

Woods comeback falls short at Pebble Beach tourney

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fifth time. "I've got a lot of pride. That's what drives me."
That's what drives a lot of golfers on tour. And the astonishing way Woods, 21, burst onto the PGA Tour challenged the pride of a lot of players.

play real well this week. But I putted well and I had a lot of composure."
O'Meara needed that composure. For Woods — like Michael Jordan or Reggie Jackson or Joe Montana — has the rare ability to perform his best when the spotlight shines brightest.

win. Second-place money is meaningless to Woods. He doesn't need it. Nike has taken care of that.
Woods has played just 11 tournaments since turning professional. He was won three times, finished second once, third twice and fifth another time. That's seven top-five finishes in 11 starts.

It's Tiger against the tour, but the tour is plenty deep enough to keep him from winning every week, or every other week or even every third for fourth or fifth time out.
O'Meara welcomed the challenge in Sunday's final round. Tom Lehman wanted an 18-hole showdown badly in the Mercedes Championships

instead of the rain-required sudden-death playoff Woods won.
Nick Faldo, Greg Norman, Mark Brooks, Phil Mickelson and Fred Couples are the kinds of players who would relish beating Woods in a high-profile situation.
"I was pretty jacked," O'Meara said about wanting to defeat Woods in their final-round show-

down at Pebble Beach. "He's the hottest player in golf right now."
O'Meara wasn't able to shoot a 63 or a 64 over the weekend. He didn't have to. He out together four consecutive rounds of 67 in a very unflashy way.
"It's not about how many great shots you hit," O'Meara said. "It's about strategy."

Rice moves into NBA's elite core of best players with recent play

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ways than just scoring," Cowens said. "It wouldn't surprise me if he got the MVP of the All-Star game if he keeps going the way he's going."
Point guard Muggsy Bogues, who played only six games with Rice last season due to a

chronically sore knee, said he notices the difference in his teammate.
"He's really playing with a lot of confidence," Bogues said. "He feels he can do anything he wants on the basketball court, he's that type of player. He can post-up smaller guards, shoot over the top of

them, he can take bigger guys off the dribble, he can catch and shoot the three. I mean you've got a total package there."
That's the highest compliment to Rice, who smiles every time he's asked how well he and the Hornets are playing defense. Rice gives a lot of

credit to Cowens for not just talking about defense but implementing a tough, hard-working system, that the whole team has bought into. Cowens won't take credit for Rice's improvement on defense, instead deflecting it to the players.
"I think it's a tribute to the

other players too," he said. "The other guys we've brought in like (Anthony) Mason and (Vlade) Divac, who are known as good defenders."
Rice will do double-duty at All-Star Weekend, also competing in the three-point shootout, a contest he won a few years ago but failed to get

out of the first round last year.
"I'm going to go up there and try and get some redemption and try and win the title back, just go out there and hopefully I can be one of the guys that's hot that particular day," he said.
Getting hot hasn't been a problem for Rice this season.

CIAA races include new contenders and rebuilding powerhouses

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coach Steve Joyner and knocked off Northern Division leader Elizabeth City. St. Paul's, a doormat for years, has risen to prominence in the North under third-year coach

Ed Joyner, Steve Joyner's brother. Central, which has rallied to win its share of games, doesn't have the experience to dominate opponents, at least not yet.
"Right now I'm not concerned

about the winning, I'm concerned about the quality of play," Jackson said. "If you want to be a championship team, you have to play like a championship team. You have to come on the road and ex-

cute, and we're not doing that."
Central's youth has caused some difficulty offensively, but its trademark defense has made up for the shortcomings. Still, Jackson wants to see

more consistency, especially from his point guards.
"We have guys who are not only playing this position, and they're not only trying to learn the system, they're still trying to get accustomed to what I'm

asking them to do," he said. "In order for us to win any kind of championship we have to play better, especially on the offensive end."
Some things never change.

Rushing touchdown leader Allen says '97 will be last season

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Marcus Allen, one of the most prolific running backs in NFL history, said he will play one more year for the Kansas City Chiefs before retiring.
Allen, who has two years remaining on the contract he signed last year, said during an Internet chat session that he plans to retire after the 1997 season.
Allen set the NFL record for rushing touchdowns last sea-

son, surpassing Hall of Famer Walter Payton. He has rushed for 112 touchdowns and ranks second on the career touchdown list with 134.
He is the only player to have rushed for 10,000 yards and caught passes for 5,000 yards.
Allen's record of rushing touchdowns is unlikely to stand very long with Emmitt Smith of Dallas close behind. But he clearly took pleasure in the record, and it was a high point for him and his teammates in what turned out to be

a disappointing season.
"Kansas City certainly is my last stop in the NFL," Allen said. "I couldn't think of a better place to finish my career. An organization with a tremendous amount of class, integrity and genuine care for not only the athlete, but the athlete's family as well."
Allen was signed as an unrestricted free agent by the Chiefs in 1993 after incurring the displeasure of Oakland owner Al Davis and spending two years on the bench for the

Raiders.
The 1981 Heisman Trophy winner from Southern California is known for his ability in short yardage situations.
In each of the past two years, coach Marty Schottenheimer said Greg Hill would be the featured back in the offense, but in each year it was Allen, who will be 38 in March, who has been the starting back.
Hill played a larger role last year as the Chiefs finished 9-7 and missed the playoffs for the

first time this decade, but it was still Allen who was counted on for that first down.
Schottenheimer has announced that Hill definitely will be the featured back for the Chiefs next season. Allen said in the chat session that he agrees with that decision.
"It is an appropriate and correct decision," Allen said. "The Chiefs do have to look to the future, and the future is Greg Hill. I feel I can contribute and, if called upon, continue to

play football at an extremely high level. But I realize they have to look to the future."
Allen, who owns a car dealership in Kansas City, said he hoped to work in television or in another position related to football.
"I don't see myself coaching," Allen said. "It takes a special breed to coach, and I'm not equipped with the patience nor the selflessness that they have."

JCSU looks for 'momentum change'

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ing a three-game losing streak, had eight assists and six points. That's the type of production the Bulls will need as the season winds down.
"I think this is a momentum

change for us," Wright said. "We've been stuck on five wins for the longest. We just have to build on it and not take a step backwards."
Despite starting two freshmen and two sophomores,

Smith has shown more aggressiveness on both ends of the floor. It also doesn't hurt to play in front of a supportive home crowd that has stuck with the Bulls during the trying times.

"Intensity played a major factor," Wright said. "We played better defense, we kept people off the boards and we played pretty good."
The challenge now is to can keep it up.

Bellamy works to reel off best jump effort

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up to the next level everybody will be at 22 feet and above."
Although he may hurl himself head long into the fray, Bellamy doesn't always win. Yet it is the way he bounces back from it, is what makes him special.

Lion is tough competitor
"Some kids get blown away, and they get shell shock, but you can blow Justin away and he will come back full force," Streeter said. "You can't get him down."

If Bellamy could piece together his last jump of the season, based on Streeter's instructions, it would be memorable.
"Back in '88 when you saw Michael Jordan doing that dunk

from the free throw line (in the NBA All-Star Game), that's how I want my last jump to be, like something you've never seen before," Bellamy said. "Basically what coach Streeter is teaching me is that I have to get it in my mind that I can do it. Coach Streeter is a great motivator."

Vikings, all-pro guard may part company

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
ST. PAUL, Minn. — All-Pro guard Randall McDaniel will be free to test the market when he becomes a free agent this month, Minnesota Vikings vice president Jeff Diamond said.
The Vikings will not pay the \$3.2 million annual salary necessary to make McDaniel their

franchise or transition player, Diamond told the Saint Paul Pioneer Press on Friday.
"We're not saying that we aren't trying to re-sign him," Diamond said. "As he checks out his options, we'll check out ours."
McDaniel's agent, Jack Mills, said he would be "surprised if there isn't some strong interest, particularly from teams

that are in a winning posture."
Mills said signing McDaniel would not make much sense for a team that is rebuilding. "But it sure does for a team that is winning and needs to improve their line at offensive guard," he said.
The Vikings made McDaniel, 32, their transition player in 1994. He received no offers from other teams, and the

Vikings eventually signed him to a three-year contract worth \$7.875 million. It made him the highest-paid guard in the NFL at the time.
A franchise player can negotiate and sign with a new team, but the old team can match the new offer or receive two first-round draft picks if the player signs with the new team.

Outing's goal: turn more folks on to skiing

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST
Randy Philpotts is the closest an African American has come to making the U.S. Olympic ski team.
His mission, however, isn't finished.
Philpotts, a Charlotte consultant, holds several national National Brotherhood of Skiers records and championships in alpine and cross-country events. Now he's branching out, leading a group of black college students to Winterplace Ski Resort in Flat

Top, WV, on Feb. 28 for a day on the slopes. The one-day trip, about three hours from Charlotte, includes equipment, transportation and lessons for \$60. Deposits are due by Feb. 15.
"My goal is to present the sport of skiing to the southeast during Black History Month first through our young, gifted and black students, then move on to the business world," Philpotts said.
Philpotts said students from Johnson C. Smith, N.C. A&T, Livingstone and Barber-Scotia have reserved space at



Winterplace. Couples are also signing up as a Valentine's gift of sorts.
"We wanted it to be close to

Valentine's Day so people could use it as a sort of romantic getaway," Philpotts said.
Philpotts discovered cross country at NBS's eastern regional championships, and began training for Olympic competition. At 36, the likelihood of skiing for the U.S. is fading, but Philpotts is excited about the possibility of helping future champions get their start.
"I want to make the mystique of the black skier visible to the world," he said.
For more information, call Philpotts at 519-0777.

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