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SPORTS BRIEFS

Rangers' TV voice will miss rest of season

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Rangers' voice Mark Holtz will miss the rest of this season as doctors treat him for a threatening bone marrow disease, the team said Monday.
Holtz is expected to undergo a bone marrow transplant at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas later this month. Doctors found a suitable donor. Holtz was the voice of the Rangers radio in 1981-94 and has since been the team's play-by-play voice on television.
DAS-TV sports reporter Bill Jones filling in with Tom Grieve on the telecasts in Holtz's absence. Holtz has myelodysplasia. It results from genetic damage to the transforming cells and eventually leads to anemia, low blood counts and sometimes leukemia.

Here's Magic in the air for Daly

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Chuck Daly moved closer to his return to the NBA Monday, working out final details on a contract that will pay him a reported \$15 million over three years to coach the Orlando Magic.
"Nothing has been formalized," Magic spokesman Alex Martins said. "The time line, we don't know."
Two weeks ago, Daly rejected an offer from Magic general manager John Gabriel.

Altkman questions Irvin's absence

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys signed five-time All-Pro receiver Tony Miller on Monday, but it was another star wideout, Michael Irvin, who stole the spotlight by pulling another no-show at a team minicamp.
Irvin's absence from a mandatory waterback school that started Monday even normally-reserved team players to express their irritation.
"It's discouraging, no question about that," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "It comes down to whether he wants to play for us or he doesn't. If he wants to, we want him to start working with us."
"If he doesn't want to play, we don't know that too so we can go in another direction. I think the world is Michael. Nobody wants him here more than I do. But at the same time, it's enough. I don't fault Michael if he doesn't want to play. But he does, let's play."
Irvin, the Cowboys' all-time leader in catches and receiving yardage, has no reason for his absence. He missed a minicamp last month.

With pride comes pressure

MVP Karl Malone looks to improve upon showing of Game 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Karl Malone is just now learning what Michael Jordan has known for years: With great honors come great expectations.
"It's no longer Karl Malone anymore, it's MVP Karl Malone," Malone said Monday. "Yes, there is a lot more pressure. With everything good that happens to you, there has got to be some negative things in there."

Negative? Being the NBA's Most Valuable Player?
Edging Jordan for the honor has created expectations unlike any Malone had ever experienced in his outstanding 12-year career.

Malone did not handle the pressure well in his first post-MVP matchup against Jordan, missing two free throws with 9.2 seconds left Sunday night as the Utah Jazz lost 84-82 to the Chicago Bulls in the opener of the NBA Finals.

Jordan followed Malone's misses by making the winning jumper at the buzzer. Moments after the ball swished through the net, the taunting crowd at United Center began chanting: "M-V-P! M-V-P!"

"It's behind me now. What I don't want to do is go out and try to play up to the MVP," Malone said. "I never said I wanted to play at that level. I don't want to raise my game. I just want to find consistency."

Jordan, of course, always has been under pressure because he has been considered the league's best player for most of the 1990s and has four MVP trophies to back

that up. Nevertheless, he has consistently produced, leading the Bulls to four of the last six NBA titles. And he produced again Sunday.

"Michael Jordan and Karl Malone are entirely two different people and players," Malone said. "He made his and I missed mine."

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**Karl Malone
Utah Jazz forward**

He said the misses will not change the way he approaches Game 2 Wednesday night.

"I've been through a lot of adversity. It's going to take a lot to break this nut," Malone said. "If I have the opportunity to get fouled again, I want to have the opportunity to go to line again."

Chicago's Dennis Rodman would not mind seeing Malone have the opportunity again, either.

"He's known to miss free throws in clutch situations," said Rodman,

who as an NBA neophyte was Malone's summer league teammate but in recent years has had many runs with him. "He's still a great player, but there are a few guys in this league who are great players that you want to put on the line."

Malone shot only 57 percent from the foul line in last year's playoffs, including six misses in Utah's Game 7 loss to Seattle in the Western Conference finals. But this post-season, he has shot 76 percent.

The Rodman-Malone battle, expected to be the most interesting of the series, did not really materialize in Game 1.

Luc Longley and Brian Williams defended Malone more often than Rodman and Rodman was such an offensive nonentity that Malone ignored him.

That Malone outscored Rodman 23-4 was not surprising. That Malone rebounded the NBA's sixth-time rebounding leader 15-12 was somewhat unexpected. That Rodman never tried to mess with Malone's mind was downright stunning.

Rodman said Monday that the Jazz are too well-coached and mature to be bothered by his shenanigans. Rodman didn't even get a technical foul Sunday, the first game this postseason in which he has not drawn a "T."

"I'm not going to do too many of my antics and all that crap," Rodman said. "I'm just trying to get through this, be more offensive-minded and do my job."

Bulls dynasty will continue with yet another championship

Da Bulls. Once again the 1997 NBA Finals are going to be a no-brainer. The Chicago dynasty will once again prevail — although maybe with a little more effort this year.

Sunday night proved that no matter how much sports gurus analyze it and certain fans hope for it, nobody can beat the Bulls this year.

While many in the sports arena are sick of the same dynasties winning year after year, the Bulls have hung championship banners four times in the last decade. Now if that is not a powerhouse, what is?

What proves the Bulls are a powerhouse is the fact they have done it with a nucleus of stars with a rotating bench. Chicago brought in Dennis Rodman from the San Antonio Spurs for his rebounding prowess. They brought in Toni Kukoc to balance out the backcourt when Michael Jordan left to pursue "that other career."

But what makes the Bulls the dynasty they are is Jordan and he proved that in Game 1. Jordan's shot at the buzzer allowed the Bulls to overcome a potentially devastating loss at home to open up the series and win 84-82. And unlike Utah's John Stockton's last second three-pointer to clinch the Western Con-

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ference Championship against the Houston Rockets, Jordan had to make the jump shot with a Jazz defender hanging on to him. Enough said.

And what can you say about Scottie Pippen — apparently not enough. Pippen seriously injured his ankle in the beginning of Game 5 against the Miami Heat and

only played seven minutes. However, Pippen came back in Game 1 of the finals and was a force to be reckoned with.

Fortunately for sports fans, this series will be a bit more competitive than the other runs Chicago has made for a banner. As Game 1 proved, the Utah Jazz is a formidable matchup for Chicago. The two teams are both extremely talented and both deserve the title. But there is a certain inexplicable mystique surrounding the Bulls.

Chicago was down for most of the game but managed, just like they always do, to come back and show Utah who has been to the promised land. It is this type of experience which will make the Bulls the best team of the decade until Michael Jordan becomes Tiger Woods' caddy or Scottie Pippen decides to sit on a mountain top and meditate or Dennis Rodman goes through with the sex change and becomes a member of a WNBA team.

Flyers' changes raises panic

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The goaltender is being changed again, two lines are being revamped, a couple of defense pairings are being altered and the amount of time the Philadelphia Flyers' big boys play is going to increase.

Do not, however, jump to the conclusion the Flyers are hitting the panic button heading into Game 2 of the Stanley Cup finals against the Detroit Red Wings on Tuesday night.

Losing has resulted in changes for the Flyers all season and coach Terry Murray decided Monday not to change that with the NHL title on the line.

The biggest move in the wake of Detroit's 4-2 victory on Saturday will be Garth Snow starting in goal instead of a disappointed Ron Hextall.

Hextall did not play poorly in Game 1, but he gave up a horrible goal to Steve Yzerman on a 40-foot shot in the opening minute of the third period with Philadelphia behind 3-2.

"The decision is based on what I saw in the game," said Murray, who has changed his starting goaltender four times since the playoffs began, three times after losses.



AP PHOTOGRAPH

Can I have your autograph?

Houston Comets guard **Cynthia Cooper** autographs a basketball after the WNBA team was introduced to fans at the Houston Space Center. The Comets will open up the season against the Cleveland Rockets Saturday June 21 in Cleveland.

Randy Johnson clone leads college draft list

NEW YORK (AP) — By all accounts, J.D. Drew is the most talented, most polished player available in Tuesday's major league draft.

He is regarded by many scouts as the best college outfielder ever. He is the only Division I player to hit 30 home runs and steal 30 bases in the same season. And he is simply a wonderful person, says his Florida State coach.

All that, and still there is almost zero chance he will be the No. 1 pick when the draft begins at 12 p.m. CST.

Instead, the Detroit Tigers likely will make a pitcher named Anderson — either Michigan high school star Ryan, considered a Randy Johnson clone, or Rice University ace Matt — the top choice overall. Why?

Because the Tigers do not want to pay the price, projected at perhaps \$10 million or so, that it might cost to get Drew, represented by tough negotiator Scott Boras.

In fact, many teams are looking at the bottom line with as much interest as a prospect's statistics.

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If you feel that a particular group may be of help to you, make an appointment at the Student Counseling Service to speak to a screening counselor. The counselor can help you determine if group counseling would benefit you. The SCS will cancel or add groups based on student demand. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning group counseling, feel free to call Dr. Laura Bettor (845-4427 ext. 126) at the Student Counseling Service.

BIOFEEDBACK WORKSHOP

Monday 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
One-session workshops designed to give students an introduction to relaxation techniques, including how biofeedback aids in relaxation. Individual follow-up consultation available.
Leader: Nick Dobrovolsky

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Monday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
This group is for persons who are currently or have previously experienced conflict in interpersonal or romantic relationships, or who have recently experienced a loss of a meaningful interpersonal or romantic relationship.
Co-leaders: Brian Williams & Mara Latts

DISSERTATION/THESIS SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
This group is for graduate students who are struggling in the process of writing their theses/dissertations. Potential group topics are issues of competence, procrastination, anxiety, goal-setting, and struggles with bureaucratic hurdles.
Co-leaders: Brian Williams & Laura Bettor

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Wednesday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
This group is for women & men with sexual molestation in their past. Identifying and exploring after effects of the abuse will be the focus. Emphasis is on handling relationships, building self-esteem, and gaining personal power.
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CULTURAL GROUP

Friday 1:30-3:00 p.m.
The International Students Cultural Group is open for both international and domestic students. We hope to provide an opportunity for participants to learn about different aspects of U.S. cultures, including aggie cultures. Participants will be encouraged to share their understanding of their own cultural values, customs and traditions. Preregistration and commitment for the semester is strongly encouraged. The group is free but the space is limited. The group will meet in Henderson Hall beginning in June, second week of class.
Co-leaders: Gisela Lin, Rosemary Klingler & Laura Lochner.

OLDER THAN TRADITIONAL AGE GROUP

Thursday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
This group is for students whose concerns are related to issues which are different from traditional undergraduate concerns. Marriage, divorce, office politics, committee chairpersons, dissertation projects, and dealing with children and spouses are potential group topics.
Co-leaders: Nick Dobrovolsky & Rosemary Klingler

PERSONAL GROWTH GROUP

Group 1: Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Group 2: Thursday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
The purpose of this group for undergraduates is to facilitate self-exploration and personal growth through interaction with other students.
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Group 2 - Laura Bettor & Bruce Lochner

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