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SPORTS

**TWO DIFFERENT PLAYERS
TWO DIFFERENT ERAS
ONE COMMON DENOMINATOR
-SHEER PERFECTION-**

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Just breathe either one of their names and consider the fact that perfection just passed through your lips. In a matter of 20 years, two of the greatest players in History changed the style of professional basketball by taking the game to greater heights - literally.

Julius Erving and Michael Jordan reshaped the fundamentals of the NBA by creating a style of play that no other player could duplicate, sending electricity throughout sold out crowds around the league.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Julius Erving, was one of only seven players in NCAA history to average 20 points and 20 rebounds in his college career. Dr. J played 16 years in the ABA and NBA (1971-1987), averaging 22 points and 6.7 rebounds in 11 seasons with the Philadelphia 76ers. Prior to that, he averaged 28.7 points and 12.1 rebounds with the Virginia Squires and the New York Nets. He led the 76ers to the NBA title in 1983, defeating the Los Angeles Lakers in a four-game sweep, and led the Nets to ABA titles in 1974 and '76.

Erving, an all-league pick the majority of his career, is one of only three players to score more than 30,000 career points.

The Doc was easily one of the most delightful attractions ever to grace the NBA skies, and pre-Jordan, no one could fly higher than Erving, nor do more creative and imaginative things with the round-ball.

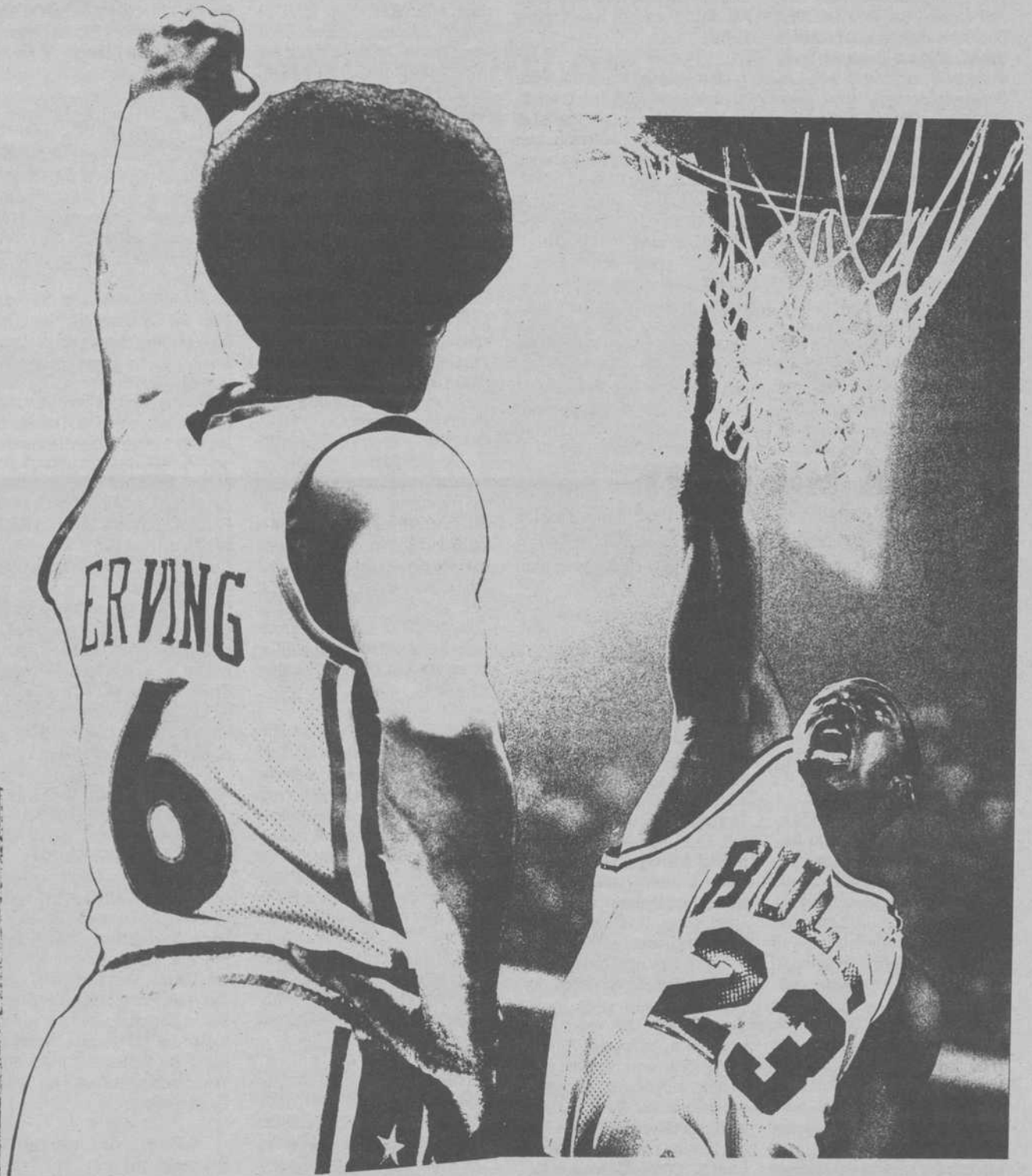
His genuine nature and eloquence on and off the court made him a true ambassador to the sport. Representation was always important to Erving, knowing that wherever he traveled, he was wearing a uniform that stood for something. He won the NBA's Citizenship award for the 1982-'83 season. Erving first started playing organized hoops with a team from the Salvation Army in Hempstead for coach Don Ryan, and remembers that it was there that he learned that respect was pertinent off the court.

"He (Ryan) emphasized that if we wanted to be on the team, we

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The Doc and Air

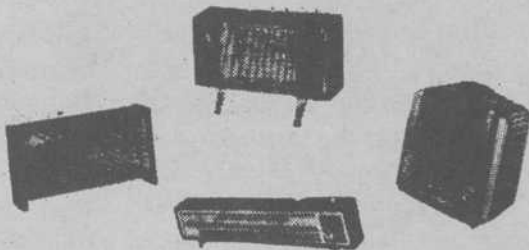


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