

# SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Guerrieri to coach camp in Dallas

Texas A&M Head Soccer Coach G. Guerrieri, along with his coaching staff and A&M players will participate in a one-day youth clinic Saturday at Greenhill School in Dallas.

The clinic's proceeds will benefit the Ross Stewart Scholarship fund at Texas A&M. Additional staff members include Greenhill head coach Dick Hall and coaches from the North Texas Express Soccer Club.

### A&M swimming and diving teams split up

Senior Associate Athletic Director Lynn Hickey announced Wednesday that the A&M swimming and diving teams will separate into men's and women's programs beginning next year.

"We're excited to announce this commitment to the swimming and diving program," Hickey said. "We will have full-time coaches on each staff and because of that, we'll be able to step into our new facility in a first-class situation."

Mel Nash, current swimming coach will stay on as men's swimming coach, and Kevin Wright will continue on as diving coach of both the men's and the women's teams. A national search has begun for candidates to fill the job of women's swimming coach.

A&M will open the 1995-96 season on Oct. 6 with a dual meet against Rice in Houston. The A&M men will open the new pool at the Student Recreational Center Natatorium on Nov. 3 against future Big 12 opponent Nebraska.

### Hunter leads Astros to 9-5 win over Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Brian Hunter, promoted from the minors a day earlier, hit a tiebreaking, two-run triple in the eighth inning Wednesday night that sent the Houston Astros over the Philadelphia Phillies 9-5.

Craig Biggio had four hits, including two doubles, and tied a Houston record by scoring four runs. The Astros won their sixth straight road game, making them 14-7 on the road while just 7-15 at home.

## ROCKETS

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no exception. Mario Elie, an NBA journeyman and former CBA player, added 22 points and Robert Horry, playing out of position at power forward, 21.

"They say they have no power forward, they have no this and that," Magic point guard Anfernee Hardaway said. "All they've got is a bunch of guys who play really well together."

The Rockets pulled away in the final period from the Magic, whose youth and inexperience overshadowed their considerable talent in this series.

"We never recovered from the first game. When they got going, we couldn't get back," O'Neal said. "It's a real disappointment, but we'll learn from it."

"We didn't give up at all. I'm a young player, I'll be in this position many times. We just have to remember this feeling, and work harder next season."

O'Neal, who had 25 points and 12 rebounds, held his own against Olajuwon, a player he's tried to emulate. But Olajuwon was usually quicker to the ball, and his fluid moves along the baseline were unstoppable, even in the face of a double team.

Leading by one at the end of the third quarter, Houston got two big 3-pointers from Elie early in the fourth, and Olajuwon scored six straight points to stretch the lead to 101-89 with 3:16 to play.

"We lost, very simple," said Hardaway, who had 25 points. "They were the better team."

It was the first sweep since 1989, when Detroit blanked the Lakers, and made Houston the fourth team in the last nine years to win back-to-back titles.

They won just 47 regular-season games, making them a sixth seed in the power-packed Western Conference. To get here, they upset Utah, Phoenix and San Antonio, each with at least 59 wins and each with the home-court advantage.

All three teams were considered to have legitimate shots at winning it all. Not Houston, though.

Not only were the Rockets the lowest seed ever to win the title, they also won an NBA record nine times on the road along the way, including seven straight.

"Don't ever underestimate the heart of a champion," Tomjanovich said.

Underestimating the Rockets might have been just the problem for the Magic, who never recovered from a 120-118 overtime loss in Game 1. Their season ended the way their last one did, with a sweep.

"We'll use it as an inspiration for next year," Magic coach Brian Hill said. "They had the answers for everything we threw at them."

Last year it was at the hands of Indiana in the first round. After winning 57 games and the Atlantic Division title, the Magic entered the playoffs without having even won a postseason game but beat Boston, Chicago and Indiana.

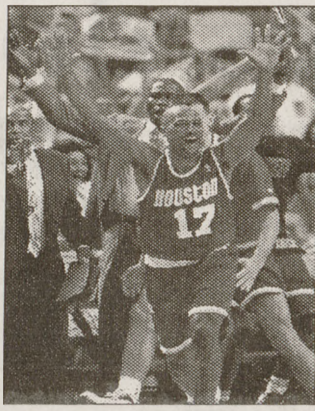
## ROCKETS SWEEP

GAME 1: Houston 120  
Orlando 118

GAME 2: Houston 117  
Orlando 106

GAME 3: Houston 106  
Orlando 103

GAME 4: Houston 113  
Orlando 101



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Hakeem Olajuwon was named MVP of the Finals.

## NBA's lockout danger

Here's one piece of advice for Kenny Smith: Watch how hard you celebrate tonight. Enjoy yourself, but be ready to get down to serious business.



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Smith, who has reason to celebrate, needs to make sure he can get up early tomorrow because he and the rest of NBA players' union colleagues get together with the owners to hammer out their differences and put together the new collective bargaining agreement — that wonderful master plan that allows the players and owners to play nice for the next few years.

The last contract actually expired before the 1994-95 season, but both sides decided to impose a one-year moratorium and go on with the season under the expired pact.

The sides are supposedly far apart. The owners want a rookie salary cap to stop paying unproven players salaries that closely resemble the distance between Earth and the Sun.

The players want more of the NBA pie than the 53 percent slice they already get. They also want to dismantle the draft, restricted free agency and the salary cap, all of which may start a bidding war that could make today's NBA salaries look like chump change.

The owners contend that giving the players any more money would cut too much out of the owners' profits. They want to keep the current salary cap, but close the loophole that allows teams to resign their own free agents without it counting against the cap.

And now the league is muttering the two dirtiest words in the language of sports — work stoppage.

Yes, that's right, league officials have mentioned a lockout if they cannot reach an agreement with the players before next sea-

son. Is it possible that the ball will go the same that has traveled months ago? Surely, sides have what a stu would do to their sport. It has been shell-shocked by ited fans that have left the parks silent.

"We've seen what happens a league when that happens. Hakeem Olajuwon told me, 'Everybody loses.'"

So why would The Pro That Be in pro basketball to jeopardize all they have time when the NBA's pie has exploded worldwide? In early 1980s, the NBA was on the brink of hearing its death and no one heard a peep, money.

Now, the NBA is a lion corporation with pay at an all-time peak, and it wants their fair share.

Maybe the NBA has too big for its britches, and the fans are because of it. Everyone more, more, more, and just not enough, enough to go around, even with the ketball's new mother love from merchandising and rate sponsorships.

Players want higher owners want more profits. One has to lose, and it will be the fans.

So basketball fans hold their breath to see which way the er heads, that is, prevail fans are rewarded with as usual. But if it comes — an interesting metaphor siding what will happen fans — then they will get a mess at all.

Kenny, just make you're up bright and Your team proved that the world class. Let's hope league does the same.

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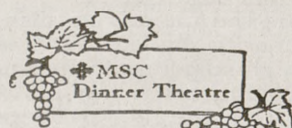
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