

# SPORTS

## Western Conference

### SEATTLE JUMPS OUT TO 2-0 LEAD OVER HOUSTON

By W.G. Ramirez

First it was the much hyped meeting between Utah's Karl Malone and Seattle's Shawn Kemp; youth prevailed there. Now the Super-sonics must tangle with Hakeem Olajuwon and the Houston Rockets; Result: Sonics-2 Rockets-0.

Behind the rejuvenated play of veterans Ricky Pierce, Eddie Johnson, Michael Cage and Sam Perkins and the inspired play of Kemp and Gary Payton, Seattle heads to Houston for two grueling days, Saturday and Sunday. The two Western Conference semi-finalists will play back-to-back games this weekend before returning to Seattle, if necessary, for Game 5 on Tuesday.

Seattle won the season series, 3-1, with their only loss coming at home. When the two met in Houston, Seattle won 111-94 and 100-89. Olajuwon had his way on the boards in those games, snatching 17 and 14 rebounds.

The playoff experience in Perkins, will help Seattle tremendously this weekend in Houston. The mid-season acquisition from Los Angeles can use his experience from the Lakers' post-season success, to give Seattle an extra push.

Among all the active playoff teams, only two teams have at least six players with a double digit scoring average for the post-season - New York and Seattle.

Houston will need strong home performances from Olajuwon, rookie Robert Horry, and seasoned veterans Kenny Smith and Otis Thorpe to avoid being bumped off by Seattle.

In the other semi-final matchup, the Phoenix Suns avoided a first-round scare by slipping past Los Angeles in Game 5, in overtime. The Suns met San Antonio in Game 1 of the second round, Tuesday in Phoenix.

Behind guard Kevin Johnson, the NBA regular-season champs cruised to a 1-0 series lead, beating the Spurs 98-89. Johnson ignited the home crowd with impressive ballhandling and 25 points, leading Phoenix to their fourth straight playoff win, after losing their first two. Spurs All-Star David Robinson, overshadowed by Johnson's

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### CAVALIERS CAN'T SHAKE THE JORDAN MYSTIQUE

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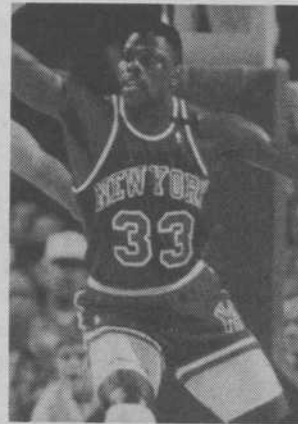
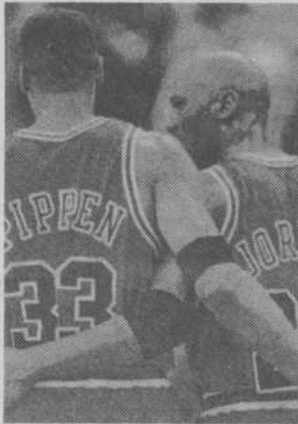
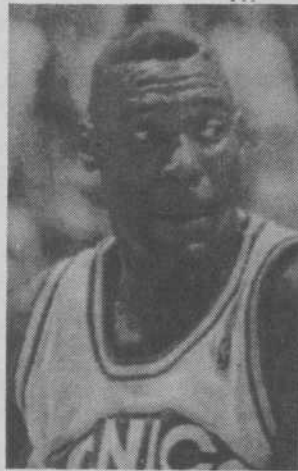
Chicago Bulls sensation Michael Jordan continued his playoff magic against the Cleveland Cavaliers, in Game 1 Monday night, hitting 43 points, as the Bulls cruised to a 91-84 victory. Jordan, who entered the series averaging 38.4 points in 16 career playoff games against the Cavaliers, unleashed 14 points in the first 7-1/2 minutes of the fourth quarter to help the Bulls open an 11-point lead.

Of the other 48 points scored by Chicago, B.J. Armstrong was the only other Bull to score in double figures, with 10 points. The Bulls' low scoring performance might be attributed to their five day layoff, since ousting Atlanta in the first round. Cleveland finished their five-game, first round series with New Jersey Sunday and may have felt a bit fatigued, especially jumping right into a series with the defending champion Chicago Bulls. Game 2 is scheduled for tonight at Chicago Stadium.

After two second-half comebacks in Games 1 & 2, the New York Knicks hold a 2-0 lead in their series with the Charlotte Hornets. In Game 1, the Knicks didn't kick into playoff mode until the 7:00 minute mark of the third quarter. New York out scored the Hornets 48-22 in the final 18:47 of the game.

All-Star forward Larry Johnson was sidelined by an ankle sprain early in the first quarter, after burying two shots in the opening :46 seconds. Rookie sensation Alonzo Mourning was limited to only six points in the second half after pouring in 21 in the first.

Last night, again Charlotte led throughout the contest, by 13 with six minutes left in the game, until New York poured it on. With under :20 seconds remaining in the contest, Hubert Davis came off of the bench to knot the game 94-94. Charlotte failed to respond as the game went into overtime. New York ran roughshod past the young bucks in OT, securing a 105-101 victory. Game 3 is scheduled for Friday in Charlotte

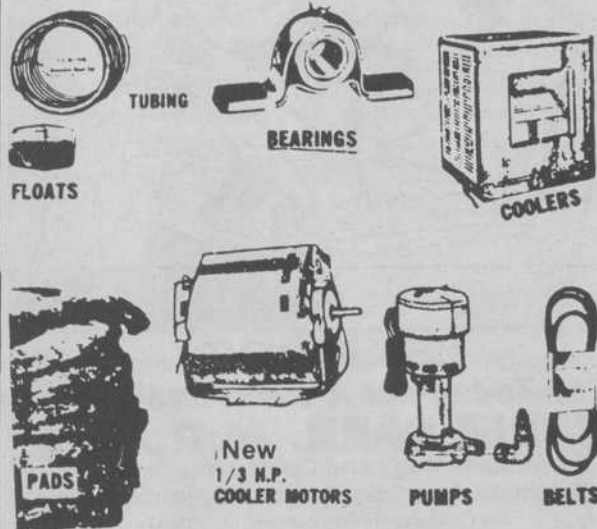


Clockwise (l. to r.) - Seattle's Shawn Kemp has helped lead the SuperSonics to a 2-0 lead over Houston in Round 2; Oliver Miller's outburst in Game 5, against L.A., pushed Phoenix into the second round; Patrick Ewing is hoping this will be the year for he and the Knicks; Chicago's dynamic duo, Scottie Pippen and Michael Jordan, will try to put it together tonight against Cleveland, en route to a third straight NBA title.

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