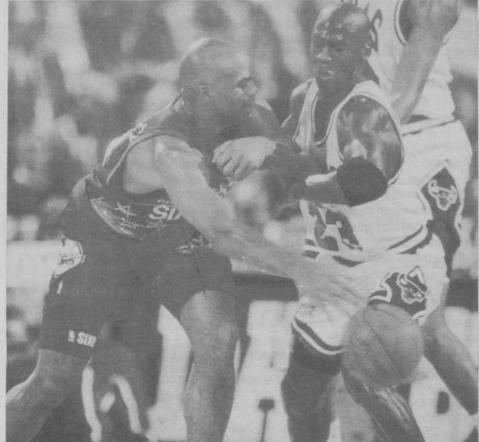


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## By W.G. Ramirez

Charles Barkley, arguably the most outspoken player in the NBA, once again made headlines thanks to more statements

he has made. Barkley ripped Philadelphia reporters for questioning his judgment.

"I'm a '90's nigger," stated Barkley.

"The Daily News, the Inquirer has been on my back. Everything I do is wrong. They want their black athletes to be Uncle Toms. I told you white boys you've never heard of a '90's nigger. We do what we want to do.

Earlier in the season Barkley stated that he thought the 76ers would keep a white player on the roster to placate the city's white fans.

Chicago Bulls star and Barkley's golfing buddy, Michael Jordan, said he told Charles "to think about what he's saying,

then comment. Don't just blurt be in the game to know. People (something) out."

Jordan said he understands Barkley's gripes about race "to an extent."

Considered two of the top players in the NBA, Jordan has two things that Sir Charles has yet to attain: a championship ring and a good reputation.

Jordan says he understands his friend and sticks by him.

"Everything he (Barkley) says has some truth to it. You have to

who don't know, think he's a spoiled brat. He's not."

At times, Barkley carries his aggressiveness to violent and expensive extremes.

Over the past two years, he has been fined \$80,000 by the NBA, including a league record \$52,000 for his involvement in the famed "Malice at the Palace" in April of 1990, when he and Detroit Pistons bad boy Bill Laimbeer duked it out.



BO JACKSON, IN HAPPIER DAYS, INJURED HIS HIP DURING THIS PLAYOFF GAME VS KANSAS CITY By W.G. Ramirez

Bo Jackson, the two-sport star that captured the hearts of all sports fans, has announced, this past Tuesday, that he planned to have hip replacement surgery.

Jackson, who became a national hero by starring as a running back and as an outfielder, hurt his hip playing football for the Los Angeles Raiders in a playoff game on January 13, 1991.

Bo said the medical options explained to him ranged from arthroscopic surgery to hip replacement and said he favored the most extreme measure.

"If there's going to be someone to come back and perform on the professional level after a hip replacement, it'll be me," stated Jackson, and also added, "I want to do it with the White Sox."

Although Jackson was 4-for-7 this spring, his limp was worse than at the end of last year, despite an off-season rehabilitation program with White Sox trainer Herm Schneider. The injury caused Jackson to all cartilage between the hip socket and femur, leaving a one-inch gap.

Jackson, who won the Heisman Trophy award at Auburn in 1985, said the injury changed his outlook on life.

"I got myself prepared for this," explains Jackson. "This injury has opened up my eyes a whole lot. I have to think about everything I have to do, getting in and out of my truck, going downstairs, going to the bathroom in the morning. It was the Lord's way of telling me that I was taking too much for granted. I've accepted that."

White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf said doctors have told him Jackson may play again, but said "the odds are long."