

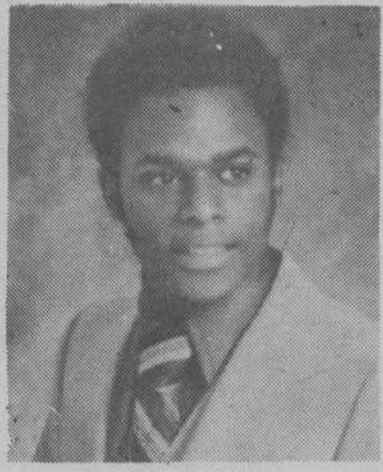
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## KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

The Lakers and the Celtics have great knowledge of one another and split the season series 1-1. Going into the NBA finale, the Celtics lack depth, but have size while playing outstanding defense. Los Angeles could gain the upper hand with the best fast break in the league, as well as owning an excellent bench in addition to both size and speed.

The Celtics usually win with their big guys up front as they pound the ball inside

to Robert Parish and Kevin McHale. Larry Bird can hurt you from anywhere, while Dennis Johnson and Danny Ainge have been sharp from the outside during the playoffs.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Both the Lakers and the Celtics have pride, talent, motivation and all of the ingredients to go all the way.

For the last seven years Los Angeles has ruled the playoffs and could do so again.

## Spinks Visits Child Haven

Boxer Michael Spinks took some time out of his busy training schedule to pay a visit to the youngsters at Child Haven last week. Spinks is in Las Vegas training for the "D-Day Dynamite" card scheduled for Thursday, June 6 in the Riviera's Superstar Center.

The fight will be held indoors and will also feature the Continental Americas

Welterweight Championship between Davey Hilton and Dennis Horne. Carlos DeLeon will take on Alfonso Ratliff in a WBC Cruiserweight Championship bout.

Doors will open at 3:30 with the main event (Spinks vs. "Diamond" Jim McDonald) scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50, \$100, \$150 and \$200.

For now, forget the adventures of Wayne Gretzky and the Edmonton Oilers, who are looking for a second straight National Hockey League Stanley Cup.

Also, on the surface it would appear that the San Diego Sockers and the Baltimore Blast pursuit of a Major Indoor Soccer League title would be anticlimatic with regards to the big "rematch."

Most appropriately, a large amount of the attention will be focused on the ensuing warfare between the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers in a return engagement of last year's National Basketball Association Championship series.

Though this is not a blood feud, yet the battle lines have been drawn as action got underway Monday with both clubs going to their strengths immediately, indicating that once again the seven-game series could go the distance.

Last season's encounter produced interesting results with critics still claiming the

best team didn't win, thus setting the stage for the renewal of professional basketball's fiercest rivalry.

Over the course of the regular season, both the Lakers and the Celtics proved to be the top squads, with Boston posting a league-best 63-19 record, while Los Angeles owned a 62-20 mark.

The last team to successfully defend its National Basketball Association crown was the Celtics, who in 1968 and 1969 defeated the Lakers in back-to-back championship series.


Los Angeles' road to the finale was relatively easy with the Lakers sweeping Phoenix before besting Portland and Denver. Meanwhile, Boston faced a stiffer schedule, having to overcome Detroit, Cleveland and Philadelphia.

Observers have tabbed the Lakers as the most talented team in the NBA; however, they also picked Boston as the squad that plays the best team basketball.

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**SPINKS**

Michael Undisputed Light Heavyweight Champion 26-0 (18 KO's)

vs


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Jim "Diamond Jim" 16-0 (17 KO's)



**JIM MacDONALD**

**WBC Cruiserweight Championship**




**DeLEON**

Carlos "Sugar" 38-2-1 (26 KO's)


vs

**RATLIFF**

Alfonso 19-2 (15 KO's)



**Welterweight Championship**




**HILTON, Jr.**

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vs

**HORNE**

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