

SPORTS

YMCA Gets Revenge: Kabala Temple Falls

BY JOHN MCCANN
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What goes around, comes around. This was evident Friday night as Kabala Temple received a taste of their own medicine—losing to a much improved YMCA ballclub.

The YMCA lost to K.T. earlier in the season after self-destructing and allowing them to make a miraculous comeback in the last inning.

"The last time we played them [Kabala Temple], our players seemed to have somewhat of a fatalistic attitude which is the reason why they came back to beat us by three runs," commented YMCA assistant coach Linwood Dunn.

"The win was largely due to our pushing the guys in practice—trying to get their fundamentals together. This time Coach Irving and myself agreed to let the players have some

fun, and it seemed to pay off real well."

This turned out to be true as Coach Ed Irving's boys built a lead and maintained it.

The first inning was close. YMCA first baseman Dan Oneal reached base when Terry Bell misjudged a ball hit to right field. Bell's mistake was not crucial as Oneal was left stranded on third.

Kabala Temple came up in the bottom of the first but was not productive at all—leaving the game scoreless and somewhat boring.

Not being one to disappoint the fans, Anthony "Fatcat" Walton decided to add some excitement to the game by hitting a ground rule double. Walton played well all night by striking out five batters and coming up with big hits.

Coach Dunn commented on

Walton's performance, saying, "We have been working on his hitting technique."

"He seemed to be a happy kid, and I don't think he was paying much attention to the big plays he was making. We reminded him that this team beat us last time after coming from such a sizable deficit, and it seemed to help out. He did a good job tonight."

Walton's crowd-moving hit seemed to be contagious as his teammates rallied behind him to build a comfortable lead.

Catcher Shawn Ruffin stepped to the plate and drove Walton in with a single to right field. John Sellars did even more damage as he singled to bring in two more runs before being batted in by shortstop Ohmar Dunn.

The inning was climaxed when Dan Oneal decided he did not want to stand in the heat and wait for someone to drive him home. Therefore, he simply crushed a Chris Johnson fastball to center field for a two-run, base-clearing homerun.

Oneal's homer gave the YMCA a 6-0 lead.

In the bottom of the second, K.T. could only get one run as Chris Johnson stole home to bring the score to 6-1.

In the top of the third inning, the YMCA employed the following philosophy: "If you get on base, I'll bring you home."

This was demonstrated as Cory Pinder hit a sacrifice single to bring in "Fatcat" Walton.

Shawn Ruffin picked up an RBI as he drove in Dante Quiller.

Ohmar Dunn came up with an RBI

single to make the score 9-1.

The YMCA continued to roll when Chris Johnson walked Dan Oneal to load the bases for Robert Ruffin, who popped a shot that got through shortstop Mike Poole to bring in three runs.

Matters got worse for K.T. when Johnson walked an eager Mitchell Irving who was looking to score. He got his chance as "Fatcat" Walton came up again in the same inning to knock in two more runs.

With the score 14-1, the K.T. coaches decided to bring in a relief pitcher. Earlier in the season, the coaches made a key pitching change that enabled them to come back and beat the YMCA.

The K.T. coaches looked to Mike Poole to lead them to victory. Poole got his team out of the inning, but not

before the YMCA increased the score to 17-1.

The last inning presented itself as a do or die situation for Kabala Temple.

Centel Adams came up with a double to drive in Sherod McCullers.

Ron Everett continued the rally as he sacrificed himself to bring in Adams.

With two outs, Shea Williams' bat represents K.T.'s final opportunity for a comeback.

Williams hit a fly ball to left field only to have it caught by Cory Pinder.

K.T.'s rally ended the game with a score of 17-3.

In commenting on his team's loss, K.T. coach Gollon Umphrey summed it up best by saying, "Practice, practice, practice!"

THE COACHES BOX

BY JAMES L. GILES, SR.

THREE-POINTER UPSTAGES STARS

The game-winning three-pointer wasn't by Johnson, Jordan or Worthy.

Sam Perkins moved the spotlight from Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson Sunday when his three-point shot with 14 seconds left proved to be the key play as the Los Angeles Lakers edged the Chicago Bulls 93-91 in game 1 of the NBA finals.

The Lakers were trailing 91-89 with 35.5 seconds left when, after a time-out, they set the play. Perkins buried his third three-pointer of the game after Johnson got the ball to him at the top of the circle.

The shot gave the Lakers a 92-91 lead. Jordan then had an 18-footer go in and out with four seconds left and Byron Scott made a free throw to account for the final point.

Said Lakers' coach Mike Dunleavy, "I'd like to say I designed the three-point play for Sam, but I didn't."

Said Lakers' guard Magic Johnson, "We didn't know that three-point would happen. It was like a designed play."

Perkins (amid laughter from the media): "Seriously [it was designed]. Well, I thought so. I wasn't going to the hole at all. I knew we needed a three in that situation."

Perkins, who finished the game with 23 points, continued, "During the time-out, I asked coach [Dunleavy] where I was supposed to be and he said at the three-point line."

"We found out in training camp that both he and Vlade Divac are very good outside shooters," Dunleavy said. "Perkins has the green light to take that shot when he's open. It's his decision."

At our press time (Wednesday), the Jordan-Johnson showdown for the NBA championship is only four days old, but if the first game is any indication of what's to come, fans are in for a treat.

"The Jordan-Johnson duel lived up to its billing. Jordan had 36 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds and Johnson had a triple double, with 19 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds. Jordan guarded Johnson most of the game, but Johnson seldom guarded Jordan."

Both downplayed the hype of their meeting.

"It was no matchup between individuals," said Johnson. "I am not going to take Michael on in a personal battle because he'll win that."

Jordan called it "A great game. Magic made the plays when he had to. I think everybody got what they hoped for. The series isn't over just because we lost one game. We're still confident and that won't change."

For what it's worth, the winner of



MICHAEL JORDAN



MAGIC JOHNSON

Game 1 has won 31 finals, losing 13. Phil Jackson, in his second season with the Chicago Bulls, and Dunleavy, first-year coach of the Lakers, are making their first appearances in the finals. The last time both coaches had no experience in the championship series was 10 years ago, when Bill Fitch was coaching Boston and Del Harris was at Houston.

Carolina Clan: Former University of North Carolina players combined for 80 points in game 1. Michael Jordan had 36, James Worthy and Sam Perkins 22 each.

Jordan, Worthy and Perkins played on the Tar Heels' 1982 national championship team.

SCHEDULE

Lakers lead series 1-0.

Wednesday: at Chicago, 9 p.m.

Friday: at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

June 9: at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

June 12: at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

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*If necessary.

All games will be televised on NBC-TV.

Golf Classic Set For June 16-17

The sixth annual March of Dimes Celebrity Golf Classic will be held June 16-17 at MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary.

Although actual play will take place on Monday, June 17, a Celebrity Gala and Auction will be held on Sunday, June 16. The Celebrity Gala has been a sellout for the last five years and those interested in attending are encouraged to purchase their tickets prior to the event. Celebrities are scheduled to participate in this year's classic including Moragan Brittany, star of long-running "Dallas;" Jack Gill, a Hollywood stunt driver; Michael O'Leary and Mark Derwin of "The Guiding Light;" James "Bonecrusher" Smith, heavyweight champion of the world; and others. Tickets to the gala may be purchased for \$30.

Players will be treated to a full slate of events on Monday morning, beginning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Captains Choice play begins at 9:30 a.m. with a cookout at the conclusion of the day.

For more information, contact Renee Harris at the March of Dimes office, 781-2481.



ACTIVITIES AT MEADOWBROOK—Revitalized Meadowbrook Country Club with a 136-acre landscape off White Oak Road in Garner is buzzing with many exciting activities including swimming, tennis, miniature golf and a challenging nine-hole full-sized golf course, plus the new additional nine-holes in under construction. According to George Handy, activities coordinator, beginning the last weekend in June the country club will have pool parties refreshments and music along with horse-shoes and golf tournaments. In addition we are continuing our membership drive. Pictured in front of the recently renovated 1,400 square foot clubhouse are club members L-R: James Blount, Eugene Jordan and Hubert Avery. For more information contact George Handy, 828-2273, or Harvey Heartley, Jr. 781-1031. (Photo by James Giles)

Scouting The black Colleges: Howard

BY BARRY COOPER

Howard University, perhaps the most prestigious of the black colleges, is under NCAA investigation for alleged wrongdoing in its athletic department. The Washington Post first broke the story that Howard is being scrutinized, a charge that school officials later confirmed.

NCAA investigators reportedly are trying to determine whether Howard used ineligible football players under former coach Willie Jeffries, who resigned after the 1988 season to return to his alma mater, South Carolina State. Also there reportedly were other violations and the leadership of former athletic director William Moultrie has come under scrutiny.

An internal investigation at Howard revealed that under Jeffries, the Bisons used 30 ineligible players over a 5-year period. The players were supposed to be sitting out the season, but Jeffries allegedly allowed them to play. In 1987, Howard forfeited the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title because it had used ineligible players and school officials considered the issue closed. But now, four years later the NCAA has begun its own probe. It could be up to a year before any final findings are announced.

Inflation is striking everywhere, and even black college sporting are being affected. The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association has announced that ticket books for the 1992 CIAA basketball tournament will cost \$75, up \$5 from last season.

Here's another sign of the times: Rivals Norfolk State and Elizabeth City won't be playing their annual Fish Bowl football game in Hampton, Va., this fall. The reason is apparently because promoters were not willing to pay the fee the schools asked. The amount of money Norfolk State and Elizabeth City were seeking has not been revealed, but the school's decision to withdraw from the popular game is yet another indication that black colleges no longer are willing to give away their services. We've seen that in the past with top black colleges such as Florida A&M demanding more in rights fees from Black Entertainment Television, and now other schools are getting tougher.

Quick quiz: Of the men who founded the CIAA Tournament, only one is still living. Who is he? Give up? The answer is John McLendon and North Carolina Central is renaming its gymnasium in his honor....Former Florida A&M coach Ajac Triplett, who disappeared from the black college basketball scene after being fired by Florida A&M and

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Improved RPD Leads On With Powerful Plays

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Mike Poole smashed a ground-rule double to center field to give his team a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

These three runs proved to be a bad omen for Kabala Temple as RPD came back to beat them by three runs.

Second baseman Wilbert Howard got things started for RPD by beating out a slow ground ball before being driven in by Jermain Jones.

Jones remained in the spotlight as he attempted to steal home on a wild pitch by Poole. Kabala Temple catcher Von Everett made a valiant attempt to stop Jones but failed as the speedster was able to wisely sneak his hand across the plate.

Being down by only one run, K.T. still could not get it together in the top of the second inning—leaving the score 4-3 in favor of RPD.

Seeing that their offense was not clicking, K.T. looked for defense and found it in first baseman Ron Everett

who displayed his athleticism by making a remarkable, jumping catch to rob Rand Wilson of a sure single.

The momentum soon shifted as RPD's Wilbert Howard came up with another big hit to drive in Trey Watson, and to give his team a 6-3 lead.

Later in the game, Von Everett came up with another great defensive play as he caught a pop fly to double up James Cook. This, however, was not enough as RPD built an 8-4 lead.

RPD's Drae Harris came up with an RBI double to make the score 9-4 before K.T. catcher Von Everett decided enough was enough.

Jermain Jones, who stole home on Everett earlier in the game, decided to gamble and do it again. This time Everett showed he, too, had quick feet as he raced to the plate to put the tag on Jones, who is probably the fastest man in the league.

Going into the last inning, Kabala Temple trailed by five runs. Could they somehow pull out a victory?

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