No. 1 vs. No.2 showdown comes down to mistakes

Razorback turnovers sink upset hopes

overs, died the same way.

After 24 games, the second-ranked Razorbacks had committed 361 turnovers and gotten 525.

On Sunday, against No. 1 Nevada-Las Vegas, it was Arkansas with 23 turnovers and UNLV with 15.

"I thought we handled their press real well," UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian said after a 112-105 victory. "I think we got a lot more out of their press than they did. I think we got a lot more layups.

"That's what you always want to do as a coach, I think, you want to get more than you give up," he said. Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson

would have to protect the ball against UNLV. that he knew his Razorbacks

'In order for us to have a chance, we can't lose the ball 23 times," he

Asked how Vegas can get beat, Richardson said: "Play Detroit, the Lakers, one of those teams, or just

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — have what you call a terrible night on utes of the second half. A monster stuff by C

"In the five spots, there is not very much weakness. I think our team can play with them, particularly if we're not going to lose the basketball. You can play with them longer and you can have a chance," he said.



Richardson said the fact that the Rebels could rebound with only two players enabled them to get a couple of people out on a break. That, in turn, never allowed Arkansas to get the Rebels into a pressure-type situa-

Arkansas led 50-46 at the half, but Stacey Augmon, Larry Johnson and Anderson Hunt played a big role in a 38-19 run during the first 10 min-

A monster stuff by George Ackles ended a 10-0 run in the first four minutes of the half. Augmon put back a miss for the first 10-point lead of the game, 62-52. A 3-pointer by Hunt and two free throws by Hunt made it 84-69 with less than 10 minutes remaining, and UNLV later led

Richardson said the Razorbacks lost their composure a little bit early in the second half.

"We did not get the intensity we left the floor with," he said. "That first five minutes may have been the orst five minutes we've played in a long time. I don't know the reason.' Tarkanian said there wasn't much

"The only thing we said at half-time was defensively, we kept them in front of us and challenged every shot," he said. "We stopped their penetration totally and challenged every shot. We made them shoot over us and I thought that was a

Richardson said he knew the Razorbacks would have to shoot well from outside. But, he pointed out that Todd Day made only eight of 21 and Lee Mayberry only four of 15.

"I thought our kids played de-fense in the second half about as well as you can play it," Tarkanian said. "One thing our kids can do, they've done it all year long, they can guard the basketball. I don't think there is anybody in the country that can guard the basketball like our kids do, I mean to stop penetration. that's what we did the second half, we did not allow any dribble penetration and they wound up taking a lot of really tough shots."

He said he thought it was a tribute

to the conditioning of the UNLV players that Greg Anthony could play 40 minutes, Augmon 39, Anderson Hunt 37 and Johnson 36 at the pace of Sunday's game.
"The second half, the first 17 min-

utes, I thought we were about as good as it can be," he said. "At both ends of the court.

West in All-Star tilt

Barkley leads East past

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Charles Barkley, a reluctant All-Star, showed no reluctance to go to the basket Sunday.

The powerful forward for the Philadelphia 76ers, playing on a stress fracture in his left foot, became the MVP with 17 points and 22 rebounds, leading the East to a 116-114 victory. That was the most rebounds of any All Star most rebounds of any All-Star since Wilt Chamberlain grabbed 22 in 1967, but five short of Bob Pettit's 1962 record.

Barkley wanted to skip the All-Star game to rest his ailing foot, but was ordered by the NBA to appear. He missed seven games with the injury, then returned to play four times before the break. It was the second straight sea-

son the league told Barkley to play when he preferred to recuperate. This year, he had 11 re-bounds in each half for the East, which improved its All-Star game victory margin to 27-14. The West, trailing by two

points, went for a win at the end. Kevin Johnson launched a 3point try that appeared to be fall-ing short before teammate Karl Malone tipped the ball. The call of basket interference gave the East possession with 2.9 seconds left, and Michael Jordan ran

The game was close most of the way, with 20 lead changes. The West climbed within two points four times in the final minute without catching up.

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David Robinson, who had four fouls at halftime, returned with 5:01 left and quickly converted a three-point play to close the West deficit to 109-107.

Robinson, Malone and Magic Johnson led the West with 16 points each, and Malone had 11 rebounds.

rebounds. Patrick Ewing had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the East. Players took the showtime theme of All-Star weekend to heart in the first period, making acrobatic moves to the basket to

no effect. The most glaring example was Dominique Wilkins missed attempt of a breakaway The East was 10-for-31 from

the field in the first quarter, making only one shot from more than five feet, and the West was 9-for-26. The East had nine turnover four by Jordan, and the West five

Both teams settled down in the second quarter, with the West surpassing its first-period point total in seven minutes and the East in eight minutes.

Joyner happy with record settlement

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) -First baseman Wally Joyner got the highest salary ever in arbitration, winning at \$2.1 million and breaking Don Mattingly's pre-

Arbitrator Gil Vernon made his decision late Saturday, turning down the California Angels' offer of \$1.65 million.

"Obviously, I'm very happy about the outcome of the arbitra-

tion case," Joyner said.
"It's finally over. There's two seasons in baseball, in-season and out-of-season. My out-of-season is finally over. Now I can start

A stress fracture in his right kneecap limited Joyner to 83 games last season, when he hit .268 with eight home runs and 41 California's offer was

\$100,000 cut from Joyner's 1990 salary, which he won in arbitration last winter. California had of-fered \$1,225,000 last year. 'Wally didn't deserve a cut and

that's what the case was about,' said Michael Watkins, who presented Joyner's case with agent Barry Axelrod. When a player produces as he

has, he doesn't deserve a cut. Mattingly's previous record of \$1,975,000 was set in 1987.

Leonard to retire, take up golf after being battered by Norris

NEW YORK (AP) — It's time for come out of announced retirements. Sugar Ray Leonard to hit something that doesn't hit back That's exactly what he's going to

do.
"I want to do what I planned to do

a long time golf lessons, Leonard said early Sunday following his 12-round battering by Terry Norris. "It's time to



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get away physically from boxing," added Leonard, who will continue to be involved with the management of boxers.

Shortly after the end of his Madison Square Garden debut before 7,495 fans Saturday night, Leonard grabbed the ring microphone and said, "This is my last fight. Thank you for coming out. God bless you

Leonard, who will be 35 on May (17, had said he never again would announce his retirement.

It was not so much an announcement, however, as it was a confirmation. The flashing fists of the 23-year-old Norris and the three official scorecards already had announced that Leonard was finished.

"Trust me, this is it," Leonard said when reminded that he twice has

"It was a sad victory because of the way I ended Ray's career," said Nor-ris, who retained the World Boxing Council super welterweight (154-

Leonard was knocked down in the second and seventh rounds. His lips were bleeding. His face was lumpy

"I've been a risk taker and I'm happy nothing happened to me," he said.

"It's time for the young guys to take control."

— Sugar Ray Leonard

The Leonard pride, however, showed through the bumps and the

"I never thought of quitting dur-

ing the fight," he said.
One "no mas" fight was all there was going to be in Leonard's career. "No mas" is what Roberto Duran said when he quit in the eighth round of his 1980 rematch with

When the final bell mercifully tolled for the exhausted Leonard, he was behind by an incredible 16 points on each of two official cards. "Ray took a pretty bad beating,"

Norris said. "He showed me things that I showed guys in the past," Leonard failed to show that helped make the match so one-sided. His feet sometimes seemed anchored to the canvas. His arms grew heavy from frus-

tration and desperation.

Early in the 10th round, Leonard shook his head and motioned at Norris with his gloves in a gesture of resignation.

'Ray was my idol," Norris said. "He still is. That will never change." So it ends.

"I feel good moving on," Leonard said. "I enoyed my career. I wouldn't trade it for anybody's.

Leonard won a gold medal as a light welterweight in the 1976 Olympics at Montreal, then said, "Boxing as an amateur is in me. Pro in not in

His flashing, dashing style and a winning personality, however, were sure-fire money makers — and Leonard needed money. He turned pro in 1977 and has earned purses of more than \$100 million. His purse, according to his attorney Mike Trainer, was at least \$4 million for his his farewell fight.

The 1987 split decision in Leonard's favor was controversial, but his performance was remarkable.

"I don't want anybody to feel sorry for me," Leonard said after the fight. "I'm no longer the fighter for the '90s that I was for the '70 and

"It's time for the young guys to take control," he said Sunday morn-

Pokes eager for draft time

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — This year's draft is the one the Dallas Cowboys have been waiting for.

For two seasons under coach Jimmy Johnson, the Cowboys traded away such players as Herschel Walker and Steve Walsh for draft choices in hopes of paving the way for a return to the playoffs.

Which is why the Cowboys, who have three No. 1 picks in the April 21-22 draft, kept a high profile at the weeklong NFL scouting combine.
"We believe this draft will give us immediate help and also provide a solid nucleus for years to come," said Dick Mansperger, the club's director of college scouting. "It will be a long time before we have three pick in the first round again. Not many teams get that opportunity, but we do through some trades we think were astute.

'We're very happy with our draft situation and excited over what it can produce, if we do our homework.

In 1989, the Cowboys won one game in Johnson's first year. Last year, they were 7-9 and were eliminated from a playoff berth on the final weekend of the season. Dallas last made the playoffs in 1985.

"We made major progress last year and feel we would have been in

the playoffs if we had our quarterback for those last two games," Troy Aikman separated his right shoulder in a 17-3 loss to the Eagles in the next-to-last game and replacement Babe Laufenberg was in-

The Cowboys have the No. 12, 13 and 15 picks in the opening round, their own pick (No. 13) in the second round and two more picks

"I won't say this draft is going to turn us into an instant Super Bowl team, but you hope that in a few years from now you'll see favorable effects," he said. "It's going to be three or four years to really tell how much we've improved ourselves."

Without a Top 10 pick, Mansperger doesn't anticipate Johnson looking to fill a specific position.

"Unless we work a deal to move up, and I'm not saying that's what

we want to do, we'll take the best players available when we draft," Mansperger said. "You can only go with the hand you're dealt and we can't control other team's selections to get the guys we really want."



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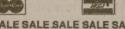
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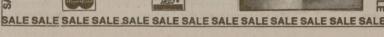
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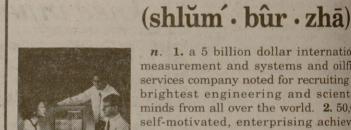
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