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Posted by Yndian - 2008/04/29 22:48

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## Re:On the bright side...

Posted by Delta534 - 2008/04/29 23:42

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## Re:On the bright side...

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/04/30 07:33

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Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/30 08:23

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## Re:On the bright side...

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/04/30 09:51

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Always overrated?? :ohmy: I guess you can have that oppinion. I would say that having the third most triple doubles on the NBA all time list behind only Oscar Robertson and Magic Johnson is evidence of a pretty good player. That stat alone might get him into the Hall of Fame.

[http://www.nba.com/features/kidd\\_tripledoubles.html](http://www.nba.com/features/kidd_tripledoubles.html)

Now I would agree that for the past few years he has been overrated. But always overrated? I think that is a stretch.

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## Re:On the bright side...

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/04/30 10:31

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Any game that Steve Javie officiates for the Jazz will be poorly called, so I kind of throw those ones out because its obviously a personal thing between him and Jerry Sloan. On the other hand, Bevetta, who blew several calls against the Jazz in the Finals 10 years ago, does seem to want to make amends and does show a little favoritism towards the team he stole a game or two from.

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After every game, I'm sure that I'll never again be surprised at the suckiness of the refs, but every game they seem intent on proving me wrong.

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**Re:On the bright side...**

Posted by walkair05 - 2008/04/30 11:23

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**Re:On the bright side...**

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/04/30 11:27

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The suns trade was one of the worst blunders I have ever seen in professional sports. Shawn Marion was the best player on their team in my opinion. Shaq is a has been and does not really care about winning another championship by his own effort.

I laughed at the Dallas and Phoenix trades but I am not laughing about the Lakers trade that will do the Jazz in next round.

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**Re:On the bright side...**

Posted by MajorCougar - 2008/04/30 11:40

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Posted by jaga97 - 2008/04/30 11:40

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**Re:On the bright side...**

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/04/30 12:04

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jaga97 wrote:

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No. Nor did they cause Steve Nash to throw a bounce pass to Diaw's ankle, nor did it cause Diaw to airmail the ball to the Spurs bench. Phoenix had every chance to win the game. I'm just pointing out that the officiating has become unbearable. It effects all teams about the same.

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**Re:On the bright side...**

Posted by LaytonCougar - 2008/04/30 12:16

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I was listening to one of the sports radio stations and the sports beat writer for the Jazz ( I can't remember his name for the life of me) said that Steve Javie asked to officiate the game. He basically went on and said because of that he thought the series would be returning to Salt Lake City. It is almost like the Jazz thought the same thing because they played horrendous. They got beat in every phase of the game.

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**Re:On the bright side...**

Posted by dlcoug - 2008/04/30 12:21

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I hate, hate, hate discussions about how bad referees are.

With that out of the way I can say that I completely agree that refs in the NBA have ruined every level of basketball there is simply because the way they alter the game in the little calls has altered every little kid who is trying to "be like Mike (or anybody else in the league)!!!

Case in point: a "shooting foul" is when someone is shooting and gets fouled, not gets fouled and then shoots! :huh: I can't stand those types of calls!

fhew. I at least feel a little better.

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**Re:On the bright side...**

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/04/30 13:00

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After getting completely frustrated last night as my favorite team (the Jazz) and my distant second favorite (the suns)...I really don't even know what to say about those games. All I know is that I decided that if I continue to let sports get me this upset I'm going to have a heart attack at thirty. And this was mild compared to what I go through during BYU football.

PS sorry if that came out of the blue, but I might need an intervention at some point.

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**Re:On the bright side...**

Posted by Yndian - 2008/04/30 14:29

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jaga97 wrote:

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As I implied at the start of the thread, the Suns completely gave away the whole series (in particular games 1 and 5). They had every reason to win, then managed to pull defeat from the jaws of victory by means of an incredible display of ineptitude and chokery.

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That being said, just because the refs didn't cost them the series, that doesn't mean they (the refs) weren't horrible.

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Posted by nuk13 - 2008/04/30 15:17

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Is this 2007? Oh wait, that was the Jazz vs. the Spurs in 07. I didn't dislike them but got the impression in 07 that somebody likes the Spurs a little better the other teams. I may be proven wrong if we have another Celtics/Lakers final.

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**Re:On the bright side...**

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/04/30 15:25

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Calling fouls is only one part of officiating (there's the inverse: not calling fouls that actually happen, there's out of bounds, jump balls, travels, etc.) Anyway, how many of those Spurs fouls were intentional? In any case, I said the refs were terrible. I didn't say they were only terrible against the Suns. And I thought I made it clear that they had very little to do with the outcome of the series.

I like how everyone says the Suns would have won with Shawn Marion (note: I am a HUGE Shawn Marion fan) while conveniently forgetting that they lost to the Spurs WITH Shawn Marion last year and in 2005. All the "Yeah, but"s in the world don't change that, just like they don't change what happened this year.

I think the Suns need to keep D'Antoni and the current team together one more year (i.e. for a whole season).

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**Re:On the bright side...**

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/04/30 16:48

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Posted by craigscarson - 2008/04/30 18:03

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Agreed, Mark Cuban is willing to take risks, but he doesn't know basketball. He overpaid Marquis Daniels after overachieving for half a season (finally dumped that salary on the Pacers), He let Steve Nash go , Paid a boatload for Erik Dampier (their Greg Ostertag), aside from inheriting Dirk; and Howard and Terry working out better than expected, he's done more harm than good with that team.

The problem is that they're not getting younger and Kidd is losing his value; while the Trailblazers, Lakers, are young and getting better every day.

I think he's probably a really good boss though, when you're winning. Their window might have closed, Dirk may never get a ring in big D.

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## Re:On the bright side...

Posted by PO\_POcoug - 2008/04/30 19:34

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Kidd was a member of the "Three J's" in Dallas along with Jim Jackson and Jamal Mashburn.

Kidd had issues with Jimmy Jackson 10 years ago or so in Dallas. Coaching and GM problems followed.

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There was a time when Kidd was easily the best guard in the NBA and incredibly underappreciated- it's just not now.

Imagine how Kobe must be feeling, the two trades he wanted (Kidd and then the Chicago Bulls fiasco) didn't go through (and may have sunk the Lakers too) and the one that fell in their laps to get Gasol has worked miraculously. I guess it's better to be lucky than good.

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**Re:On the bright side...**

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/04/30 20:49

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(Robert Horry silently nods in agreement)

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