

# Super Bowl difference? Deion

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Deion Sanders is one of the most outstanding all-around players to ever play the game. His flexibility allows him to play different positions on offense, defense and special teams. If you are a Neon Deion fan, then you must agree that you are charmed by his defense.

His speed and quick hands give him the ability to dominate the field. He has been nothing but an asset to Da Boys.

If you think Sanders is an overpaid and overrated player, then you must be crazy. If Neon Deion wasn't worth the money, then why would Jerry Jones, owner of Da Boys, fork it over? I know. Do you want to know?

Jones knew that he couldn't find anyone more qualified for his team. Heck, Jones even said on a commercial that if he had 11 more Deions, he could rule the world.

I am not saying that Sanders is the best player on the team, but he is pretty darn close to it.

It's not fair to compare Sanders with Aikman, Smith, Irvin and the rest of the team

because they are separate individuals with different talents. Maybe that is the reason the team is shooting for its fifth Super Bowl victory. If they win, they will rank at the top with the San Francisco 49ers, the team that knocked the Cowboys out of the playoffs last year.

When the Cowboys step out on the field on Sunday in front of 74,000 screaming people, I know that I will be glad to say I am from Texas.

In my book, the Cowboys are an All-Star team. Some people think that the Cowboys' over-all performance this season was up-and-down, but obviously it was good enough to get them to the Super Bowl.

I guess the only question left is what do the Cowboys have left to prove?

Well, first of all, they want to prove to Jimmy Johnson that they can win without him. Second, they want to get Switzer and Neon Deion a ring. Last but not least they want that bad-boy image — well, Sanders does anyway.

# Lady Ags

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get easy scores and because of that we haven't been taking as many shots as our opponents. We're scoring, but they're just scoring more."

Last season, Houston (9-7 overall, 2-2 SWC) overcame a 30-point effort from Branch to beat A&M 78-75 in College Station.

This year's Cougar squad is led by junior forward Pat Luckey, who averages 23.8 points per contest.

"They're one of the most athletic teams in the conference and Luckey's one of the best scorers in the country," Harvey said. "Athletically, we don't match-up very well, so hopefully our zone defenses will neutralize that."

Branch said A&M's struggling defense will face a daunting task in trying to slow down the fast-breaking Lady Cougars.

"Houston is very athletic, and they're going to look to run-and-gun," Branch said. "We're going to have to worry about defensive transition and always know where Pat Luckey is."

The Lady Aggies will be looking to halt their losing skid without the services of starting forward Marianne Sevin.

The junior missed the first game of her career last Saturday after being forced out with a sore back.

Reaggravating an injury she had surgery on in June, Sevin is listed as day-to-day.

Branch said the Lady Aggies will have to come together to overcome the loss of their teammate and end their losing streak.



Harvey

# Bulls trample Knicks, 99-79

Michael Jordan exploded for 33 points in 36 minutes as Chicago improved to 35-3.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Chicago Bulls blew past the New York Knicks with a 19-2 third-quarter run on the way to their 12th straight victory, 99-79 Tuesday night.

Michael Jordan had 33 points in 36 minutes, the eighth straight game in which he's put up 30 or more. He's averaging 38.5 during his current streak.

Scottie Pippen added 19 points.

The Knicks were led by John Starks with 15 points. Hubert Davis came off the bench to add 11. Luc Longley had 14 points and 10 rebounds while holding Patrick Ewing to 10 points and just nine rebounds.

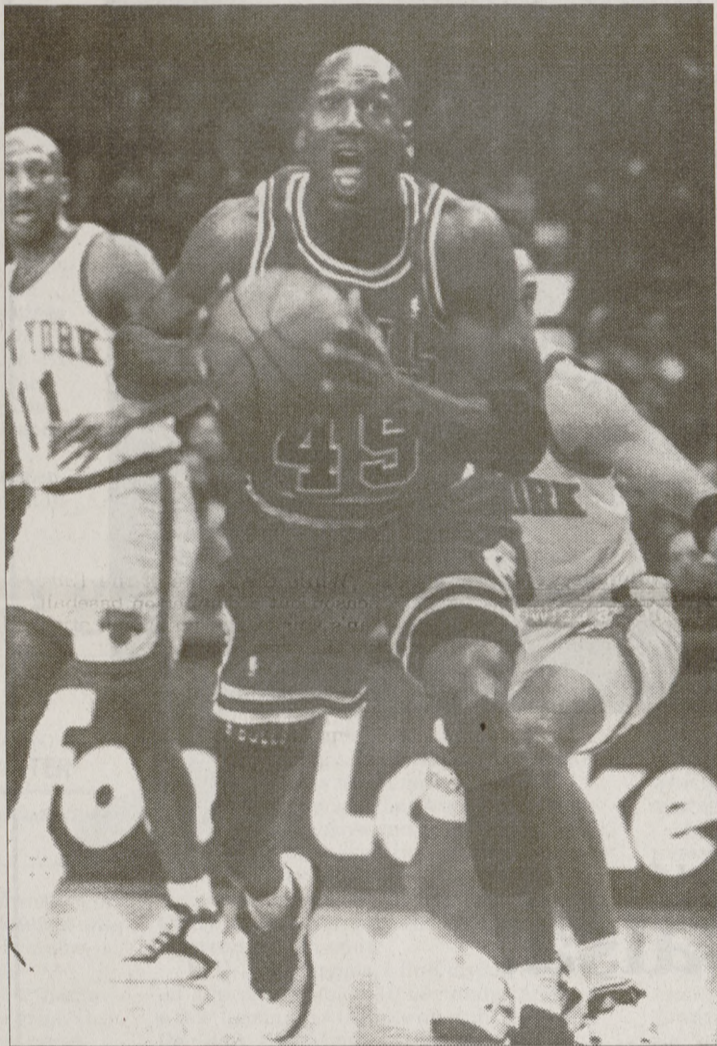
The win moved the Bulls' record to 35-3 for the year, a 92.1 winning percentage. The Bulls have not lost a game in January so far.

The Knicks, who started quickly under new head coach Don Nelson, fell to 24-15, and are now 5-1/2 games behind the front-running Orlando Magic in the Atlantic Division.

The win by the Bulls sewed up the spot of Eastern Conference All-Star Coach for Bulls' head man Phil Jackson.

The Bulls have a five-game lead over the Orlando Magic, whose coach, Brian Hill, managed the team last season.

Jackson will likely have two of his current players as starters in the All-Star game — Scottie Pippen and Michael Jordan. Other starters for the Eastern Conference will likely



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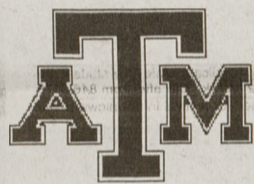
The Bulls' Michael Jordan scored 55 points against the New York Knicks in a game last year. Tuesday night, he burned them for 33 more.

ly be Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal and Anfernee Hardaway, and the Detroit Pistons' Grant Hill.

Jordan's high-scoring night was nothing new against the Knicks in Madison Square Garden.

Last year, in just his fifth game back from retirement, Jordan exploded for 55 points against New York.

In that game, Jordan recorded 20 points in the first quarter and had reached 30 by halftime.



"We're just trying to stay positive and be a team right now more than anything," Branch said. "We can't point fingers at each other. This is a must win for us."

"We're here on our home court and we really have to get back on track and now would be a good time for us to do it."

Despite a disappointing start to conference play, Harvey said the Lady Aggies are perfectly capable of going undefeated the rest of the way.

"If we put everything together and start playing like we did earlier in the season, this team is good enough to win every game remaining," Harvey said. "It's a very attainable goal if we take one game at a time."

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