

# BASKETBALL LEGEND LEADS TEAM ON SAUDI ARABIA EXHIBITION TOUR

Basketball legend, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, departed for Saudi Arabia to participate in a promotional tour sponsored by the Shamel Media Group of Saudi Arabia.

The trip includes a seven-game exhibition tour throughout the Saudi Arabian Kingdom May 22 to June 5, Attorney Emanuel Hudson announced Sunday morning.

The basketball legend will head up a squad, which includes two of his former Los Angeles Lakers teammates — Mike McGee and Larry Spriggs; to play against members of the Saudi Arabia Military, United States and Allied troops still stationed in the Persian Gulf and local All-Star teams.

These games will be televised throughout the Kingdom

of Saudi Arabia and have been scheduled to coincide with the National Basketball Association's championship series.

"We chose this time to provide the remaining troops in the Persian Gulf a 'taste of home'. I am sure they will appreciate the games," stated Attorney Emanuel Hudson, who represents the Shamel Media Group.

The tour marks the first time an international sporting event has been held in the kingdom where entertainment activities are limited.

He began negotiating the contract with Jabbar's attorneys in early 1990; however, the original scheduled agreement was shelved with the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War last August.

Hudson's 16-year relationship with the Saudi Arabians began in his college years. This agreement represents a new twist in his five year legal career that until now has consisted largely of negotiating business contracts between Americans and Middle East companies.

The Shamel Media Group, which is sponsoring the tour, is owned by a member of the Royal

family.

This is Abdul-Jabbar's seventh international trip as a goodwill Ambassador of Basketball since his retirement from the NBA's LA Lakers in 1989. The NBA's All-Time leading scorer has completed trips to Australia, Taiwan, Turkey, Germany, Italy, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Hudson said Jabbar is the "draw" that will make the tour successful because of his shared faith with the Saudi Arabians. "The Saudi's take pride in the fact that a Muslim is the best in his field."

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's tour teammates include: Ed Goojian, Administrative Assistant, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Larry Spriggs, Los Angeles Lakers, Overseas; Dion Brown, University of Washington; John Flowers, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Paul Mills, European League; Steve Bardo, Atlanta Hawks, CBA; Gerry Wright, Detroit Pistons, CBA; Corey Gaines, Denver Nuggets; Mike McGee, Los Angeles Lakers, Atlanta Hawks; Malek Abdul-Mansour; and David Yost.



**BO KNOWS SEX COUNSELOR!** Bo Jackson, the two-sports superstar, gets acquainted with Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the well-known television "sexpert," during a break in the recent filming of a scene for the "Pepsi Summer Chill Out" advertising campaign. Lifting the diminutive "Dr Ruth" on the beach at Santa Monica, Cal., Bo asked onlookers, "can I take her home?" Dr. Ruth, one of several celebrities to appear with Jackson on Pepsi's multimillion dollar TV advertising campaign, planted a kiss on the athlete's cheek before telling a reporter: "Psychologically speaking, the Pepsi Summer Chill Out gives us permission to let our hair down." A "non-stop, summerlong celebration" advertising campaign, the "chill out" aims to involve consumers through: a contest with more than \$74-million in prizes — including 150 convertible cars; a \$5. rebate on the video of the very popular movie, "Home Alone," and discount cards for 10-million teenagers and the introduction of a new, hand dance.

## ★ ★ ★ SPORTS BRIEFS ★ ★ ★

### HOCKEY:

The Pittsburgh Penguins won the famed NHL Stanley Cup by beating the Minnesota North Stars 8-0 and winning the best of seven series four games to two. Both teams had the reputation of being losers during the regular season, but went on to make it to the finals.

### SOFTBALL:

Arizona won the Women's College World Series by beating UCLA 5-1 and ending the Bruins 3-year domination of college softball.

NOTE: Arizona made it to the finals by beating UNLV Lady Rebels 1-0 in 13 innings.

### AUTO RACING:

Rick Mears won the Indy 500 for the fourth time at an average speed of 176 mph. He also won in 1979, 1984 and 1988.

NOTE: Willy T. Ribbs, the first black driver at Indy, was knocked out of the race with engine trouble after only six laps.

### BASEBALL:

American League Leaders:

EAST: Boston

WEST: Texas

National League Leaders:

EAST: Pittsburgh

WEST: L.A. Dodgers

NOTE: The Texas Rangers had won 14 in a row, the longest winning streak since 1988.

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