

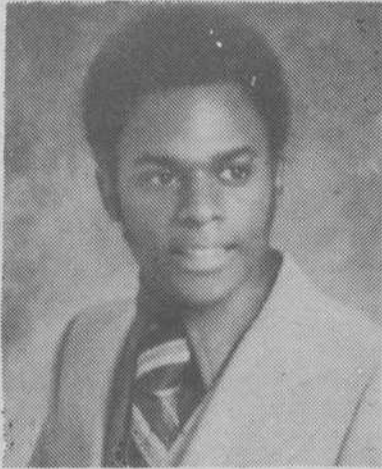
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KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

As the NBA playoff season nears its conclusion, it would appear that hoop fans can anticipate witnessing a rematch of last season's championship series.

Already in the semifinal matchups, both the defending world champion Los Angeles Lakers and the Philadelphia 76ers own commanding 3-1 leads in their respective conference finals and should wrap things up before the home crowds this week.

If a rematch of the 1982 Los Angeles-Philadelphia series were to materialize, it would certainly provide observers with some outstanding moments as the Lakers try to become the first team in 14-years to win back-to-back crowns while Dr. J and Moses Malone will be looking to capture their first NBA championship.

Should the current pattern of play continue, here is a thumb-nail sketch of the key players and reserves in a Los Angeles-Philadelphia series:

SIXERS:

Philadelphia Coach: Billy Cunningham: At just 43-years of age, Cunningham earlier in the season became the youngest coach ever to capture 300 career wins in the NBA.

Julius Erving (6-7): Has been awesome in the

10-Rounders Featured On Gordon Card

Three 10-round fights, one featuring world-ranked middleweight James "The Heat" Kinchen, are scheduled for the undercard of the nationally televised clash between World Boxing Council cruiserweight champion S.T. Gordon of Las Vegas and heavyweight Trevor Berbick Saturday, May 28, the Showboat Hotel. The card, promoted by Don King Productions in association with the Showboat, starts at 1 p.m. Doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion open at 12:30.

Tickets remain priced at \$15 for ringside reserved and \$10 for general admission

CRUISERWEIGHT CHAMP S.T. GORDON TAKES ON NO. 6 HEAVYWEIGHT BERBICK FOR DON KING ON MAY 28

Promoter Don King today announced the signing of Trevor Berbick, ranked sixth in the world among the heavyweights, and S.T. Gordon, the World Boxing Council Cruiserweight Champion, for 10 rounds, or less, on Saturday, May 28 at the Showboat Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

The bout, which will be televised nationally over ABC's Wide World of Sports, brings together the rugged heavyweight in Berbick, who went the limit with Larry Holmes, and defeated both Muham-

mad Ali and Greg Page, and knocked out John Tate, and in Gordon, probably the hardest hitter in the heavyweight division.

The 24-year-old Gordon, who lives in Las Vegas, has not been beaten since fall of 1978 and has won 12 fights in a row, 11 by knockout. A devastating right-hand puncher with a good left hook, he won the World Cruiserweight title stopping Carlos DeLeon in two rounds on June 27, 1982. In his only defense, he stopped Jesse Burnett in the eighth round of a fight in February of

1983. Gordon, who ventured among the heavier boys early in his career, feels that he has both the power and the maturity to try it again. He was disqualified after four rounds in a bout with Gerry Cooney. He has won 23 of 28 fights, with five setbacks and has knocked out 23.

Berbick, now living in Miami Beach, is 29 years old. When living in Halifax, N.S., he became the Canadian Heavyweight Champion. The Jamaican's had 25 fights with 21 wins, three losses and one draw and he has 17 knockouts.

playoffs, especially in the second half. Should give Kareem Abdul-Jabbar fits.*

Mark Iavaroni (6-8): A player in the image of Laker Kurt Rambis. Only responsibilities are setting picks and rebounding.*

Maurice Cheeks (6-3): The steady playmaker, operates the offense, keys the fast break, and can hit the open jump shot. Became a star in last year's playoffs and continues to improve with every outing.*

Andrew Toney (6-4): An explosive player that can go off at any time. Has been nursing a bruised left thigh throughout the playoffs.*

Bobby Jones (6-9): Usually the first Sixer off the bench and is a premiere member of the NBA All-Defensive team.

Clint Richardson (6-4): Provides steady performances off the bench at both guard spots, and was the hero of game No. 1 in the 76er-Buck series with the final points of the overtime period with a slam dunk.

Clemon Johnson (6-10): A late season acquisition who enables Cunningham to go to his bench for relief at both the forward and center positions.

* - Indicates the starters.

LAKERS:

Los Angeles Coach: Pat Riley: One of the better dress coaches in the NBA, Riley took over the duties of head coach at midseason and went on to guide the Lakers to a championship.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (7-2): Know as only the "Captain" in Los Angeles, Jabbar has been playing inspired basketball throughout the playoffs. Will have to dominate the game if the Lakers intend to repeat as champions.*

Ervin "Magic" Johnson (6-9): In just four years in the NBA, Johnson the leagues' only 6-9 guard, has established himself as the man that can do any and everything with a basketball. Main responsibility is the operation of the Laker offense, and is the originator of the "Triple-Double" (Double figure production in points, rebounds, and assists).*

Norm Nixon (6-1): The best one-on-one player the Lakers have. Has been having an excellent playoff season, and can play point guard as well as creating the open jump shot for himself with lighting speed.*

Jamaal Wilkes (6-6): Runs without the ball as well as anyone else in the league, while owning a very

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IRS Refunds From 1981

IRS may owe money. If you were expecting a refund for 1981 or prior years on your individual income tax return, and have not yet received it, it may be because it was returned.

In Nevada 390 refund checks totaling \$127,156.19 have been returned to IRS by the Postal Service as undeliverable. Each year refund checks are returned because taxpayers move without notifying IRS.

"When a refund is returned, the IRS attempts to find the taxpayer and deliver the checks, but there are always some the agency cannot locate," said Steve Altig, Chief of Taxpayer Service

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