



SPORTS

1992 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

(This is the final piece of a five-part series. This week we take a chronological look into sports for 1992.)

JANUARY

2- Washington and Miami, who both finished the season 12-0, split the college football championship. Washington atop the CNN/USA Today coaches' poll, and the Hurricanes the AP poll.

10- Dennis Green becomes the NFL's second black head coach when he is hired by the Minnesota Vikings.

12- Troy (Alabama) State's basketball team sets an NCAA scoring record by beating DeVry Institute 258-141.

15- K.C. Jones, never below .500 years in his 10 year NBA coaching career, is fired by the Seattle SuperSonics.

23- The NBA announces that Magic Johnson has been voted to start the All-Star Game.

26- In Super Bowl XXVI, the Redskins rode roughshod over the Buffalo Bills 37-24.

FEBRUARY

9- Magic Johnson's game-high 25 points and nine assists earn him MVP honors in the NBA All-Star Game.

10- Mike Tyson is convicted of rape and deviate sexual behavior by a jury in Indianapolis.

27- Tiger Woods becomes the youngest golfer to play in a PGA Tour event in 35 years when he tees off at the Los Angeles Open at the age of 16 years, 2 months.

28- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar defeats Julius Erving 41-23 in a 20-minute one-on-one match.

MARCH

4- Then Commissioner Fay Vincent's realignment proposal to shift the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Cardinals to the N.L. West and the Atlanta Braves and Cincinnati Reds to the N.L. East is vetoed by the Cubs.

14- Arkansas wins its ninth consecutive NCAA men's indoor

track and field championship.

18- Evander Holyfield's brother, Willie, is slain by a shotgun blast to his chest. Michael Lucas, his brother-in-law is charged with the murder.

23- Oklahoma City wins its 54th straight game, 82-73 over Central Arkansas, and captures its second consecutive NAIA basketball championship.

28- Christian Laettner's shot at the buzzer sends Duke past Kentucky, 104-103, and on to the Final Four.

APRIL

1- UNLV Athletic Director Jim Weaver announces Rollie Massimino will take over as head coach of the Runnin' Rebels.

8- Former Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion Arthur Ashe reluctantly discloses that he has known since 1988 that he was HIV positive and that he now has AIDS.

15- Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is assigned to serve his prison sentence at the Indiana Youth Center.

MAY

1- Two NBA playoff series and three Dodgers-Expos games, in Los Angeles, are postponed because of civil unrest growing out of the acquittal of L.A. police in the beating of Rodney King.

3- Following a traffic dispute, Indianapolis Colts' defensive end Shane Curry is shot in the head and killed by a 15-year-old assailant.

3- Due to civil unrest in Los Angeles, the Portland Trailblazers and Los Angeles Lakers play Game 4 of their NBA Playoff Series in Las Vegas at the Thomas and Mack Center. The Trailblazers completed their series by beating L.A. 102-76.

4- Joseph A. Maffia, former chief financial officer of Don King Productions, charges in an affidavit filed in federal court in New York, that the boxing promoter funneled millions of dollars from Mike Tyson's earnings to members of his own family.

8- Mike Tyson is found guilty of threatening a guard and disorderly conduct at the Indiana Youth Center, setting back his earliest possible release date from March 25, 1995, to April 9, 1995.

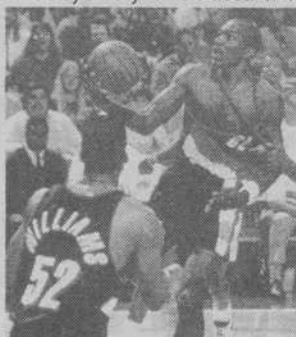
12- Charlotte Hornet Larry Johnson, the top pick in the 1991 NBA Draft, out of UNLV, is named Rookie of the Year.

17- The Orlando Magic win the NBA Lottery and the right to select Shaquille O'Neal in the June draft.

18- For the second consecutive year and the third time in his career, Chicago Bulls' star Michael Jordan is named the NBA's Most Valuable Player.



Arthur Ashe



Clyde Drexler

28- National League president Bill White, speaking at the Black Coaches Association convention, laments his inability to further minority hiring in baseball and says he is angry and bitter at having to deal with "racists and bigots" in baseball.



National League President Bill White

JUNE

19- In Las Vegas, then-heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, 29, wins a unanimous decision over 42-year-old former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes.

14- The Chicago Bulls won their second consecutive NBA title topping the Portland Trailblazers in the NBA Finals.



Larry Holmes



Clyde Drexler and Michael Jordan

23- Detroit Lion offensive lineman Eric Andolsek, 25, is killed by a runaway truck while working in the front yard of his home.

25- Philadelphia Eagles' All-Pro defensive tackle Jerome Brown, 27, and his 12-year-old nephew are killed when Brown's car collides at high speed with a power pole in Brooksville, FL.

27- Decathlete Dan O'Brien, one-half of Reebok's \$25 million Olympic ad campaign investment misses his three attempts in the pole vault and fails to make the U.S. Olympic Team.

JULY

5- Andre Agassi silenced all critics by finally winning the Wimbledon Singles final.

14- The American League sets an All-Star Game record with 19 hits while crushing the National League 13-6. Ken Griffey, Jr., is named MVP.



Dan O'Brien

AUGUST

18- Larry Bird retires from the NBA after spending 13 seasons with the Boston Celtics. During Bird's career, he earned three MVP awards and made 10 All-Star teams. Bird was also a member of The Dream Team that captured the Gold Medal in Barcelona.

31- The Oakland Athletics' Jose Canseco is called into the dugout, while waiting in the on deck circle, to be told that he has been traded to the Texas Rangers for pitchers Bobby Witt and Jeff Russell

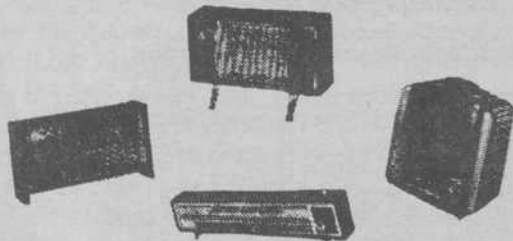
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