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e Lakers outscored the Rockets in the first quarter Thursday en route to a 111-96 victory, eventh in a row over the Rock-The game mirrored Los An-41-22 first quarter in a 121ctory on Jan. 18.

Lakers have won 28 of the games with the Rockets and blown 14 games open in the arter

on Scott fueled the Lakers' latast off with 27 points, including ints in the first quarter. Magic on added 26 points, 10 in the eriod.

'Every team tries to take something away from us, but they can't because we have so many weapons," Scott said., "Tonight was just one of my nights.

The Rockets got a 20-point, 20-re-bound performance from Akeem

"That was the key," Houston's the fourth period. Purvis Short said. "We got down and Kareem Abdul dug a hole and it took too much to points for the Lakers.

then you have to play run and gun to points. try to catch up.

e just came out ready," Scott med. "We've got so much re-for them. We knew we had to lead at the end of the first quarter." The Lakers hit 13 of their first 16 shots from the floor to take a 41-21 lead at the end of the first quarter.

DUSTON (AP) — The Houstoncome out hard and get ahead early."Houston, shooting just 35 percentts can't seem to adjust to theThe Rockets tried to slow downfrom the field in the first half, rallied Johnson and gave Scott his opening. to pull within 62-51 at halftime mark

The Rockets got no closer than seven points after the opening period. They cut the Lakers' lead to 68-61 with 9:25 to go in the third quar-

But the Lakers, behind Scott and Olajuwon, but it wasn't enough to overcome their sluggish start. James Worthy, who had 17 points, stretched the lead to 88-72 entering

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar added 16

"They always try to get off to a quick start and put you away early,

Eric "Sleepy" Floyd added 12, but he ws held to a 4-for-12 in feild-goal shooting performance by the Laker

## Rocket technology falls short

Engineers in



Curtis L. towers have been scaled Culberson down and Sports viewpoint the rockets are faster, more maneuverable and

more powerful. The Summit is their laboratory,

and these Rockets aren't pro-grammed for space travel, but they would like to travel to the top of the Midwest division and beyond. In what was probably the Rocket organization's smartest move since

acquiring Moses Malone, the Rockets got rid of one half of the Twin Tow-

There's been some revolutionary ers and gained two players that can make a legitimate contribution to the team — Sleepy Floyd and Joe Barry Carroll.

Ralph Sampson, the taller and weaker of the once Twin Towers, was nothing more than a weak supporting structure for a program that couldn't get off the ground.

I, and I'm sure many other fans, have been waiting for years for Ralph to play up to his potential. We have heard since his college days that when Ralph reaches his potential he was going to be a great one. Get over it folks — the Rockets or-

ganization finally did. The truth is Sampson is just a little better than average NBA player; if he wasn't 7-foot-4, he would be simply average.

He was hyped in college and he was hyped in Houston. Since the All-Star break the Rock-

ets have beaten the Celtics, Trailblazers, Clippers and, most recently, embarassed Sampson and the rest of the Warriors on Sampson's former home court.

But the obvious question is

whether these new Rockets are ready to fly with the perennial power of the Western Conference -World Champion Los Angeles Lakers.

Of course not.

It's going to take a lot more than trimming some dead weight for the Rockets to be a legitimate challenger for the Western Conference title.

While the best center who ever played professional basketball slowly heads toward retirement, the best point guard that ever dribbled a Wilson on a wooden floor takes up a little more offensive responsibility.

With personnel like Magic and Kareem, the Lakers fine-tuned basketball machine can make adjustments seem effortless.

The true Rocket test was Thursday night in Houston. And although the team is improved, it proved it's not ready to surpass the Western star.

The redesigned Rockets are good, but the Lakers still own all the air space over the Western Conference.

## leeves wants ex-Cowboy o work as assistant coach

ALLAS (AP) — It's too soon now for sure, but Denver cos coach Dan Reeves said inks he can hire former Dal-Cowboys teammate Charlie rs as an assistant coach. m optimistic that we can

it out if it's something he ts to do," Reeves said mesday. "And it sounds like it mething he is definitely interin doing.

thought at the time he rethat Charlie would be a coach," said Reeves, a for-Dallas running back who hed the Broncos to back-to-Super Bowl appearances. advice to him then was if he ad inclination to be successful uside of coaching, he should try

broncos spokesman Barry wkins said Thursday that the

move "is one of those things that is talked about. It's not anything I expect any developments in any time soon.

Waters, who played safety for the Cowboys from 1970-81, met with Reeves in Denver Tuesday and will talk to him again next week

Cowboys coach Tom Landry said he has talked to Waters about his desire to get into coaching, but said there are no openings on the Dallas defensive staff.

"Charlie will be an excellent coach," Landry said.

Waters considered offers from both Landry and Reeves in 1982, but decided to go into private business instead.

The former Dallas safety now works for former Dallas quar-terback Roger Staubach's real estate company and does color and

analysis on televised Dallas Sidekicks soccer games. He also has worked in sports promotion, radio and television.

Waters told the Dallas Morning News Wednesday he started talking with both Landry and Reeves about getting into coaching last season.

"Dan and I are real good friends, and we're just exploring the possiblity," Waters said. 'Nothing has happened yet. It's not so much I turned the jobs down in 1982, it was more turning down the coaching profession.

Waters applied for the head. coaching job at Southern Methodist, but he had no previous coaching experience. SMU even-tually hired Forrest Gregg from the Green Bay Packers.

Gooden receives \$100,000 paycut Dwight Gooden's effort to resist the New York Mets' \$100,000 paycut and get a \$150,000 raise for 1988

was denied by an arbitrator Thursday, but another pitcher, Frank Tanana, won his arbitration with the Detroit Tigers.

Gooden, who was out two months for cocaine abuse rehabilitation and missed 11 starts, had to settle for \$1.4 million. Tanana, 15-10 last season, will get \$1.1 million from the Tigers, who had submitted an \$800,000 figure to arbitrator Fredan erick Reel.

Gooden, 23, who received \$1.5 million in 1987 when he won 15 games, lost his bid for \$1.65 million. He lost seven games and had a 3.21 earned run average as the Mets finished second in the National League terms just before they were to argue

East to St. Louis. Al Harazin, Mets vice president, said, "We felt the hospitalization, ar-

Asked if he was pleased with the outcome decided by arbitrator Rich-ard Bloch, Harazin said, "It's com-petitive and we can't help but be nuses. pleased with a win instead of a loss.

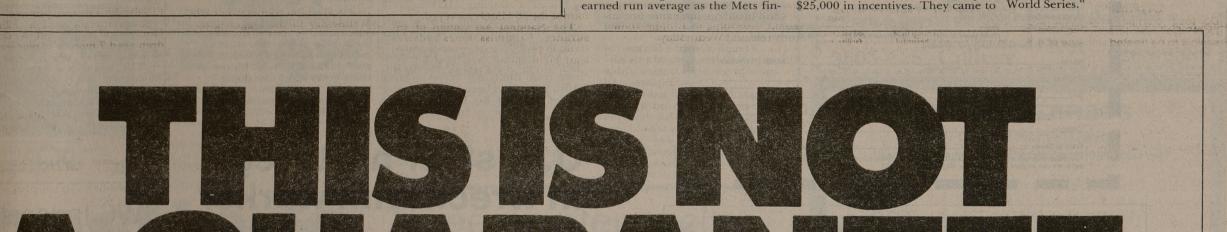
Overall, the owners have won 10

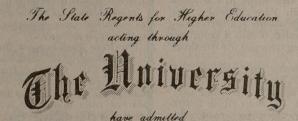
cases, the players five. In other activity, shortstop Steve Jeltz avoided arbitration by agreeing to a one-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies for \$215,000 plus \$25,000 in incentives. They came to

their cases before an arbitrator.

Two others scheduled for arbitration also settled. Mark Langston, ranged and paid for, and the salary who led the American League in paid demonstrated that we were in strikeouts, accepted the Seattle Mari-his corner. . . . Support and under-ners' offer of \$820,000 plus \$42,000 in performance bonuses, while first baseman Sid Bream came to terms with the Pittsburgh Pirates for \$360,000, plus \$25,000 in award bo-

> In St. Petersburg, Fla., Jim Neader, Gooden's agent, said, "I thought that we could win the case, but we can live with it. Dwight is upbeat and will go out and try to win 20 games and lead the Mets to the World Series."



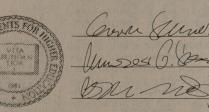


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