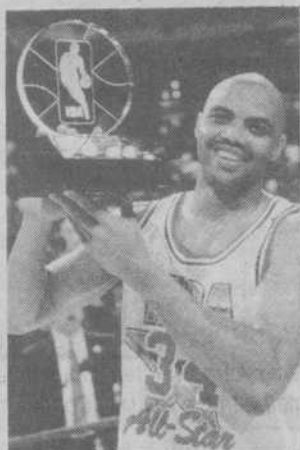




SPORTS

AND THE WINNER IS....

Most Valuable Player - Charles Barkley - Sir Charles wins the MVP this year hands down. For years he has said that he is looking for a team that is looking for the main ingredient for an NBA title. Barkley has come into Phoenix and helped put them on top of the league. Michael Jordan is on his way to a seventh straight scoring title and Hakeem Olajuwon has put life back into the Houston Rockets, but Sir Charles is MVP.



Yes Charles, smile, you're the 1992-93 NBA MVP.

Rookie of the Year - Shaquille O'Neal - The Shaq has got to be one of the greatest rookies to have an instant impact on the league, the way that he has. O'Neal immediately turned the Orlando Magic into playoff contenders, and potentially a future force in the Eastern

Conference. O'Neal will eventually go down as one of the greatest centers of all-time.

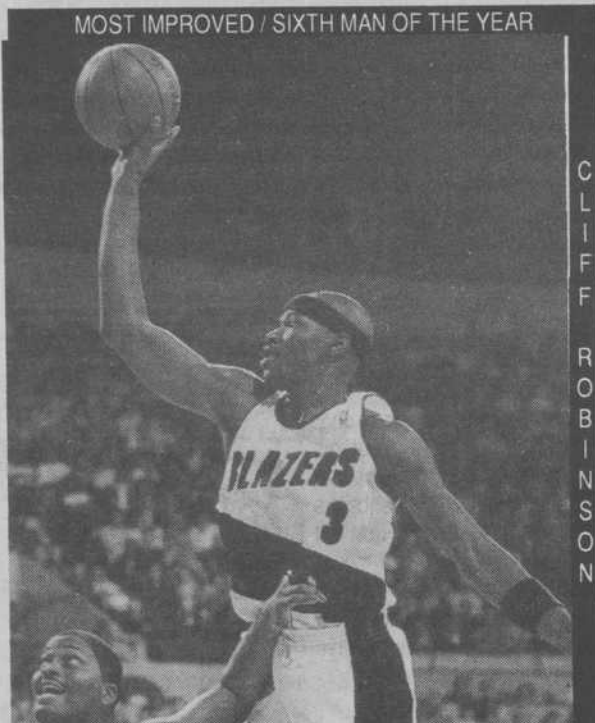
Coach of the Year -

Pat Riley - You can talk about George Karl in Seattle, or Rudy

Tomjanovich in Houston, and the terrific jobs they have done with their respective squads, but this award must go to Pat Riley. After last season's heart breaking loss to Chicago in the Eastern Conference playoffs, Riley has pushed the Knicks to #1 in the conference, and are on their way to home court advantage throughout the conference playoffs. No brides maids this season, New York will be in the finals.

Most Improved Player & Sixth Man of the Year -

Cliff Robinson - In a injury plagued/controversy filled season for Portland, Robinson has stepped up enormously for the Trailblazers. He was briefly placed in the starting lineup, but Portland benefited more with him



MOST IMPROVED / SIXTH MAN OF THE YEAR

CLIFF ROBINSON

coming off of the bench. His inspired play has kept the Trailblazers in tune with their family-like style of play.

Expansion Team Most Likely To Succeed - Charlotte

With the addition of Alonzo Mourning, the Hornets will prevail before any of the other recent expansion teams during playoff team. O'Neal is outstanding but Charlotte has much more. IN February, Larry Johnson in only his second season in the NBA, was an All-Star starter. Dell Curry, Kendall Gill, Johnny Newman and Mugsy Bogues add a splendid supporting cast to what will be and NBA force in three years, tops! Orlando falls in second; Miami, the first of the four to make the playoffs last year, is third; Minnesota is fourth.

SHOWBOAT HOTEL RACE AND SPORTS BOOK GRAND OPENING INCLUDES APPEARANCE BY FORMER DODGER CATCHER JOHNNY ROSEBORO

Former Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodger All-Star catcher Johnny Roseboro will sign free autographs and mingle with fans during the grand opening celebration of the Showboat's newly renovated Race & Sports Book,

Saturday, April 17. Roseboro will appear from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Showboat will also mark the grand opening of its "new" Race & Sports Book with hourly drawings for Dodger logo merchandise and memorabilia, from

12 noon to 8 p.m. Roseboro played 13 major league seasons, including 11 with the Dodgers. He was behind the plate in four World Series and was a four-time All-Star catcher.

Roseboro, however, is probably most remembered for being the center of one of baseball's biggest brawls. In August of 1965, Juan Marichal of the Giants hit Roseboro over the head with a bat. Marichal had claimed that Roseboro had ticked his ear with the ball (Marichal was at bat) while throwing it back to the pitcher.

Roseboro caught two of Sandy Koufax's no-hitters and ranks in the top 25 all-time in games caught.

Adequate with the bat, Roseboro, a lefty hit as high as .287 (See Showboat, Page 15)

Other Winners include:
 Defensive Player of the Year - Michael Jordan
 Most Improved Team(s) - Phoenix and Houston
 Biggest Disappointment - Golden State
 NBA's "Biggest Spoiled Brat" - Jimmy Jackson
 Strongest Turnaround - San Antonio with John Lucas

All-Pro
 Michael Jordan - Chicago Bulls
 John Stockton - Utah Jazz
 Hakeem Olajuwon - Houston Rockets
 Charles Barkley - Phoenix Suns
 Karl Malone - Utah Jazz

NCAA
 Player of the Year - Calbert Cheaney
 Freshman of the Year - Jason Kidd
 Coach of the Year - Rick Pitino
 Biggest Upsets of the Year - Long Beach State over Kansas & Cal over Duke
 Game of the Year - Kentucky v. Michigan (National Semi-Final)
 Most Dramatic Ending - TIMEOUT!!!
 Ooops, I'm fresh out of timeouts.
 Teams Most Likely To Succeed in '94 - Minnesota and North Carolina
 Monotonous Controversy With NCAA - of course, UNLV

All-America
 Calbert Cheaney - Indiana, Bobby Hurley - Duke, Chris Webber - Michigan, Anfernee Hardaway - Memphis State, Jamal Mashburn - Kentucky



All-American Chris Webber

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