

# Simpson

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Angeles expressway. That seems to be the biggest news of the whole story.

I feel sorry for O.J. Simpson. Watching that Bronco Friday night, hearing part of his suicide note being read over television—it is so hard to believe something like this could happen to somebody so talented and popular. I, unfortunately, caught myself saying "go O.J. go" as many others were.

Instead of surreal, how about tragic?

It is a tragedy that two innocent people were brutally murdered. The children of one of the victims were sleeping upstairs.

It is a tragedy that the media is going to be intensely covering whether or not O.J. Simpson mutters suicidal thoughts in his jail cell for the next few weeks.

It is a tragedy whenever anyone considers suicide.

It is a tragedy that O.J. Simpson will probably never get a fair trial. Are there 12 people in the world who did not watch that Bronco Friday night?

It is a tragedy that the families of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman will never be able to see, talk to or hug them again.

Actually, I can see why they are calling it surreal. It does seem like fiction. But it is not fiction, it is real life. That is why it is not surreal. It is tragic.

Instead of saying, "go O.J. go," pray, if that is what you do. I am going to.

# Guards

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guard Kenny Smith said. "If we don't get it, we're surprised."

He also played the final six minutes with five fouls and convinced Tomjanovich to leave him in despite the risk he could foul out down the stretch.

"I just made him feel comfortable," Olajuwon said of his conversation with Tomjanovich. "I can play with five fouls. I'll be less aggressive but just as effective."

"That's a coaching decision," Tomjanovich said. "We've talked about it before when he wants to stay in the game. I've told him: 'You've got to control yourself.' He wanted to go on. I could tell

by looking in his eyes."

Riley said he did not consider going after Olajuwon in hopes of getting the sixth foul.

"He's not going to pick up a foul," Riley said. "He's smart enough to know. Great players are going to stay on the floor. He'd probably give up a hoop in exchange."

Olajuwon was a perfect 8-for-8 from the free throw line, including the Rockets' final two points with 39 seconds left after he was fouled by Patrick Ewing following a steal of pass by Starks.

"You know every night he's going to come out and play," Rockets forward Carl Herrera said. "His role is so tough but he makes us much stronger. It's not surprising now, really, the things he does."

# Bagwell, Caminiti blast Padres; Oakland rallies past Rangers

**Houston 6, San Diego 1**  
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Ken Caminiti drove in three runs and Jeff Bagwell went 3-for-3 with two RBIs Saturday night as the Houston Astros defeated the San Diego Padres 6-1.

San Diego's Bip Roberts extended his hitting streak to 21 games, the NL high this season.

Shane Reynolds (4-3) allowed one run and five hits in seven innings. He struck out five and walked two.

Mike Campbell (0-1), making his first major-league start since 1989 with Seattle, allowed five runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings.

**Oakland 11, Texas 10**  
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Terry Steinbach's three-run homer capped a five-run ninth-inning rally Saturday night as the Oakland Athletics held on for an 11-10 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Pinch-hitter Mike Aldrete singled to open the ninth and Rickey Henderson hit a single off Kris Carpenter (2-3). Geromimo Berroa followed with his fourth hit, a single to right, and Aldrete scored when right fielder Rusty Greer threw to second.

Ruben Sierra's single brought in the tying run to chase Carpenter.

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# Fans

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talent for commentary, voicing their opinion, and arguing.

At one point during the game the Rockets were down by 13 points. Chris Cole, a senior at A&M, thought he knew what the Rockets were doing wrong.

"The Rockets cannot rebound," he said. "They haven't

rebounded the whole series."

The crowd's hatred for the Knicks seem to run as deep as their support for the Rockets. Cole frequently offered his unfavorable opinion of the Knicks, as did several people throughout the night.

"The Knicks are boxers who play basketball," he said.

The crowd at Carney's disagreed with many calls by the referees. As the game moved into the second and third quarters, several fans thought Olajuwon was getting fouled much

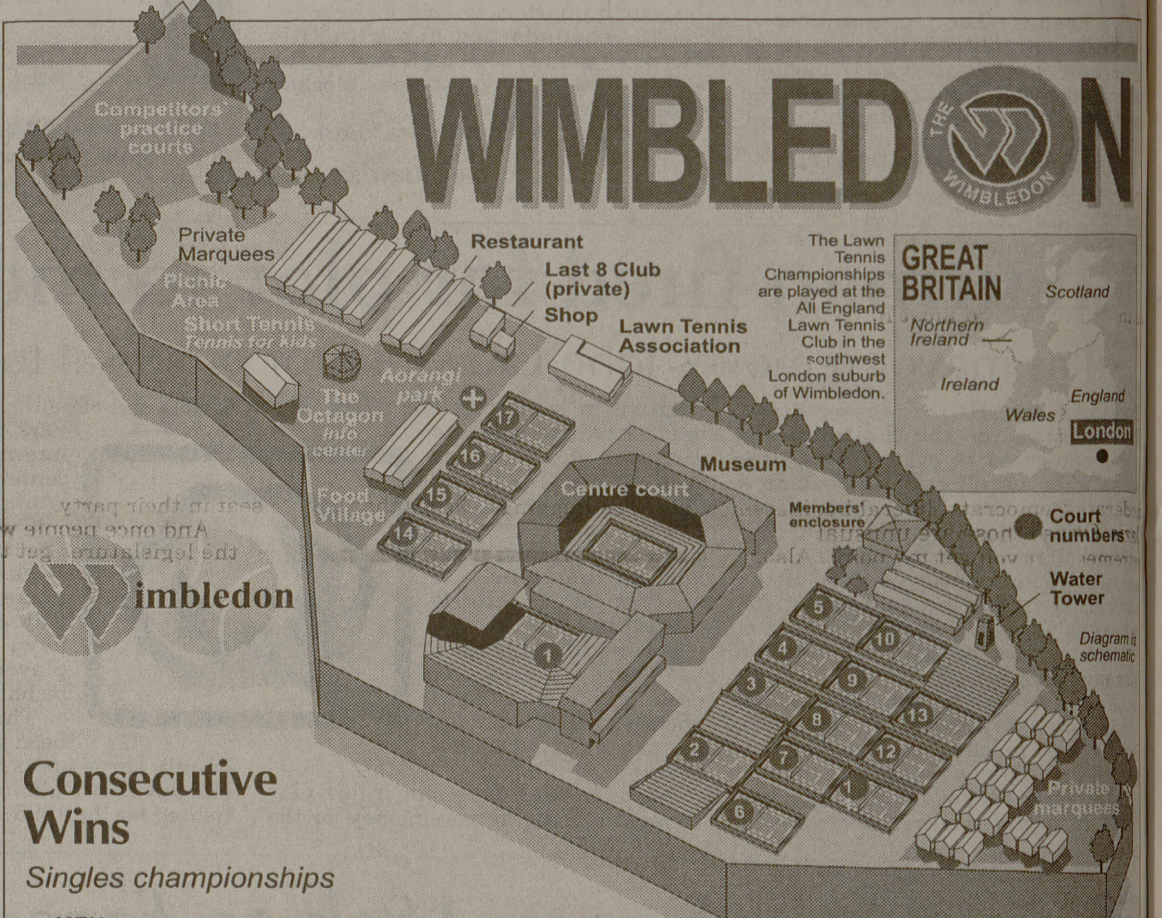
more often than the Knicks were getting called for.

"How can that not be a foul?" Kennedy demanded.

In the end, the Knicks prevailed 91-84 to take a three-games-to-two lead in the series. Even though their team did not win, no one at Carney's Pub was ready to concede. Their faith in the Rockets seemed to be unchanged.

"We just have to come back and win both games in Houston," Kennedy said. "Rockets in seven."

# Wimbledon 1994



# Consecutive Wins

- Singles championships**
- MEN**
- 6 William Renshaw, 1881-86
  - 5 H. Laurie Doherty, 1902-06
  - Bjorn Borg, 1976-80
  - 4 Reggie F. Doherty, 1897-1900
  - Anthony Wilding, 1910-13
  - 3 Fred Perry, 1934-36

- WOMEN**
- 6 Martina Navratilova, 1982-87
  - 5 Suzanne Lenglen, 1919-23
  - 4 Helen Wills Moody, 1927-30
  - 3 Lottie Dod, 1891-93
  - Louise Brough, 1948-50
  - Maureen Connolly, 1952-54
  - Billie Jean King, 1966-68
  - Steffi Graf, 1991-93

# Past champions

Men's singles 1984-93			Women's singles 1984-93		
1984	John McEnroe	USA	1984	Martina Navratilova	USA
1985	Boris Becker	Germany	1985	Martina Navratilova	USA
1986	Boris Becker	Germany	1986	Martina Navratilova	USA
1987	Pat Cash	Australia	1987	Martina Navratilova	USA
1988	Stefan Edberg	Sweden	1988	Steffi Graf	Ger.
1989	Boris Becker	Germany	1989	Steffi Graf	Ger.
1990	Stefan Edberg	Sweden	1990	Martina Navratilova	USA
1991	Michael Stich	Germany	1991	Steffi Graf	Ger.
1992	Andre Agassi	USA	1992	Steffi Graf	Ger.
1993	Pete Sampras	USA	1993	Steffi Graf	Ger.

# Players' disdain 'hurting the game'

Aversion to reporters by marquee players impairs tennis' image

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — If tennis is in trouble, here are two reasons why:

"I'm not into doing an interview," Andre Agassi said, brushing past writers who waited for him to finish practice Sunday on the eve of Wimbledon's opening matches. Agassi's brother, Phil, then put his arm up and warned writers to stay away.

"I'm not talking today, maybe later," Jim Courier, last year's finalist, said as he blew off writers in the same brusque manner.

In no other sport do athletes have as much disdain for reporters, and the readers and fans they serve, as in tennis. That's particularly true of many of the marquee players in men's tennis.

"That's one of the problems we've been talking to the ATP about, but nothing's getting through to the players," Tom Gullikson, a USTA coach and former player, said. "They're hurting the game and they're hurting themselves."

Most of the women players, realizing the need to attract more attention to their sport, are more accommodating. But the

top player, Steffi Graf, staunchly refused to comment on anything going into Wimbledon.

Tennis wasn't even talked about much among the players at practice Sunday. Amid all the beauty and serenity of Wimbledon, the exquisite lawns shimmering in brilliant sunshine, the hot topics were all about violence: the O.J. Simpson case; the shooting of World Cup viewers in a pub in Northern Ireland; the abuse of Mary Pierce by her father.

Pierce, finalist at the French Open after beating Steffi Graf, dropped out of Wimbledon, blaming "reasons far beyond my control." She said her withdrawal "would serve the best interests" of Wimbledon.

Jim Pierce reportedly planned to try to get into Wimbledon, violating a WTA ban on him attending tournaments. The ban was imposed because of his verbal abuse of his daughter and her opponents.

"I assume that means her father," said Gullikson, who coaches some of the American women. "Mary's not a grasscourt player,

and it would have been interesting to see her play here. You've got to play on the stuff to be good at it."

Wimbledon referee Alan Mills confirmed Pierce's pullout was because of the "irrational behavior" of her father. But Billie Jean King didn't buy that explanation.

"Mary does not feel confident on grass and many people think that the story of her dad was a smokescreen," King said. "Players at Eastbourne were taking bets that she would withdraw. Getting to the final of the French, she became a star overnight. There is so much more pressure on her now."

Even when Pierce was entered, Graf was an overwhelming favorite to win a fourth straight title. Now, with one less threat in her way, Graf should be a shoo-in if she doesn't get tripped up early.

"Graf is definitely an out-and-out favorite on the grass, for sure," Gullikson said. "She's got a tough first round, actually, in Lori McNeil, who plays well on grass, is a good athlete and volleys well."

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