



Rockets win despite losing Sampson

HOUSTON (AP) — Blood mixed with basketball at the Houston Summit Thursday night, and the Houston Rockets survived the ejection of forward Ralph Sampson to stay alive in the National Basketball Association finals against the Boston Celtics.

Sampson was ejected less than three minutes into the second quarter for punching Boston guard Jerry Sichting.

The Rockets, facing a 3-1 deficit in the best-of-seven series, led by one point at the time of the fight. But they rode the emotional high of Sampson's loss and a brilliant performance by Akeem Olajuwon to a 111-96 victory that sent the Celtics back to Boston ahead, 3-2.

Games Six and Seven are sched-

NBA finals

uled for Boston Garden Sunday and Wednesday night, respectively. The Celtics have won 40 consecutive games at home and need only one victory to win their 16th NBA.

Sampson would not answer questions after the game, but issued the following statement: "It was an unfortunate incident. . . . It was an emotional game. I did what I had to do to protect myself."

Olajuwon had 32 points and 14 rebounds and tied an NBA finals record with eight blocked shots. Jim Petersen, Sampson's replacement, contributed 12 rebounds as the Rockets

outrebounded the Celtics, 56-37.

"The ejection gave us a definite lift," the 6-foot-11 Petersen said. "We thought it was unfair. It was pretty much an even game before Ralph got thrown out."

Mitchell Wiggins, again subbing for struggling starter Lewis Lloyd, scored 16 points and Rodney McCray added 15 for the Rockets. Kevin McHale scored 33 points and Larry Bird 17 for the Celtics.

Olajuwon's eight blocked shots tied the finals record set by Bill Walton in 1977 when he was with Portland.

The Rockets played with a vengeance after Sampson was ejected, outscoring the Celtics, 20-8, en route to a 58-47 halftime lead.

Sampson scored 10 points in the first quarter and added a dunk less than a minute into the second period, but a few minutes later, with 9:35 to go, he and 6-1 Sichting, 15 inches shorter than the 7-4 Sampson, started fighting away from the basket.

Sampson was the only player ejected, although several players from both sides, including Dennis Johnson and Walton of Boston and Olajuwon and Wiggins of the Rockets, got involved in the brawl.

Sampson, interviewed by CBS-TV during the telecast, said he sensed trouble early.

"I set a pick low on Sichting early in the game and they talked about getting somebody back," Sampson

said. "I came down, Walton grabbed me, Sichting hit me. I swung and hit him and everybody collapsed on everybody else."

Just before the brawl, Olajuwon made back-to-back baskets to give the Rockets their first lead since early in the game, 34-33. After Sampson was ejected, Johnson and Petersen almost got into another fight, and Robert Reid made a technical free throw to start the 20-8 streak that put Houston ahead, 54-41, with 2:44 left.

Halftime did not slow down the Rockets' momentum. Led by Olajuwon's nine points, Houston outscored Boston, 28-18, in the third period, the first time in the series that the Celtics had been outscored in that quarter.

BOSTON												
Bird	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	Pts					
McHale	43	6-13	4-4	7	4	3	17					
Parish	44	12-23	9-10	8	1	2	33					
Ainge	33	4-9	2-2	3	1	0	4					
Johnson	39	5-12	3-3	5	4	5	13					
Walton	28	2-8	2-2	6	0	5	6					
Sichting	16	2-4	0-1	2	3	1	4					
Kyle	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0					
Thurmond	3	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	1					
Vincent	3	2-5	0-0	2	0	1	4					
Corliss	3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0					
Team				11			56					
Totals	240	34-84	27-31	37	20	22	96					

HOUSTON												
McCravy	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	Pts					
Olajuwon	47	13-25	6-9	14	3	3	32					
Sampson	14	5-7	2-2	3	0	2	12					
Lloyd	18	1-4	0-0	3	3	2	2					
Reid	41	6-15	1-1	6	17	4	13					
Wiggins	22	8-16	0-0	7	1	2	16					
Petersen	33	3-12	0-0	12	1	5	6					
Leavell	9	3-5	0-0	1	4	1	7					
Walters	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0					
Ehlo	1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2					
McDowell	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0					
Team				8			56					
Totals	240	49-101	12-18	56	32	23	111					
Boston				28	18	31	96					
Houston				26	22	25	111					

Three-point goals — Bird, Leavell. Technicals — Sampson (ejected), Olajuwon, Johnson. Att. — 16,016.

Appeal denied, Qualls is out

By Perry Hibner

Sports reporter

Player reaction: Page 2

Edwina Qualls, coach of the University of Wisconsin women's basketball team for 10 years, was informed Thursday that her contract would not be renewed, ending 2½ months of speculation.

The UW Athletic Board's Personnel Committee, which last Friday heard a five-hour appeal by Qualls and her attorney, Daphne Webb, rejected that appeal. A letter informing Qualls of the decision was sent Wednesday.

Qualls, whose contract expired May 31, refused comment on the decision.

"I want to take some time and go over the decision with my attorney before commenting on this," Qualls said.

Athletic Board Chairman David Tarr, who announced the decision through a statement via the UW news service, did not provide any reasons for the committee's decision.

On April 30, the six-member Personnel Committee decided not to renew Qualls' one-year contract. On May 13, Qualls asked for an appeal of the decision.

According to UW personnel guidelines, an employee may appeal a decision when nonrenewal is considered to be arbitrary or capricious or for reasons prohibited by law.

The UW has 16 areas in which it evaluates its women's basketball coach, said Paula Bonner, assistant athletic director and Qualls' immediate superior.

Both Bonner and Associate Athletic Director Kit Saunders declined to say what the specific reasons were for Qualls' negative evaluation, which went to the Personnel Committee April 30.

Some areas Bonner looks at are relationship with players; academic standing of team; coach's relationship with athletic department; coach's relationship with high school coaches; and image. Won-loss record

is also important, Saunders said.

"It's an indicator that maybe something is going wrong," she said. "I've never seen a case where it isn't important."

The Badgers finished 4-24 overall this season and in last place in the Big Ten Conference with a 1-17 record.

A big reason for the delay, Bonner and Saunders said, was an ongoing attempt to reach an agreement with Qualls and Webb. UW attorney Michael Liethen estimated that two months were spent talking about possible agreements.

"There were efforts to reach a resolution, but they were unsuccessful," Liethen said. He refused to confirm or deny whether financial settlements were discussed.

Saunders said she thought a monetary settlement was brought up during negotiations. But Saunders added she was surprised Qualls didn't resign before the April 30 Personnel Committee meeting.

"There were several times when (resignation) looked like a very good possibility," Saunders said. "We wanted to give Edwina the opportunity to resign with dignity. I thought it was going to happen. I think her attorney thought she was going to resign."

Saunders said she posted the basketball job Thursday afternoon and expected to have a coach by mid-July.

Last month, Qualls signed three recruits — Carol Kallstrom from Abbotsford and Toni and Tami Jameson, twins from St. Paul, Minn., — but Saunders has since put those signings on hold.

The decision to let the players keep their grant-in-aid status will be made jointly by the new coach and athletic department officials, Saunders said.



Edwina Qualls has been told she is finished coaching the UW women's basketball team.

—State Journal photo by Scott Seid

Runner jumps off bridge after leaving race

AP, State Journal staff

NCAA track and field

INDIANAPOLIS — North Carolina State distance runner Kathy Ormsby, who set the collegiate record in the women's 10,000 meters this year, was hospitalized Thursday with a serious spinal injury after jumping off a bridge.

The incident occurred Wednesday night after she dropped out of the 10,000 final during the National Collegiate Athletic Association Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the Indiana University Track Stadium.

"Apparently, she left the track stadium and people believed she had just continued to jog after dropping out at the 6,500-meter mark,"

said Lt. Doug Cox of the Indianapolis Division of the Indianapolis Division of the Indiana University Police Department. "She jogged toward the New York street bridge (about two blocks away) and then did jump off the 50-foot bridge."

"She was discovered by her coach, Rollie Geiger, and she did say to him at that time that she did jump off the bridge."

The race was won in record time by Stephanie Herbst of Wisconsin. Herbst took the lead with 1,500 meters left and finished in

32 minutes, 32.75 seconds, breaking Ormsby's mark of 32:36.2.

Ormsby, a pre-med major and a member of the dean's list at North Carolina State, was listed in serious condition in the intensive care unit at Wishard Memorial Hospital.

In the competition Thursday, Esmeralda Garcia of Florida State set a world best in the women's triple jump and Jolanda Jones of Houston won the women's heptathlon.

Garcia, a senior from Belo Horizonte, Brazil, leaped 44 feet, 10½ inches, during qualifying for Saturday's final, surpassing the previous best of 44-6½, set by Wendy Brown of the University of Southern California in this meet last year.

Jones, a sophomore, amassed a personal best of 5,826 points in winning the two-day heptathlon.

Earlier, Ken Flax of Oregon set a meet record in the hammer throw three times, with a best throw of 255-1 on the last of his three attempts.

Wisconsin distance runners Scott Jenkins and Scott Fry qualified for Saturday's 5,000-meter run.

UW sprinter Robert Hackett was disqualified in the 200-meter dash trials and failed to qualify in the 100. Pole vaulters Todd and Bo Verbeck failed to qualify in the pole vault. Sharon Dollins failed to qualify in the triple jump.

Brewers take advantage of Red Sox's blunders

By John Hughes

Sports reporter

MILWAUKEE — If the game had been played in Boston, the fans would still be booing the Red Sox today for the way they lost to the Milwaukee Brewers Thursday night.

There were a lot of Boston boos early in the game, but still the Red Sox were alive in the ninth inning . . . until Steve Lyons took a big gamble and lost.

Lyons, who now may never become more popular than Larry Bird in Boston, tried to steal third base with two outs, the Red Sox down by two runs and Wade Boggs — batting .400 at the time — at the plate.

Lyons was thrown out easily by Milwaukee catcher Rick Cerone and the Brewers trotted happily off the field at County Stadium with their 7-5 victory.

A livid Boston manager John McNamara was quick to point out that Lyons made his decision to run unilaterally. "That's twice he's done that," McNamara said. "That's one of the stupidest things I've ever seen. There's no reason for that. He will not be in center field tomorrow night (tonight)."

Lyons offered no excuses. "I don't know what I can say that can make it better," he said.

Earlier, the Red Sox had spotted the Brewers a big lead by giving them five unearned runs.

All that made a winner of Milwaukee starter Bill Wegman (1-5) for the first time this season.

Wegman gave up six hits and three runs before leaving with one out in the eighth inning. It's an understatement to say he benefitted from the Red Sox's final, fatal gaffe.

"That's something you don't try unless you're 100 percent sure you're going to make it," said Cerone, trying hard to be charitable. "It's a good play if you make it, but this time it got them beat."

The Brewers got five unearned runs in four innings off Boston's Jeff Sellers (0-1), who was making his first start of the season. They got four of them in the third inning, thanks to a hit batsman, an error, a wild pitch

and a three-run double by Dale Sveum, who extended his hitting streak to 14 games.

The Red Sox got their first run in the fourth inning on three straight singles and a sacrifice fly by Don Baylor.

That's all they got in the inning, however, and the Brewers came back in their half of the fourth to score another unearned run on two errors and a single by Mike Felder, who was playing his first game after missing a month because of a pulled hamstring muscle. To make room for Felder on the roster, the Brewers put Paul Molitor on the disabled list with a recurrence of his hamstring injury.

Boston got its second run in the sixth inning on a pair of singles, a wild

pitch and a ground out, and added another in the eighth on a walk, a single by Boggs and a sacrifice fly by Bill Buckner.

Rob Deer then hit a two-run homer in the eighth to give the Brewers a 7-3 lead.

Reliever Mark Clear struck out Baylor to start the ninth inning; then gave up back-to-back home runs to Rich Gedman and Dwight Evans. Lyons walked, pinch-hitter Tony Armas struck out and Marty Barrett walked to bring Boggs to the plate. Boggs had already hit safely three times in the game to raise his average to an even .400.

But he never got the chance to go above that, thanks to Steve Lyons.

BOSTON												
Barrett	2b	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so					
Boggs	3b	4	0	3	0	0	1	4	1	3	0	0
Buckner	1b	3	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Rice	cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Baylor	df	3	0	0	1	0	3	3	1	1	3	0
Gedman	c	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	2
Dw. Evans	rf	3	1	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Lyons	ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Guinness	ph	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stenhouse	ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Komer	ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armas	ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		31	5	8	5	0	15	29	7	6	6	0

MILWAUKEE												
Barrett	2b	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so					
Boggs	3b	4	0	3	0	0	1	4	1	3	0	0
Buckner	1b	3	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Rice	cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Baylor	df	3	0	0	1	0	3	3	1	1	3	0
Gedman	c	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	2
Dw. Evans	rf	3	1	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Lyons	ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Guinness	ph	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stenhouse	ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Komer	ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armas	ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		31	5	8	5	0	15	29	7	6	6	0

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston	6:13	5	5	0	5	4
Sellers L (0-1)	12-3	1	2	2	1	2
Leiter						
Milwaukee						
Wegman W (1-5)	7:13	6	3	3	2	3
Plesac	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Clear S (4)	1:13	2	2	2	2	2

HBP — by Sellers (Schroeder). WP — Sellers,
Wegman. T — 2:36. AH. — 8.706.