

BASKETBALL BLACK HISTORY'S MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN SPORTS

Bill Russell dominated play during the 1960's as a defensive and rebounding specialist. Russell led the Boston Celtics to 10 straight NBA championships.



Pistons

Three days after Cooper's debut, Nat (Sweetwater) Clifton played his first game with the

Oscar Robertson was another big player of the '60's, starring for the Cincinnati Royals and was labeled the game's first "big" guard.

There wasn't a single Black player in the NBA in its inaugural year, 1949-50, and it was not until November 1, 1950, that Charles "Chuch" Cooper made his debut with the Boston Celtics in a game against the Fort Wayne

New York Knicks

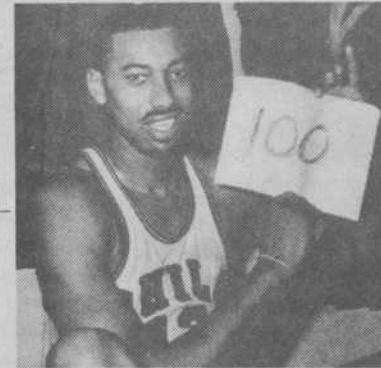
In 1957, Tennessee State U. defeated Southeast Oklahoma at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Tournament and became the first Black College to win a White-dominated national title.

In 1958, Xavier U. won the National Invitational Tournament.

Winston-Salem St. U. became the first Black college to win an NCAA basketball championship in 1968.

March 2, 1962 - Wilt Chamberlain, the 7'1" center for the

Philadelphia Warriors, scored a record-setting 100 points, which still stands strong today, in a 169-147 victory over the New York Knicks. That same season, Chamberlain set league records for average points per game (50.4) and most points in a regular season (4,029).



Texas-Western attracted national attention by capturing an NCAA title with an all-Black starting five.

With the founding of the American Basketball Association, new talent was found in the likes of Julius Erving, Moses Malone and Connie Hawkins.

Erving, soon-to-be-known as Dr. J, carried his talents over to the NBA after the ABA began to squander away. His unique dunks and dazzling spin moves

remain a big part of highlight films to this day.

The most exciting player of the new era was Lew Alcindor, the gifted center from UCLA who entered the NBA after signing on with the Milwaukee Bucks in 1969. Alcindor, who eventually changed his name to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, led the Bucks to their first title in 1971 and helped the Los Angeles Lakers capture five.



With the '90's cruising by, Michael Jordan, Clyde Drexler, Charles Barkley, and many other NBA superstars continue to make Basketball a memorable sport in Black History

Star buddies last summer in Barcelona creating the most devastating team in the history of the game.

As the '80's approached, a young kid from Michigan State came to the NBA, while bringing a 'magic' touch with him. Earvin Johnson,



joined the Lakers and led them MVP trophy. He joined his All-

to five NBA titles before retiring in 1991 after announcing he had contacted the AIDS virus. Magic returned for a brief stint in the All-Star Game, and ended up capturing the

SPORTS COMMENTARY

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I TRIED TO TELL YA

For two weeks I had to listen to a number of people preach and preach about the Buffalo Bills and Super Bowl XXVII.

1. They have Super Bowl experience.
2. They could never lose three in a row, they're hungry.
3. Dallas is too inexperienced.

Well its time for me to shine the ol' trumpet and toot the horn a bit - like it or not!!!

In last week's Super Bowl XXVII preview, I opened by telling you that the Doomsday effect would prevail in this game. I reminisced about the '78 Cowboys that completely devastated the Broncos by a swarm-ing defense.

I told you that Charles Haley and Co. would devastate the Bills' running game. I believe there was mention of the linebackers that would play a key role for Dallas. Lets not forget about how great Dallas was in short yardage situations, as explained. CASE IN POINT: 2nd quarter, play numbers 2-5 - Buffalo failed to score from the goal line on all four plays. That particular drive ended with Dallas intercepting the ball in the end zone which takes us to the next part of the preview and summation.

I told you that Buffalo's main key to winning was also their biggest problem - quarterback Jim Kelly.

Before Kelly was knocked out of the game with a knee injury, his ever-so-consistent ways plagued two Buffalo drives by tossing interceptions. His overconfidence tends to make him force his passes into the secondary, leaving the ball "up for grabs." Out went Kelly and in came backup Frank Reich... RESULT: Two more interceptions.

I did state specifically that "the turnover (would) effect Buffalo's collapse." Without a doubt, this is what buried the Bills last Sunday against the Cowboys. Dallas, who managed a +7 in the turnover/takeaway category in the regular season, forced nine Buffalo turnovers as opposed to giving up two fumbles to the Bills. (+7 for the game...hmmm).

Don't stop reading - I'm not through yet!!!

I did give Buffalo a bit of respect, in the defensive category. I mentioned that Bruce Smith would be a problem for Dallas, as would linebackers Shane Conlan, Darryl Talley and Cornelius Bennett. Smith, on

occasion, forced Emmitt Smith to the outside with fierce and aggressive play. The threesome behind the defensive line combined for 17 solo tackles and 6 unassisted tackles.

And finally, the coaches. Oh poor Marv. Coach Levy just didn't have the staff that Dallas' Head Coach Jimmy Johnson did. Former Dallas defensive coordinator, now head coach of the Chicago Bears, Dave Wannstedt, did a remarkable job with Doomsday '92-'93, and they proved this last Sunday.

So as for Willie Ramirez, Sr., Brandon Link, of the Sports Advisors pro football analyst show on Prime Ticket, Maurice, Bubba and anyone else that swore up-and-down I'd lose with Dallas - I Tried To Tell Ya!!!

★★★★ SIDELINES ★★★★★

•In last week's Best Bets, many people questioned my blowout prediction of Dallas 31 Buffalo 13. I just felt that Dallas would overpower the Bills and contain their offense extremely well. The score may not have been close, but there was a blowout!!!

•As the game fell more and more into Dallas' hands, the anticipation for all the new commercials grew stronger and stronger. If you didn't get a chance to see one of them, here is a "hypothetical" ranking of how the "crowd" liked the commercials, at the Super Bowl party I was at:

1. Reebok's debut commercial with Shaquille O' Neal - "It must be a rookie thing." ★★★★★
2. McDonald's new battle, for a Big Mac, with Larry Bird and Michael Jordan putting on a spectacular shootout - "Off the freeway, over the river..." ★★★★★
3. Michael Jordan and Bugs Bunny are at it again in another Nike commercial. This time the "Hare and Air" duo take on aliens. ★★★★★
4. Former NFL coaches Tom Landry and Mike Ditka are the newest pair that Lays Potato Chips have signed on for their "taste test." As before, when Bird had to shave his head for Kareem, Landry is ready to wager on a couple of chips and a lot of hair. ★★
5. Bud Bowl - As Budweiser captured its fifth straight title, the whole event lost its appeal. -★

BISHOP GORMAN TOPPLES CIMARRON-MEMORIAL

Bishop Gorman capitalized on a personal and technical foul charged to Cimarron-Memorial to carry their momentum and a eight-point lead into the locker room at halftime Tuesday afternoon in a Sunset Division clash at Gorman.

The Gaels opened up the third period applying a tough zone defense that stymied the shot selection of Cimarron. The Spartans were able to remain close thanks to their relentless defense. Unfortunately, Gorman found recovery by bombing from the outside, until being able to work the ball inside.

The Spartans couldn't chip away at the lead and the Gaels prevailed 53-46. Gorman upped their record to 6-2 in the division and 17-5 overall. Cimarron fell to 4-3 and 15-7.

In other contests: #1 ranked Cheyenne used a 16-0 spurt in the third quarter to erase a five-point deficit and defeat the Las Vegas Wildcats 71-57; The Rancho Rams seemed to be on their way to victory, as well as being the first team to defeat Eldorado in league play the whole season, when the 'Devils put together a big comeback in the last five minutes of the game.. After trailing 34-28 at the half, Eldog pulled off the victory 62-57; As the comebacks became

apparent all day long, Clark put together their own little rally, erasing a 13-point deficit to top rival school Bonanza 63-53. After falling behind early on, Clark went into the locker room for halftime down by two. The game see-sawed until the Chargers went on a 14-0 run in less the two minutes in the fourth quar-

ter; Basic's Mario Ramirez lifted the Basic Wolves into overtime with Chaparral, as he tipped-in his own miss with five seconds remaining. For the Cowboys, Jarmica Reese turned in a 26-point performance which included two free throws with six seconds left in overtime to push Chap past Basic 61-58.

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CURRENT STANDINGS

SUNRISE DIVISION		SUNSET DIVISION	
ELDORADO	8-0, 15-8	CHEYENNE	8-0, 22-2
CHAPARRAL	6-1, 9-11	GORMAN	6-2, 17-5
GREEN VALLEY	5-3, 9-10	CIMARRON	4-3, 15-7
RANCHO	3-5, 7-14	CLARK	4-4, 13-8
VALLEY	3-5, 4-17	BONANZA	3-5, 11-12
BASIC	2-6, 4-16	WESTERN	2-5, 13-9
VO-TECH	0-7, 3-16	LAS VEGAS	0-8, 4-18

TUESDAY'S RESULTS	FRIDAY'S GAMES
CLARK 63 BONANZA 53	CLARK AT WESTERN
CHEYENNE 71 LAS VEG. 57	CHEYENNE AT COMARRON
CHAPARRAL 61 BASIC 58	LAS VEGAS AT BONANZA
GR. VALLEY 67 VALLEY 56	CHAPARRAL AT RANCHO
ELDORADO 62 RANCHO 57	GR. VALLEY AT ELDORADO
GORMAN 53 CIMARRON 46	VO-TECH AT VALLEY

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