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## It's Just A Two Team League

By William Ramirez

The NBA, what's that? Oh that basketball league where all those teams are just there so that they can call it a league. Those are those teams that just play so fans can watch something before the actual NBA meet.

The actual NBA, you know those teams. Those two teams that have now reached the finals a combined 11 times in eight years. Come on you know, the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers, remember?

The Lakers are *only* making their sixth appearance since 1980, while Boston makes their fifth appearance.

They've each won 3 titles, LA winning in 1980, '82 and '85 while Boston's titles came in 1981, '84 and '86. Since 1980 the finals have not been without one of the two teams. The two teams have only met three times, since 1980, (1984, '85 and now '87).

Even more statistics show the dominance of these two teams. In the past 20 years the Lakers and Celtics own 11 of the 20 championships.

Well on with the story. See, the Boston Celtics made the Eastern Conference playoffs interesting. In the first round they swept Chicago, but they (Chicago) played tough (yeh right), then they let Milwaukee and Detroit take them (Celtics) to Game 7 in both the second round and the Eastern Conf. Finals. All those Laker fans were gonna see Boston fall in the Conference playoffs, come on... .."What are ya nuts?" Of course the Lakers and Celtics have to meet in the finals, so Boston finally won both deciding games and it was on to the finals while the Bucks and the Pistons both received early vacations. Now see the Lakers decided to be the dominating team this year.

They crushed their opponents in the Western Conf. playoffs. First up, Denver, LA 3 games to nil (AVG. margin per victory-27.3); Next... Golden State, LA 4 games to 1 (AVG. margin per victory-15.2); What's next, ummm... Oh yeh, the Conference Finals. That's where the two best

teams of the conference are supposed to meet. Well something went wrong, see Los Angeles showed up but whoever the other team was they never came so instead they sent Seattle; Result, Los Angeles 4 games to 0 (AVG. margin per victory-11.2).

Well now that the Eastern & Western Conference clinics are over, the actual season gets underway. Tuesday night it began. With the Lakers winning the first game by 13, LA 126 Boston 113. The Lakers hit 55.6 percent of their shots for the game and 60.4 percent in the first half.

Magic Johnson and James Worthy led the Lakers with their fast tempo. Fastbreak was the name of the game Tuesday night. Worthy had 33 points, 10 assists and 9 rebounds and finished 16 for 23 from the field. Magic had 29 points, 8 rebounds and 13 assists without committing a turnover.

The Lakers, who had the best record during the regular season (65-17), have now won 12 of 13 in the playoffs. Los Angeles, now 77-18, have won 81.0 per-

cent of their games.

Boston will try to repeat as champions, the first time since 1968 and 1969 that has been accomplished. Oh the Celtics beat the Lakers in 1968 and 1969, just thought that should be mentioned.

Well these two dynasties will battle this evening at the Forum. Games 3 and 4 will be this Sunday and next Tuesday in Boston Garden. If necessary, Game 5 will also be in Boston, Games 6 and 7 would be back at the Forum in Inglewood.

Just think if these two teams combined to make one solid organization.

Red Auerbach and Jack Nicholson (the Lakers biggest fan) chatting during a game, K.C. Jones and Pat Riley making the game plan, Magic and Bird... ..in the same uniform. They can be called the "Bos Angeles Cakers" or the "Loston Lettics" or how about... .. THE NBA!!!

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## City of Las Vegas Swimming Pools Announce Opening

The City of Las Vegas announced that Hadland Pool at 28th and Stewart and Baker Pool at 1100 E. St. Louis will be undergoing repairs this summer. Hadland Pool is expected to open on June 25 and Baker Pool will open around August 3.

To help you cool off during our hundred-degree heat, the City of Las Vegas will provide shuttle service to Municipal Pool for two hours of recreational swimming on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the Baker Pool and Hadland Pool vicinity swimmers. The bus will leave at 12:30 p.m. and return by 3:30 p.m.

Seating is limited on the bus, so come early to assure yourself of a seat on the bus. The swimming fee, including bus fare, is 50¢ for ages 17 and under and \$1.15 for adults.

The City's four other pools will open on June 6. These include: Brinley Pool, 2480 Maverick (by Brinley Junior High School); Cragin Pool, 900 Hinson (by Hyde Park Junior High School); Doolittle Pool, West Lake Mead and "J" Street; and Garside Pool, 300 S. Torrey Pines.

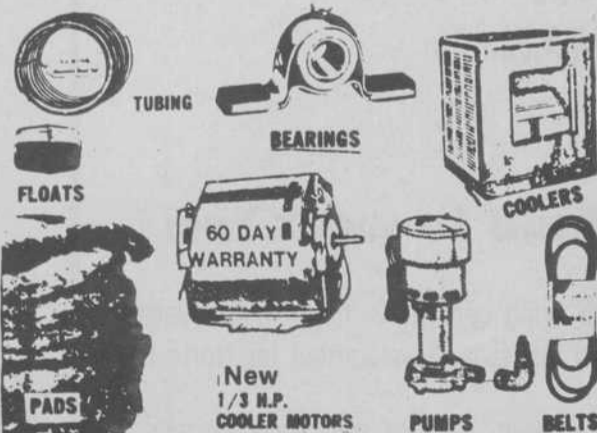
For more information about Summer Aquatic Programs, please call 386-6297.

## adidas Introduces Run-DMC Footwear and Apparel Collections

adidas will introduce a collection of footwear and apparel inspired by the popular rap music group Run-DMC. Recognized by PEOPLE Magazine as among

DMC (Daryl McDaniels), and Jam Master Jay (Jason Mizell) released their first album in 1983, a year after their graduation from high school. They have since been

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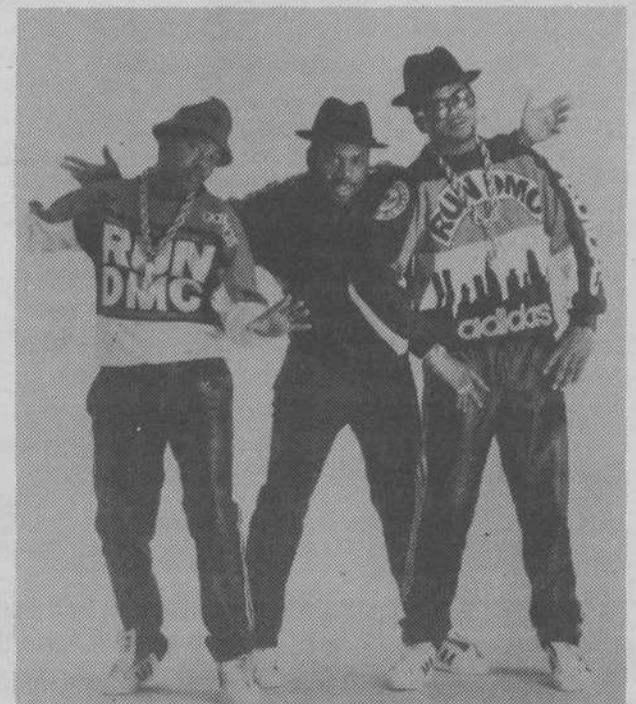
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the "25 Most Intriguing Faces of 1986," Run-DMC achieved international celebrity status with a double platinum album which included the hit single, "My adidas."

Born and raised in Hollis, Queens, New York, rappers Run (Joseph Simmons),

nominated for a Grammy Award and five American Music Awards. Their popularity has extended far beyond fans of rap music thanks, in part, to a critically acclaimed video, "Walk This Way." They will star in a soon to be released feature

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