games 3, 4 and 5. The previously used format was to play two games in one city, the next two in the other and then hop from city to city until the best-of-seven series was settled.

## Celts say new playoff format shifts homecourt advantage



"I think it's terrible," said Red Auerbach, president of the Celtics and the coach of nine Boston championship teams, of the new format. "It's just too long to be away. The other team is just a fat cat, sitting and waiting. I think it's an advantage to the team playing three in a row at home. They get to stay around the hotel, doing nothing,

You play a game and sit around three days. It's not good."  
 The Lakers, after winning the second game of the series at Boston Garden and then Game 3 135-111 on Sunday at the Inglewood Forum, have a chance to win the championship without having to return to the East Coast.  
 If they do go back, even if they

should have a 3-2 lead, history would not be on their side. The Celtics are 15-1 in the championship series, with the only final-game loss coming in a sixth game at St. Louis in 1958, and the Lakers are 0-8 in the finals against Boston.  
 But lest it sound like sour grapes, the Celtics were unhappy with the 2-3-2 format even after winning the series opener 148-114. They knew if they didn't win Game 2, and they didn't, they could be in trouble.  
 "I never did like it from the start," said Celtics' star forward Larry Bird. "What you've got to do is win the first two games at home, then you don't have to worry about it."  
 "I wish it was the old format," said Boston's Kevin McHale. "There's no use crying in your soup, but we're at a disadvantage."  
 Not surprisingly, the Lakers are happy about the prospect of two more games in front of a friendly crowd.  
 "I like it a lot," said Lakers' guard Byron Scott. "There's less traveling. I think it's a lot more reasonable."  
 Lakers' owner Jerry Buss said he has no strong feelings for or against the new format. But he chuckled when he heard the Celtics were unhappy with the format.  
 "I'm glad they're looking for excuses," Buss said.

# MSC University PLUS

## Registration Begins June 10

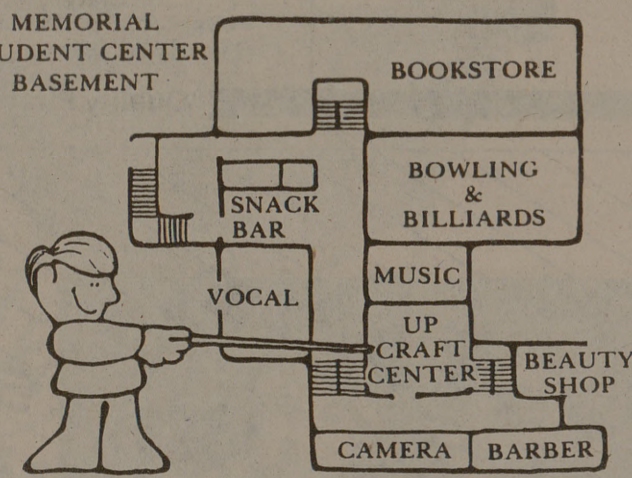
Welcome to our first semester! University Plus, the complete MSC extracurricular program, has developed through the combined efforts for the MSC Craft Center and the MSC After Hours/Free University Committee. Through the union of these organizations, a more diverse range of classes will be offered.  
 Registration for summer workshops begins June 10th at 12 noon in the University Plus Craft Center. Registration will continue until either classes fill or they begin to meet. Anyone over eighteen years of age may enroll in classes. Nonstudents must purchase a \$2.00 semesterly identification card.  
 For further information call or come by the UP Craft Center, located in the basement of the Memorial Student Center, 845-1631.

# Summer Workshops

Arts & Crafts	Dance	Exercise	Special Interests
Basket Weaving	Country & Western Dance	Beginning Aerobic Dance	Bartending
Batik	Country & Western Dance	Advanced Aerobic Dance	Bartending
Decoy Carving	Jitterbug	Beginning Aerobic Exercise	Bike Maintenance
Drawing		Beginning Aerobic Exercise	CPR
Glass Etching and Sandblasting		Beginning Aerobic Exercise	CPR
Jewelry Casting		Beginning Aerobic Exercise	Personal Style Workshop
Matting & Framing		Beginning Aerobic Exercise	Taekwondo
Beginning Pottery--Wheel Throwing		Beginning Aerobic Exercise	Wine Appreciation
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Pottery the Rest of the Story			
Quilting			
Stained Glass			
Watercolor			
Beginning Woodworking			
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## Hours & Map

Monday-Thursday	12:00 pm-10:00 pm
Friday	12:00 pm- 6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm- 6:00 pm



6-8:30 p.m.	\$14	Garrison
6-7:30 p.m.	\$15	Athens
6:30-9:30 p.m.	\$22*	Carter
6-8 p.m.	\$18	White
5-7 p.m.	\$10	Taylor
7-9 p.m.	\$24*	Hamlett
7-9 p.m.	\$18*	Kelly
5-7 p.m.	\$25*	Dobbs
7:30-9:30 p.m.	\$25*	Dobbs
7-9 p.m.	\$18*	Moore
6-8 p.m.	\$22	Metzer
6-8:30 p.m.	\$25*	Sink
6-8 p.m.	\$18	Graham
7-9:30 p.m.	\$25*	Helton
7-9:30 p.m.	\$25*	Helton
6:15-7:30 p.m.	\$15	Taylor
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7:30-8:30 p.m.	\$17	Gammon
6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$17	Gammon
7-8 p.m.	\$12	Blakely
7-8 p.m.	\$15	Blakely
7:30-8:30 p.m.	\$13	Body Dynamics
7:30-8:30 p.m.	\$15	Body Dynamics
7-10 p.m.	\$35	Stickney
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7:30-9:30 p.m.	\$17*	Wilson
6-8 p.m.	\$13**	Fisk
6-8 p.m.	\$13**	Fisk
7-9 p.m.	\$17**	Morris
6-8 p.m.	\$45	Cho
6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$15**	Held

\*Fee includes UP membership card that allows use of facility outside of class times.  
 \*\*An additional in class fee is required: CPR--\$1.50; Personal Style Workshop--\$45; Wine Appreciation--\$15. All nonstudents must purchase a \$2.00 UP identification card when registering for all classes.