

Rockets lose ground, Olajuwon

□ Vernon Maxwell also misses Houston's 106-96 loss to the Lakers.

HOUSTON (AP) — Hours after the Houston Rockets announced that Hakeem Olajuwon will miss two games because he is anemic, Vernon Maxwell joined him on the sideline with a similar ailment.

Both players were to miss Tuesday night's game against the Los Angeles Lakers in The Summit.

Olajuwon, the NBA's most valuable player last season, skipped Monday's practice to get a check-up with team doctor Jim Muntz. Tests revealed Olajuwon's condition Tuesday.

Maxwell, named Tuesday in a \$4.5 million lawsuit filed by a Portland Trail Blazer fan, went to Muntz on Tuesday complaining of fatigue. Muntz also decided to sit Maxwell down pending results of tests on Wednesday.

Olajuwon also will miss Thursday's game at the Los Angeles Clippers.

"We'll probably hold him (Olajuwon) out on a day-to-day basis and recheck his blood count on

Friday," Muntz said. "That's so he can rest."

Although Muntz prescribed rest, Olajuwon will continue to work out with the team.

"He should get a full recovery and do great," Muntz said. "After this is corrected, we'll have to put leg weights on him to hold him back."

Olajuwon complained of fatigue after Sunday's game against the Lakers in Los Angeles. He said he'd been tired after the last five games.

Olajuwon has been sidelined with other medical conditions. He had an irregular heartbeat during the 1991-92 season but it returned to normal after medication. Olajuwon was hospitalized with a blood clot in his left leg before the 1990-91 season. Blood thinners dissolved the clot.

The Rockets have had difficulty keeping their full starting lineup on the court this season.

Vernon Maxwell was fined \$20,000 and suspended 10 games for charging into the stands and punching a Portland fan. Robert Horry and Carlos Herrera have both been on the injured list.

The fan, Steve George, is seeking \$1.5 million from Maxwell and \$3.1 million from the Rockets, claiming the team should have controlled Maxwell.

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In case you haven't seen him on television recently, the Las Vegas native's long hair is history. Citing his thinning hair line as the reason for the shearing, the tennis superstar now sports a more modest and conservative hairdo.

A year ago, the tennis world would have never envisioned anyone challenging Pete Sampras, the world's top player. Arguably the world's most talented and dominating player until Agassi's recent resurgence, Sampras now has a new adversary to deal with.

Agassi has defeated Sampras in two out of three head-to-head matches this year, including the Australian final. His most recent triumph over Sampras came this past weekend in a hardfought match at the Lipton Championships in Key Biscayne, Florida.

If Sampras ever thought winning the French Open would be an easy task, he isn't thinking that anymore. The only Grand Slam event that has eluded him is also

the only event Agassi has left to conquer.

More importantly, with Agassi now playing at the top of his game, a new rivalry is brewing between the game's top two players. Not since John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors waged war on the court in the 1970s and '80s has there been such an intense rivalry on the tennis court.

Agassi has not only saved his own game, but also his new rivalry with Sampras is helping to save the game of tennis as a whole. It gives tennis fans something to cheer about at a time when the sport's popularity is hurting.

Andre Agassi has finally grown up, and the exciting skills that he has shown glimpses of over the past seven years are finally becoming a consistent part of his game.

With Agassi joining Sampras on an elite level, a new rivalry for the 1990s is heating up, giving tennis lovers a lot to be excited about.

Relay team

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Another contributor to the team, junior Curt Young, who posted a season-best 47.5 at the Rice Invitational earlier this season, said the difference between the 1600 and other races is that it is the grand finale of every meet.

"Everyone is hyped up," Young said. "The crowd is into it more than any other race because it's the last show."

Freshman Michael McKinney, the team's first leg, has posted a best time of 47.8 so far this season to contribute to the team.

The team's best time this season occurred at the Texas Southern University Invitational last weekend when they came in first with a 3:11 finish.

Bolden said his expectations for the season are high as long as the team remains healthy.

"If we can stay injury free we will go far," Bolden said.

The team hopes to continue its success from last week at the University of Texas at Arlington relays this weekend. They will face Baylor and Oklahoma, both of whom have qualified provisionally in the 1600.

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.72	I	SI1	2,160 ⁰⁰	.76	F	SI3	2,250 ⁰⁰
.72	I	SI1/SI2	2,300 ⁰⁰	.83	H	SI1	3,150 ⁰⁰
.95	I	I1	2,275 ⁰⁰	.84	K/L	SI1	2,150 ⁰⁰
1.02	I/J	I1	2,450 ⁰⁰	.92	H	SI1	3,600 ⁰⁰
1.06	F	I1	2,050 ⁰⁰	.94	K	SI1	2,650 ⁰⁰
1.11	F	SI2	3,950 ⁰⁰	1.02	D	SI1	5,450 ⁰⁰
1.16	F	SI1	3,950 ⁰⁰	1.04	F	SI2	3,850 ⁰⁰
1.40	I	I1	3,950 ⁰⁰	1.12	H	SI1	3,250 ⁰⁰
1.64	J	SI1	6,600 ⁰⁰	1.21	K	SI3	3,750 ⁰⁰
1.76	H	SI3	6,900 ⁰⁰	1.86	J/K	SI3	4,350 ⁰⁰
1.77	J	I1	3,950 ⁰⁰				
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.65	F	SI2	1,865 ⁰⁰	.61	I	VS1	1,220 ⁰⁰
.93	G	SI2	2,738 ⁰⁰	.79	K	SI1	1,675 ⁰⁰
1.00	G	I1	2,700 ⁰⁰	.92	K	VS2	2,300 ⁰⁰
1.53	I/J	SI1	5,800 ⁰⁰	1.02	J	SI1	3,250 ⁰⁰
1.95	I	SI3	4,450 ⁰⁰	1.05	J/K	I1	2,300 ⁰⁰
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.72	I	SI2	1,475 ⁰⁰	.74	H	SI3	1,575 ⁰⁰
.72	H	I1	1,475 ⁰⁰	.75	H	SI3	1,275 ⁰⁰
.70	H	SI1/VS2	1,980 ⁰⁰	.83	H	SI3	1,575 ⁰⁰
.80	J	I1	1,375 ⁰⁰	.88	G	SI2	1,750 ⁰⁰
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