



Sixers take game 1 of NBA playoffs

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By late May most people are looking forward to one of our nation's favorite pastimes—baseball. But the citizens of Los

Angeles and Philadelphia will have to put the Dodgers and the Phillies on the back burners while the Philadelphia 76ers and the Los Angeles Lakers duel for the NBA Championship.

The championship series started in Philadelphia Sunday, where the 76ers won 113-107. Philadelphia's Andrew Toney lead his team to an early lead and finished the game with 25 points. But it was another guard, the Lakers' Norm Nixon, who helped narrow the margin as the Lakers took a three point lead at the half.

But Nixon's 26 points were not enough. Moses Malone, the 6-10 center of the 76ers, exploded in the second half and finished as the game's leading scorer with 27 points.

Even though this year's championship series appears to be a rematch of last year's Philadelphia-Los Angeles final, the faces are not the same. A former UNC standout, James Wor-

thy, had made the Lakers a more solid ball club, until he suffered a broken leg during the season.

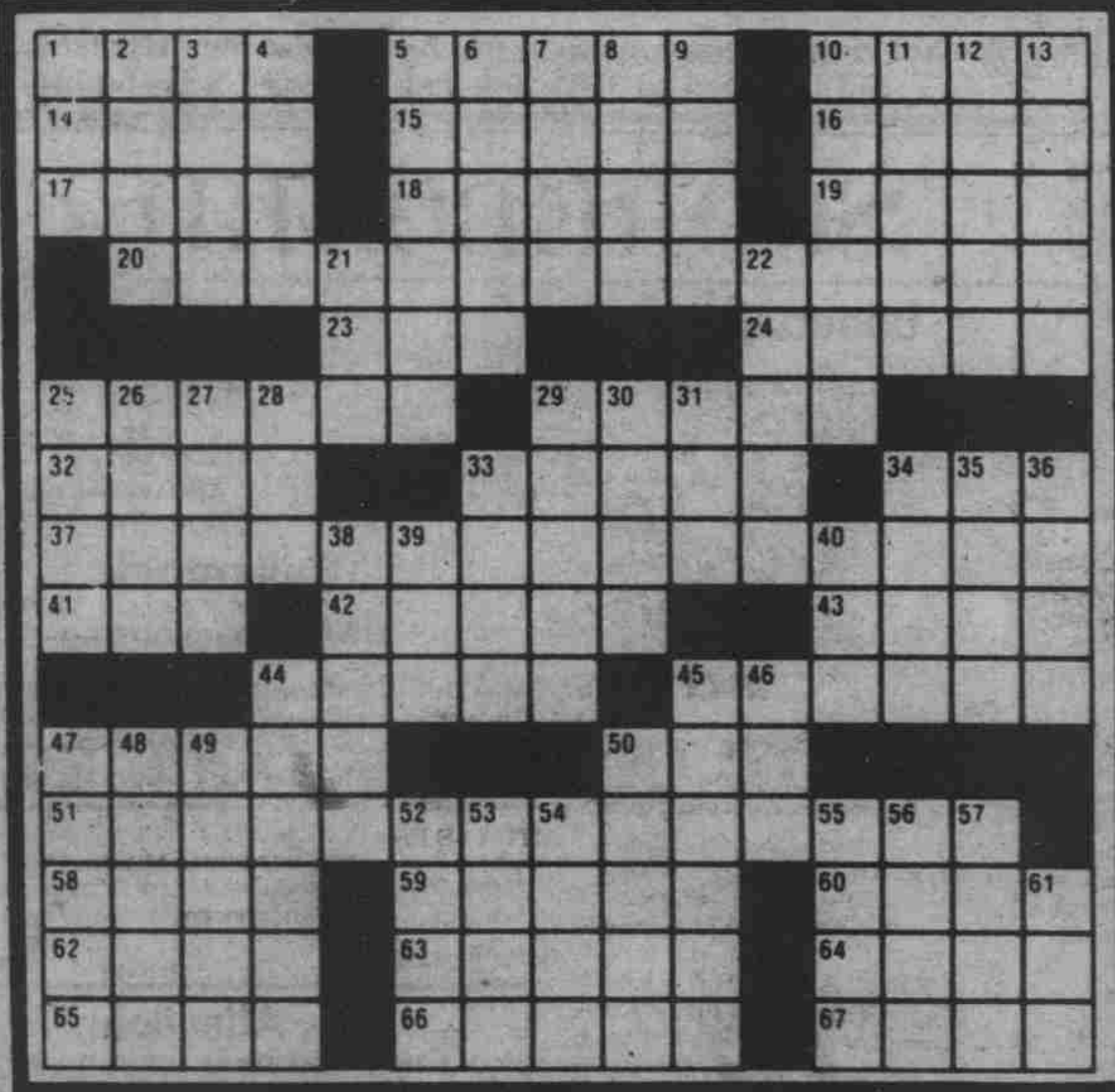
Without Worthy, Malone might be able to dominate the rebounding game as he did in game one. In addition to Worthy's absence, the Lakers Bob McAdoo, another former UNC player, was out with a thigh injury Sunday. This leaves the Lakers' center, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to carry the load with only two back-ups, who averaged less than 10 points in the regular season.

In this best of seven series, the first team to win four games will take home the championship trophy. The 76ers hope to put the series at a favorable 2-0 margin when play resumes tonight at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. The series will then move out to Los Angeles for the next two games. If necessary, the remaining games will alternate between the two cities.

THE Daily Crossword by John Greenman

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| ACROSS | 25 Abhorrence | 58 infraction | 25 Ululate |
| 1 Majority of mankind's home | 29 Choristers | 59 Perpendicular to the keel | 26 Winglike parts |
| 5 Couch | 32 Bread topping | 60 Fairy-tale heavy | 27 Script |
| 10 Roll | 33 Muzzle part | 62 — Major | 28 King of France |
| 14 Boutique | 34 Gazelle | 63 Bequeath | 29 Cancel |
| 15 Protein acid | 37 Lunar actions | 64 Interpret | 30 Ore deposit |
| 16 Beak swelling | 41 Permit | 65 Ogle | 31 Drag |
| 17 Glacier's insert | 42 Extreme | 66 Senior of two | 33 Marquis de — |
| 18 — the moon | 43 Helmsman's term | 67 Can openers | 34 — monster |
| 19 Bullring cheers | 44 Ruffianly | | 35 Humdinger |
| 20 Using vivid rhetoric | 45 Esteem | DOWN | 36 Matured |
| 23 Copyright symbol | 47 Hibachi contents, often | 1 Poisonous snake | 38 Hospital person |
| 24 Coaxes | 50 The sun | 2 Artie or George | 39 Wildebeest |
| | 51 Entirety, mod style | 3 One of the Hebrides | 40 Hialeah has-been |
| | | 4 Tip | 44 Place for champagne |
| | | 5 "Voyage of the —" | 45 Paying guest |
| | | 6 Likeness | 46 Pixie |
| | | 7 Climbing plant | 47 Appalling |
| | | 8 Purple dye | 48 Coast |
| | | 9 Tabu | 49 A-frame, for one |
| | | 10 Searches thoroughly | 50 Drudge |
| | | 11 Wire: abbr. | 52 Hay package |
| | | 12 Dunne or Papas | 53 First victim |
| | | 13 Caesuras | 54 Plumbum |
| | | 21 Diamonds, slangily | 55 Labor |
| | | 22 Allotment | 56 US poet-playwright |
| | | | 57 Radiograph |
| | | | 61 Asner and McMahon |

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to today's crossword.



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