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Richard Jordan hands off the baton to Chas Stoker in the 4x100 meter sprint relay. Stoker, Jordan and the other two members of their team finished fifth with a time of 40.21 seconds.

Champs

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only a short few hours after their victory.

The Aggies arrived back around midnight to find no photographers, autograph seekers or fans to greet them. And no parades or fireworks ensued the following week - just a round of final exams.

"It was almost like we didn't win because when you lose, you pretty much load on a bus and leave," said Jones. "And there's still a bunch of people that don't even know we won around here. It doesn't matter that much to them though. We still know we won."

Pistons beat Pacers

By Chris Sheridan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — A newer version of the Bad Boys is going to the NBA Finals after a clinching victory Tuesday night in which the operative word was "Bad."

In one of the lowest-scoring games in NBA playoff history, Richard Hamilton hit the clutch shot of the night shortly after being flagrantly fouled by Ron Artest, and the Detroit Pistons defeated the Indiana Pacers 69-65 in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals.

A thing of beauty it wasn't, even to Pistons fans who booed in the first half but were on their feet by the end of the game.

And it certainly couldn't have

thrown anything resembling a scare into the Los Angeles Lakers, who will be the hosts of Game 1 of the NBA Finals Sunday night.

This will be the Pistons' fifth trip to the finals since they were "Bad Boys" for their physical style of play won their second consecutive title.

It's 14 years later, and the Pistons will enter the championship round with a team that plays superb defense and struggles to put points on the board.

The teams combined for 126 60 first-half points, breaking a record of 61 set by the Pistons and New Jersey Nets during their second round, and finished with a combined total of 134 - four more than the record-low

Testaverde cut by Jets

By Andrea Adelson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Vinny Testaverde's six-year stay with the New York Jets is over.

The Jets submitted the necessary paperwork to the NFL on Tuesday to release the 17-year veteran quarterback in a salary-cap move. By cutting him Tuesday, the Jets will save \$1.5 million on this year's cap. In 2005, Testaverde will count for \$4 million.

Testaverde thanked the team for the opportunity to continue his career elsewhere in a statement released through his agent, Michael Azzarelli. The 40-year-old Testaverde is high on the Dallas Cowboys' list, where he would play for his former coach, Bill Parcells. Another team that could make a pitch is AFC East division rival New England.

The Jets are expected to make the announcement official Wednesday.

"I appreciate the Jets allowing me to move on with my career," Testaverde said. "I want to thank the organization for giving a chance to play in my hometown. It's been a great experience. We had some exciting moments on the field and memories I can take with me."

Testaverde became one of the most popular players in team history, but made it clear last season he didn't want to stick around as a No. 3 quarterback. In 1998, he made the Pro

Bowl and guided the Jets to the AFC title game with Parcells at the helm. But Testaverde tore Achilles' tendon in the first game of the next season.

In 2001, the first year under coach Herman Edwards, Testaverde led the Jets to a 11-5 record and a wild-card playoff berth. But after that, he began to show. And it was clear he didn't fit in with the West Coast-style offense used by offensive coordinator Pat Hackett.

Testaverde lost his starting job to Chad Pennington early in the 2002 season, and Pennington led the Jets from 2-5 start into the playoffs. When Pennington broke his wrist last summer, Testaverde took over and went 2-5 as starter before Pennington returned.

Despite the losing record, Testaverde became the first quarterback in NFL history to pass for more than 40,000 yards last season.

Going into this season, second-year player Brock Bollinger will be the backup.

Also Tuesday, the Jets decided they wouldn't retain their rights to defensive back James Henderson, who sustained the injuries in a motorcycle accident near Atlanta on April 3.

Henderson, a restricted free agent, got into the accident because he could sign the qualifying tender offered by the Jets. It is unknown whether Henderson will be able to continue his career.

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ALONE ALTO IRON
RESIN ADAM MOAT
DOTCOMMERCE USE
ERE TALENTS
ABE ATOM TOLD
PUPS RAIN PARTS
POINT OF RETURN
TYPER SOLO ELIA
HEAT TOUR EGG
SWARMED NEW
TIN PERIODPIECE
ALIT TARA ELBOW
GLEE EMIT ADORE
EASE RASH LENDS
6/2/04

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS
1 "is more"
5 Phobia
9 Cool in manner
14 "boy!"
15 McEntire of music
16 Prickly plants
17 Chaim Potok
20 Hospital staffer
21 G-man or T-man
22 W.C. Fields persona
23 Turndowns
24 Modest cigar
27 Ballerina Shearer
28 Tossed dishes
34 Field of expertise
37 Lighten up
39 Lawful, for short
40 Clown with a photog
43 No-frills
44 Cork's land
45 Too stylish, perhaps
46 Emotionally cool
48 Willy-
50 Actress Lansbury
52 Instrument for Bird or Trane
55 William Tell's canton
58 TGIF day
59 Treat badly
61 Unheard from, slangily
65 Turns white
66 Cut and paste
67 "cost to you!"
68 Built for speed
69 Fishing spot
70 "It's ___ real!"
DOWN
1 Livy's language
2 Starter for centric
3 Dede reversers novel
4 Kemo
5 Crockett's milieu
6 Comics shriek
7 Blood-typing system
8 Children's singer
9 Etcher's fluid
10 Fall behind
11 Protest singer
12 Snorkel's pooch
13 Ring weapon
18 Guesser's phrase
19 Wine sediment
25 Speechify
26 Cutting deeply
27 Word not heard in *The Godfather*
29 ___ carte
30 Curtis of the Air Force
31 Ripening agent
32 Tabloid gossip
33 Collar stiffener
34 Concert lineup
35 Hold sway
36 "Holy smokes!"
38 Unworldly
41 Ottawa's prov.
42 Pen pal, perhaps
47 Bring home
49 Not of the clergy
51 Actor
52 Bruce Hospitality spot
53 In sync
54 Inert gas
55 Baseball crew
56 Iranian money
57 Tropical spot
58 Carlton in Cooperstown
60 Wild guess
62 "Told ya so!"
63 Actress Lupino
64 Beat or peace ender

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