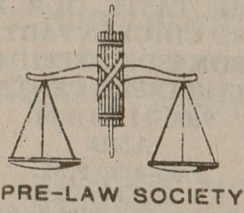


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Gminski a gem in Philadelphia's win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mike Gminski is accustomed to being overshadowed by the NBA's elite centers, but that inspires him when he faces a well-known pitvotman. Gminski battled Akeem Olajuwon on Tuesday night, scoring 16 points and grabbing 15 rebounds as Philadelphia won its eighth straight game, 133-112 over the Houston Rockets. "I'm not in the echelon and a lot of people seem to think I'll get demolished by those guys," Gminski said. "No doubt, the incentive is there when I play against them." Gminski said his strategy against

Olajuwon, who scored 19 points, was to try to "get a hand in his face." "He's very difficult to guard, and he's very effective with his turnaround jumper," Gminski said. Good defense and team rebounds were crucial, both Philadelphia coach Jim Lynam and Houston counterpart Don Chaney said. "Our fast break has really been going well, and that's mainly due to the excellent rebounding," Lynam said. Philadelphia, which hasn't lost a regular-season home game to Houston since Jan. 2, 1974, out-

bounded the Rockets 60-49. The 76ers improved their home record to 32-5 while continuing their torrid scoring pace — averaging 141 points in their last three games. "There's no doubt Philadelphia is playing very good basketball. We had an awful first quarter, and that hurt us. I think that was the biggest factor," Chaney said. "When you're on the road and up against a hot team, you can't play as poorly in the beginning as we did." Philadelphia's Charles Barkley scored 26 points, including 14 in the third period. Rick Mahorn added 23

points and Hersey Hawkins 21. Vernon Maxwell had 19 points for the Rockets, whose three-game winning streak ended. The 76ers led 70-64 five minutes into the third period before Barkley sparked a 12-4 surge for an 82-64 advantage. Houston got no closer than 13 points thereafter. The 76ers led by as many as 17 points in the first quarter, but the Rockets rallied behind Maxwell and tied the game at 39-39 on a layup by Mike Woodson with 6:17 left in the second period.

Chambers heats up as Suns blaze past Mavericks

PHOENIX (AP) — Tom Chambers scored 34 points and Kevin Johnson had eight of his 23 in the final 4:25 as the Phoenix Suns avoided a second-half collapse to beat the Dallas Mavericks 117-111 Tuesday night. Mark West added 19 points, Eddie Johnson 17 and Kevin Johnson matched his season-high of 20 assists as the Suns moved a half-game ahead of San Antonio for fourth place in the Western Conference playoff seedings. Dallas had its four-game road winning streak halted despite Rolando Blackman's 22 points. Roy Tarpley had 21 points and Derek Harper 20 for the Mavericks, who trailed 99-88 with 9:30 to play before closing to 103-101 on Blackman's free throws with 4:41 left. Kevin Johnson responded with a layup with 4:25 left, a jumper with 3:10 remaining, a slam off a steal 24 seconds later and two free throws with 1:53 showing for a 115-105 lead.

Chambers had 22 points in the second half, including 12 in the third period. Kevin Johnson's assist total was one off his career-high and the club record he set against the Los Angeles Lakers on Feb. 26, 1989. Dallas, trailing 31-27 after West's 13 first-quarter points, tied the game at 31-31 on Bill Wennington's layup 48 seconds into the second quarter.

Aging veterans finding life on bubble hard after spring lockout

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — More than batting practice and exercise, aging players looking for a job need time in spring training. Because of this year's lockout, time was too short. Players like Joel Youngblood, Joaquin Andujar, Bill Buckner, Ken Griffey and Jim Lindeman arrived in Florida this year with no guarantees of a job or playing time. "This has been a very difficult situation," said Atlanta manager Russ Nixon, who must decide if he wants to keep 42-year-old Darrell Evans. "There just was not enough time to see everybody and obviously it's more difficult for a non-roster player or rookie to make the team." Don't expect anybody to give up, though. The 38-year-old Youngblood has been playing professional baseball since 1970. He has gone from young phenom to a spare part. In his 14-year major league career, Youngblood has played with six teams. After playing 76 games for Cincinnati in 1989, Youngblood filed for free agency and is now trying to win a job with the Houston Astros.

There isn't much Youngblood hasn't seen, either. On Aug. 4, 1982, he played for the New York Mets in an afternoon game at Chicago and got a hit. After the game, he was traded to Montreal for pitcher Tom Gorman. Youngblood joined the Expos in Philadelphia that night for a game against the Phillies and also got a hit. "There have been a lot of times when I thought I wasn't wanted," Youngblood said. "But baseball is still fun for me and I think I can still contribute and play well." Andujar, who played senior baseball, came to West Palm Beach with hopes of playing with the Expos.

But he's been hit hard so far and his chances seem slim. "For some of the older guys it takes a little while to get going," Montreal manager Buck Rodgers said. "Unfortunately, this year we just didn't have time to wait. Decisions have to be made starting now. A lot of our younger pitchers have done better than I expected." Griffey, who will be 40 on April 10, has played in 2,000 major league games and is ready for a few more. "People keep asking me about why I keep going," said Griffey, a .297 career hitter. "I'm not a .300 hitter anymore but I played in 106 games last season and hit .263."

Some of the players looking for jobs will certainly be helped by the expansion of rosters to 27 until the end of April. "I suspect some players will win jobs because they will prove they can add something in the extra time," Youngblood said. Lindeman is only 28, but a series of back injuries have put his career in jeopardy. In 1986, he hit 20 homers with 96 RBIs for Class AAA Louisville and seemed headed for a long career with the St. Louis Cardinals. But Lindeman spent time on the disabled list each of the last three seasons and was traded to Detroit in December. "Sparky (Anderson) is giving me every chance and that's all I can ask," Lindeman said. "Fourteen games or so isn't much time to prove anything." The 40-year-old Buckner really shouldn't have to prove anything. In 20 seasons, he has 2,495 career hits and a .289 average. He played with Kansas City last year and is now trying to win a job with the Boston Red Sox.

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their pump and double-pump dunks. If that wasn't enough excitement for you, the treys were falling out of the sky like bombs from a B-52, piloted by UNLV's Anderson Hunt in the second half. Duke was slow out of the starting blocks and looked intimidated on the court. It took the Blue Devils forever to realize that getting the ball down inside the paint was going to be the key to a close game. But were they able to execute? Well, sort of. Duke's point guard Bobby Hurley went inside to his two big men Christian Laettner and Alaa Abdulnaby and they started to produce points. The problem was Hurley failed to do it sooner during the game. The end result — another NCAA Championship loss for Duke. I'm not blaming Duke's loss on Hurley. But I am crediting their loss to the aggressive play by UNLV. So Coach Jerry Tarkanian finally won a championship game, and it was a well deserved one at that. The "shark" showed how bad he wanted to win the National Championship by traveling all across the nation,

prior to this past season, recruiting a team to be reckoned with. It was time and effort well spent for UNLV fans. Especially with the court battles between Tarkanian and the NCAA for the past 15 years that have been following the "shark" since his coaching days at University of California-Santa Barbara. Some people may say UNLV shoots their mouth off and think they're God's gift to NCAA basketball. But the fact of the matter is they are the champs and they can do and say whatever they want. After all, they were picked to win the whole thing from the start of the 1989-90 college basketball season. Can UNLV do it again? Most of the players on UNLV's squad will return next year, so the future looks bright for the defending champs. However, if March Madness lives up to its reputation, UNLV could have a harder time of repeating next year. After all, the NCAA Tournament has made big teams look small and small teams look big. Just ask (insert your favorite cinderella team of the 1989-90 season here). Who knows? Maybe next year it will be two new colors like the fluorescent green against the fluorescent orange.

LA's Hershiser hoping to recapture magic form

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Orel Hershiser went from winning the Cy Young Award in 1988 to a .500 record last season. The strange thing is that Hershiser, who had a share of the National League lead in losses, believes he pitched better last year. "In '89, I think I gave the team a better chance to win more games than in '88," he said. "The guy who pitches the first day and gives up two runs and loses 2-1, the guy who pitches the next day and wins 3-2, who's the better pitcher?" In 1988, Hershiser went 23-8 and ended the season with 59 consecutive scoreless innings, breaking Don Drysdale's record. A year later, he was 15-15 for his third .500 season in four years. "Wins and losses can be deceiving, but winning is an art, knowing when to give up a run and when to pitch your head off to try and keep the opposition from scoring," Hershiser said. The 31-year-old Hershiser found that even if he was able to keep the

opposition from scoring in many situations last year, it didn't do much good. That's because he often found himself pitching on days when the Dodgers' offense was non-existent. The club scored 17 runs in the 16 games he lost. Beyond wins and losses, Hershiser's last two seasons were strikingly similar. In 1988, his ERA was 2.31 last year it was 2.31. He led the NL in innings pitched both years — with 267 in 1988 and 256 2-3 last year. In 1988, he walked 73; last year he walked 77. He appeared in 35 games and had 178 strikeouts in both seasons. "I think excluding the 59-inning scoreless streak, you had a better year last year than in '88," teammate Tim Lincecum told Hershiser. "I think it was better than '88," Hershiser said. "My ERA was only five-hundredths of a run higher and I didn't have 59 scoreless. Fifty-nine scoreless will bring your ERA way down. I might have been the first .500 pitcher to get a first-place Cy Young vote."

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