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Bulls want title more than L.A.

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The Chicago Bulls have made a believer out of me. Heading into the NBA Finals against the Los Angeles Lakers, I didn't give the Bulls a chance. And after losing Game 1 at home, I figured it was over for the Bulls. I thought the Lakers' experience would be too much for the Bulls, sometimes one-man team.

However, after four games the Bulls have proven experience has nothing to do with winning, and they are no longer a one-man team. What has put the Bulls ahead 3-1 is what wins all sports championships: defense.

The Bulls have held their playoff opponents under 100 points in 14 of their 16 games. In addition to this, Chicago has allowed only 91.6 points per game during the playoffs, while outscoring their opposition by an average of 12 points per game.

Want some more incredible defensive numbers? The Lakers' 82 points in Game 4 was the lowest total in their 116 NBA Finals' games since the inception of the shot clock in 1954. The Bulls held the Lakers to only 36.6 percent shooting in Game 4 and to only 14 points in the third quarter. For the series, the Lakers are averaging only 89.3 points per game.

It has worsened so badly for the Lakers, in desperation they think they can suit up Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who sat at the end of the Lakers bench during Game 4.

With these impressive numbers, it's no wonder the Bulls are on the brink of capturing the first NBA title in their 25-year history. And offensively, it has not been all Michael Jordan.

After Jordan failed to pass to his open teammates in the final two minutes of Game 1 (which the Bulls lost), he has made a concerted effort to show people there are four other players on the floor. In fact, Michael has out-assisted Magic Johnson in the four games, 47 to 42.

The Bulls are playing so well they could easily have been undefeated in the playoffs. Their first playoff loss occurred at the Spectrum in Game 3 against the Philadelphia 76ers. Hersey Hawkins hit a three-pointer with about 10 seconds left to lift the 76ers to a 99-97 victory.

The Bulls' only other playoff loss occurred in Game 1 against the Lakers, when Sam Perkins hit a three-

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A&M rugby sheds image

Team works to earn respect

Editor's note: The following is the first in an ongoing weekly series covering the extramural sports clubs at Texas A&M.

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The Texas A&M Rugby team is best known for one thing — their social life, and current team members would like to change that.

"We have a black image and we are looking to change that stereotype," senior Darren Nelson said. "We want to have a good time, but more importantly, to promote the sport of rugby."

Senior Scot Krippner agreed general perceptions of the club were less than favorable, a fact that the club in the past did little to discourage.

"There are bumper stickers that say 'Rugby is not just a sport — it's a social disease' because rugby players are known to have carefree attitudes and have good times," Krippner said. "We need to recruit players and fans to promote the game and not the parties."

According to the team, there is much about A&M rugby to promote. The team members claim Aggies first brought rugby to Texas, since A&M was the first collegiate team in the state. The team competes against both city clubs and other collegiate rugby teams across the country. The team has been around for 22 years, and won the collegiate nationals back in 1974. This past year it finished second in state behind Rice.

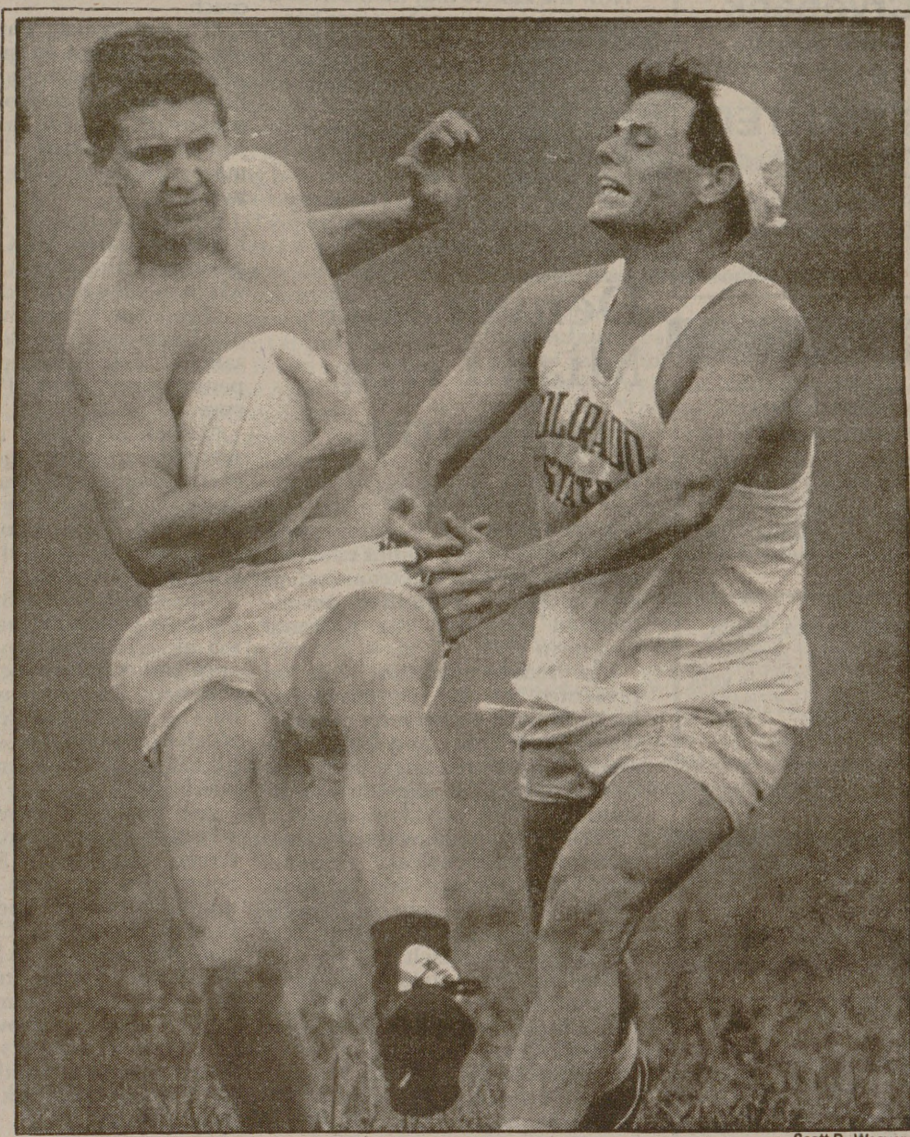
"We have played teams from all over the country, England, Ireland, and Australia," Krippner said. "Just the other day I received a phone call from a rugby club in Calgary, and the guy asked if anyone else played Rugby in Texas."

"One great thing about rugby is the social aspect of the sport, because once you start to play, you meet people and those people know you because of rugby," he said. "Playing rugby is like being an Aggie. Once a rugby player always a rugby player, and players take care of fellow players."

The team is self-coached and relies heavily on experience, but graduation and a year-round season force the team to heavily recruit new players to fill the voids.

"We need to collect people to play the game," Nelson said. "Sam Houston has a good team with 30-40 players and lots of fans, we are lucky to have a few at our games."

Nelson and Krippner believe rugby de-



The Texas A&M Rugby team Practices on the rugby fields near Polo Road late Tuesday night. The team has recently worked to improve its image and increase membership.

velops a special breed of person. They find the team offers a family type of bonding that last a lifetime, so when a person's college days are over, they person can always find a place to play.

"Rugby is special because after college, one can continue to play on a local rugby club, wherever he lives," Krippner said. "If there is not a rugby club in your town, start one."

The sport of rugby lies between the games of soccer and football. The sport began in 1823, while William Webb Ellis was playing soccer at the Rugby School in England. According to Will Sentar, Ellis supposedly caught a soccer ball and attempted to return the ball to the opponents goalline by running instead of the legal means of kicking the ball.

"Rugby is a different sport. It is simply

a big game of keep-away between two competing teams," explained Krippner. "The team that can keep the ball away from its opponent and is able to score usually wins the contest."

Nelson said rugby is unique in what it offers participants.

"Unlike other American sports, rugby players play the sport for the game itself," he said. "One thing about rugby is that you play to win, but when the match is over, it is time for the social aspect of the sport."

This summer the team will be hosting its 15th annual 'Hottest Rugby in Texas' tournament on July 13. Forty-eight teams will compete on eight fields all day long. This tournament is the largest in Texas and is run completely by the rugby teams (men's and women's).

Magic may vanish after NBA finals

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The disappointment of a 3-1 deficit in the NBA Finals has Magic Johnson thinking he might consider retirement after the series.

"I have three weeks off after this is over and I'll sit down and decide what to do," Johnson said after the Los Angeles Lakers' practice Tuesday. "I might decide to leave after this season, or it might be one or two more years. I always wanted to be a businessman, although I'm set up financially so I don't have to work another day in my life."

Johnson, 31, said he never expected what he called the "ultimate series" between the Lakers and Chicago Bulls would become so one-sided. The Bulls have a chance to win the first championship in the franchise's 25-year history with another victory at the Forum on Wednesday night.

"There comes a point when you say, 'I think I'm tired of traveling. I'm tired of giving things up,'" Johnson said. "You always wonder how much longer you want to go, even if you're not really thinking of quitting."

"Ultimately, I'll do what's best for me, not what's best for the Lakers or the NBA. If I thought in my heart that we had no legitimate chance to win, I'd be more inclined to quit."

The Lakers have won five championships since Johnson's arrival in 1979-80.

Coach Mike Dunleavy, who said he wasn't counting on injured starters James Worthy and Byron Scott, scrimmaged with the team because he wanted Johnson to rest, too. That left nine players on the floor.

"I made a few baskets, but our bench has guys who are better than me," said Dunleavy, 37, who retired as an active player in 1985 but filled in as an emergency reserve for the Milwaukee Bucks as recently as last season.

"We have to prepare like James and Byron are not going to play," Johnson said.

Asked if he would play the entire game, Johnson replied, "I don't think I'll play 48 minutes, but it will be close to that."

Worthy, who sprained his left ankle two weeks ago in the Lakers-Portland series, and Scott, who has a bruised right shoulder, would be replaced by A.C. Green at forward and Terry Teagle at guard.

"Neither of them is at the point where they could play tomorrow," trainer Gary Vitti said. "But we have another day to work. No decision will be made on either of them until game time. We're treating them around the clock. I haven't given up."

"The real test will be getting on the floor, doing some cutting and some spontaneous movement," Worthy said.

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER WORKSHOPS

ARTS & CRAFTS

- Pottery**
Tues. June 18 - July 23
6-8pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Wed. June 26 - Aug 7**
7:30-9:30pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Thurs. June 20 - Aug 1**
7:30-9:30pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Stained Glass**
Tues. June 18 - July 16
6-9pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Thurs. July 11 - Aug 8**
6-9pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Etched Glass**
Mon. June 24
6-9pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent
- Calligraphy**
Tues. June 25 - Aug 6
7-9pm
\$26/student \$30/nonstudent
- Drawing**
Wed. June 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24
6-8:30pm
\$24/student \$28/nonstudent
- Woodworking**
M/W, June 17, 19, 24, 26
6-9pm
M/W, July 8, 10, 15, 17
6-9pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Build a CD Rack**
Thurs. July 18, 25, Aug 1, 8
6-9pm
\$25/student \$29/nonstudent
- Jewelry Casting**
Sat. June 22 & June 23
9am - 12 noon & 1-4pm
\$40/student \$44/nonstudent
- Craft Sampler Class**
Mon. July 8, 15, 22
6-8pm
\$20/student \$24/nonstudent
- Painted Canvas Shoes**
Mon. July 8
6-9pm
\$10/student \$14/nonstudent

HEALTH

- Self Defense**
T/Th, June 25 - Aug 6
8:30-9:30pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Stress Management**
T/Th, July 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25
6:30-8pm
\$14/student \$18/nonstudent
- CPR**
M/W, June 24, 26
6-10pm
M/W, July 15, 17
6-10pm
T/Th, Aug 6, 8
6-10pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- First Aid**
Mon. July 1
6-10pm
Mon. July 22
6-10pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Tai Chi Chuan**
T/Th, June 18 - July 30
7:15 - 8:15pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- Yoga**
M/W, June 17 - July 29
7:15 - 8:30pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent

DANCE

- Country & Western Dance**
Wed. June 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24
6-7:15pm
\$20/student \$24/nonstudent
- Jitterbug**
Wed. June 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24
7:30-8:45pm
\$20/student \$24/nonstudent
- Ballroom Dancing**
Tues. June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23
7:15-8:30pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent

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THREADS

PHOTO ART

- Video Camcorder & VCR**
Tues. July 16, 23, 30, Aug 6
7-9pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Studio Portraiture**
Wed. July 10, 17, 24
6-9pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Beginning Photography**
Mon. June 24, July 1, 8
6-8pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- B&W Darkroom**
Tues. June 18, 25, July 2
6-9pm
\$25/student \$29/nonstudent

LANGUAGES

- Sign Language**
T/Th, June 18 - July 23
6-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Conversational French**
T/Th, June 25 - Aug 6
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Conversational German**
T/Th, June 18 - July 23
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Conversational Chinese**
T/Th, June 25 - Aug 6
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Conversational Italian**
M/W, June 24 - Aug 5
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- English (ESL)**
M/W, June 24 - Aug 5
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Conversational Russian**
M/W, June 24 - Aug 5
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Conversational Spanish**
T/Th, June 25 - Aug 6
6:30-8pm
M/W, June 17 - July 29
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent
- Intermediate Spanish**
M/W, June 17 - July 29
8-9:30pm
\$35/student \$39/nonstudent

BUSINESS

- Interviewing**
T/Th, June 18, 20, 25, 27
6:30-8pm
T/Th, July 16, 18, 23, 25
6:30 - 8pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent
- Resume Writing**
Tues. June 18, 25, July 2
6-7pm
\$10/student \$14/nonstudent
- Basics of Investing**
Tues. June 25 - July 23
7:30-9pm
\$16/student \$20/nonstudent
- Assertiveness Training**
Thurs. July 11 - Aug 1
7:30-9pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent
- Business Etiquette**
Mon. June 24, July 1, 8
6-8pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent
- PageMaker 4.0 For Macintosh**
T/Th, June 25 - July 18
6-7:30pm
\$32/student \$36/nonstudent
- Intro to Macintosh**
T/Th, June 18, 20
6-8pm
T/Th, July 9, 11
7-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
- Microsoft Word**
MTWTh, July 15, 16, 17, 18
6-7:30pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
- Intro to DOS and IBM PC**
M/W, June 24, 26, July 1, 3
5:30-7pm
T/Th, July 23, 25, 30, Aug 1
6-7:30pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

SPECIAL INTEREST

- Discover Your Personality**
Tues. June 18, 25, July 2
6-8:30pm
\$18/student \$22/nonstudent
- Organize Your Life**
Thurs. July 18, 25, Aug 8
6-8pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent
- Bike Maintenance**
Tues. June 25, July 2, 9, 16
7-9pm (6-10pm last class)
\$20/student \$24/nonstudent
- Creative Writing**
Tues. July 9 - July 25
6:30-9pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Plan Your Own Wedding**
Mon. June 24, July 1, 8, 15
6-8pm
\$22/student \$26/nonstudent
- How to Buy a Diamond**
Wed. June 26, July 10, 17
7-8pm
\$12/student \$16/nonstudent
- Cake Decorating Skills**
Mon. July 1
7-9pm
\$10/student \$14/nonstudent
- Matting & Framing**
Thurs. June 20, 27, July 11
6-8pm
Wed. July 24, 31, Aug 7
6-8pm
\$25/student \$29/nonstudent
- Beginning Guitar**
M/W, June 17 - July 10
7:30-9pm
Tues. June 18 - Aug 6
7-8:30pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent
- Intermediate Guitar**
Tues. June 18 - Aug 6
8:30-10pm
\$28/student \$32/nonstudent

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