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Posted by Mars - 2008/05/04 18:39

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## Re:And the Jazz Collapse Begins!!

Posted by Hengst - 2008/05/04 18:45

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I actually thought the Jazz played pretty well considering. I was only able to really watch the 4th quarter, but coming from 19 down on the road to make it a fairly close game is impressive. I think the Jazz will continue to get better, I think this is only the beginning for them. The fact that they've been winning games and been in games when they haven't been shooting well is a good sign.

What will ultimately haunt them and be their demise in the playoffs this year is their inconsistent defense throughout the year. If they can fix that for next year, they'll have a very good chance of making it to the finals.

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Posted by snoscythe - 2008/05/04 18:59

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Then look at the stat sheet, and despite shooting 8% worse from the field, 29% worse from 3, 9% worse from the stripe and attempting 16 fewer FTs, the Jazz still were in the game, and only lost by 11.

The Jazz had a terrible, turnover/mistake ridden first half, and then they came out, tidied things up and played a solid second half. I expect the series to go the way of the second half, and I expect either a Jazz win in 6, or the Lakers in 7. I don't think LA wins in Salt Lake, but I do think the Jazz have a shot on Wednesday at taking one at Staples, especially if LA gives up 25 offensive rebounds again.

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Posted by bostoncoug - 2008/05/04 19:26

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Posted by cougs\_dawgs - 2008/05/04 20:00

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Posted by Mars - 2008/05/04 20:03

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And sorry about Seattle, I feel bad for you with that whole mess.

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Ok, I'll give you the spurs are probably better, but they sure didn't look like the best team in the NBA last night, and the Celtics STRUGGLED against the HAWKS, I mean the FREAKING HAWKS, the worst team to make the playoffs in years!!!! They have been a shell of themselves since the playoffs started. I'll be SHOCKED if the C's make it to the finals.

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## Re:And the Jazz Collapse Begins!!

Posted by craigoscason - 2008/05/04 23:06

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Actually he only shot around 16 times. Had around 8 FG's!!!! He went to line so many times I lost count. Talk about BAD officiating; BOTH WAYS....

There was ZERO consistency in the calls tonight. You could body someone up down low but then if Kobe takes a shot and Has his leg kick someone in the nuts in the follow through, ITS A FOUL..... It almost looked as though the refs called a lot of fouls on the lakers in the third to make up for the HUGE differential in FT at half... MANY BAD CALLS..

The Jazz lost because of 2 big area's.

The biggest- FG %. The Jazz came back from the 19 points and then got it to 4 and went cold. Harpring missed like 3 in a row, Korver missed around 3 and D-will missed open looks.

The second is TO's. This area was how the Lakers got up by 19, Points off TO's were huge.

Ultimately I thought the Jazz played Very good Dfense, ESP. AK... They had 8 blocks for the game!!! Key word good Defense not Great.. Good enough to win the game... Game was lost on the offensive end of the floor.

Mars its kinda funny to here a NON PLAYOFF TEAM fan talk trash. The Jazz are a top 3 team in my book(top 2 according to Charles Barkley;) )

When the Jazz play their game they are the best... Look at games 1 and 2 at Houston... And mix that with road win at NO, Boston, LA, Denver, Phx. The home record is self explanatory...

I am going with the Jazz in 6 or Lakers in 7...

(yes I know the speeling is bad---It's late)

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I've never had any negative sentiments or disagreements with your posts before, but this one kinda set me off a bit. I'm not a huge Jazz fan, but I'm a Jazz fan and I'm tired of people saying they "choke" or they "collapse". Keep in mind, Salt Lake is among the smallest markets and will never draw the top-5 players such as Kobe, Labron, Garnette, O'neal, Duncan etc etc. Therefore, this teams has to make the most of what it has and what it gets. In the 97-98 Finals they simply lost to the greatest player of all time, who happened to be surrounded by a pretty good supporting cast...and they had to scratch and claw to win those titles. Last year the Jazz took a young team with a second-year pointguard and oft-injured power forward to the Western Conference Finals only to lose to the multi-championship winning Spurs and their multi-MVP awarding winning center Duncan. Not too shabby. As for yesterday's game, the Lakers had a few days to rest and practice, while the Jazz had less than 48 hours to get back on the plane and get settled in to play. Very little rest and almost no practice time...on the road. The Jazz may not win this series but it will go at least 6 games. Once the players get rested and get their legs back this team will surprise alot of people, including the Lakers. Keep in mind, this being a small market NBA team, how many years have the Jazz been to the playoffs or posted 50+ win seasons? Alot. Much more than most of the big market teams and that is impressive. I look forward to a very competitive series! Go Jazz!

ps- what is the big deal with Pau Gasol? I've watched him for the past few years and can't figure out why he's such a hot topic? He's good, but he's not great.

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Posted by cszjr - 2008/05/05 10:51

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Let me start off by saying I highly dislike the lakers.

But to lose to the Lakers is not a choke. They had a better season record. Additionally, I think the conventional wisdom is that the lakers will win the series. But the Jazz should win 2 or 3 games. So unless they are swept, I would not see a series loss as a choke.

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## Re:And the Jazz Collapse Begins!!

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/05/05 11:47

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The same goes for this year. The Jazz are the 4th or 5th youngest team in the league, and haven't figured out how to win on the road yet. To be thought of as one of the elite teams at this point of their development is astounding. Anybody who paid attention to the whole season would know that if the Jazz had even had a decent December, they would have won the west by 4 or 5 games. They lost like 9 or 10 games on the road during that month.

Sadly, the teams that the Jazz would have to beat to get to the finals (I'm assuming that the Spurs end up winning that series) are the two teams that they can't match up with because they really show how poor the Jazz play defense. The Jazz have been a poor defensive team for years (probably since Mark Eaton retired), and have gotten away with it against mediocre teams that don't run good offensive sets and slowing the ball down to keep scores low. The Lakers and the Spurs run very sound offenses and can hit outside shots. That equals doom for the Jazz.

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some great games in Salt Lake City. LA didn't have to put up with much resistance from the Nuggets, that won't be the case this round and if they aren't ready they'll lose.

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## Re:And the Jazz Collapse Begins!!

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/05/05 15:22

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The Jazz will be fine. They did not have home court in the houston series and won in only 6 games. They do not have home court against the Lakers and are not the favorites. They were not expected to win this game and yet they had a chance. If the Jazz play hard in every game they will win 2 to 4 games. There are alot of Laker fans and writers that are really worried after last nights game. An incredible 20 made free throws by Kobe was the difference in the game. I think the series will go 7 games with LA winning and making the NBA millions of extra cash with a BeanTown and Hollywood Finals.

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## Re:And the Jazz Collapse Begins!!

Posted by Hawkwing - 2008/05/05 17:02

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Wanted to throw out my support for the Jazz. I'm not a huge basketball fan, but as much of a fan as I am, it's for the Jazz. Anyone who doesn't see the positive in what the Jazz have done last year and this is being willfully blind, which of course anti-fans will always do.

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Posted by Mars - 2008/05/06 10:25

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And it doesn't look like the Spurs will make it past New Orleans.

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Posted by jeremygeorge - 2008/05/08 08:34

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Posted by harlinestillopen - 2008/05/08 11:02

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I'm not complaining about any of the foul calls last night against the Jazz, because they do suck at moving their feet to get in front of anybody, but the Jazz aren't getting the same calls on the other end. With as much banging defensively as the Lakers guards do on the perimeter, there is no way that they should have a foul to give with less than 10 seconds in any quarter.

Oh, and is anyone else sick of Doug Collins and the Lakers are so much quicker than the Jazz comments. Basically that is code for the Jazz have too many white guys. Williams, Kirelinko, and Brewer are as quick as almost anyone at their

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3) Here you've crossed the line, Mars. To say that we Jazz fans are second-rate is just flat out name-calling. Real mature. You do realize that there are probably more Jazz fans on this board, than for any other professional sport.

The Jazz are one of the FEW teams that make it consistently into the playoffs year after year. Jazz fans are loyal and avid about their only professional sport in the market. I'm not sure why you have a vendetta against either; I'd suggest you take your anti-Jazz stance somewhere else... :P

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Posted by Metallicat - 2008/05/10 07:36

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It's not just an Anti-jazz thing. Outside of BYU, he has this bitter hatred of all things in the state of Utah.

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Posted by bostoncoug - 2008/05/10 17:28

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Where on this board did anyone state they felt the Jazz were going to the finals? How are the Jazz collapsing, especially after a GREAT win over the Fakers in the ESA. They are way ahead of the curve in the rebuilding process, they made it to the conference finals last year in D-will's 2nd year. They are in the semi-finals this year playing a very good lakers team, with a 2nd year shooting guard, a 3rd year point guard, and a young power forward/center. This team may not play GREAT defense, but tell me during your Kings run, they weren't exactly known for their defense. Did you hate the kings then? This Jazz fan certainly does not expect the Jazz to win this series, but I do expect the Jazz to play better at home, and force a game 7. Is that being a second rate fan because I hope for the best for my team?

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## Re:And the Jazz Collapse Begins!!

Posted by Hengst - 2008/05/10 17:46

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I would say the lakers are 2nd rate as well. Pretty much every NBA team outside of San Antonio, Detroit, and Boston is right now, but I think the Jazz may be moving into that elite class and the Lakers appear to be as well (not to mention new orleans, i'm just not really a believer yet, we'll see though).

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## Re:And the Jazz Collapse Begins!!

Posted by domanater - 2008/05/11 10:32

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Kobe is the closest thing to MJ we've had since MJ. The guy wants to win more than anything and I think this is why LA will roll into the championship. Throw in a healthy Bynum next year, and LA will be scary good. Utah is a very very good team, but Kobe has enough help on this team now that it just doesn't matter. Never forget that this isn't Kobes first dance, he has rings.

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Posted by declocoug - 2008/05/11 22:55

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Maybe Plaisted could learn some lessons from this playing physical mentality. BY the way Mars, I've got some special pie just for you.

Jazz in 6. <http://www.cougarblue.com/images/fbfiles/images/crow1.jpg>

Edit: sorry the Kings have been so horrible lately. ;)

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## Re:And the Jazz Collapse Begins!!

Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/05/12 08:32

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## Re:The Jazz Collapse Continues!!!

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greatest defensive team - but they are decent to be one of the top 8 teams in the league right now.

1a) 3-point FG defense has historically been a problem for the Jazz. Their philosophy is if you are going to make a 3, fine. They would rather defend the paint than give up a lower percentage shot. More times than not, a team that lives by the 3 will DIE by the 3.

1b) While not being great at creating turnovers, the Jazz more than make up for this in Assist/Turnover Ratio: 2nd in the league. As for Blocks/Game, you are WAY off on this. The Jazz are 4th in the league @ 8.7/game.

Geesh, Mars, you sound like a Ute fan that bags on BYU's defense when they give up a lot of yards or are low on Tackles for loss, or something like that. The fact is, the Jazz (as young as they are) still were only THREE games off from being the Western Conference leader. (Those 2 Minnesota losses, the Knick & Heat losses really hurt).

2) Oh, the mighty Lakers and their 2.4 points more per game. Whoopee. The Jazz are still FIFTH in the league in scoring, 2nd in FG%, 2nd in Assists/Game, and 2nd in Assist/TO ratio. Pretty decent numbers, in anybody's book.

2a) If the Jazz were "playing scared" they would have wilted and lost game 4. Looks they played well enough to win and turn the this into a 3-game series. They're playing tough right now; not scared.

3) I'm not being stupid; your poor writing lead us to believe that you called the fans "2nd-rate". Look at where you placed "They" in your original quote and you'll see if follows the pronoun "fans". That's where you miscommunicated. As for the Jazz being so-called "2nd-rate", that's a head-scratcher. They're still playing in the playoffs, as opposed to 20+ other teams who have gone fishing.

3a) I never said the Jazz were a mediocre team; don't make up stuff, either.

3b) So far, I'm seeing a decent team play and holding their own - that's the truth.

4) Mars, you spun facts just to make the Jazz look poor (and your Lakers look all wonderful - "Oh, my, I think I'm going to faint..." ). The FACT is, the Jazz are still playing, and still playing tough. Regardless of the outcome of this series, I'm still proud of how well the Jazz have played this year AND in the playoffs. You don't need to come on this board to spout your anti-Jazz venom, just because you don't like them. If you want to do that, take THAT to Cougarboard.

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## Re:And the Jazz Collapse Begins!!

Posted by Mars - 2008/05/12 11:56

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Posted by MajorCougar - 2008/05/12 12:06

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And your point?

It's not necessarily the # of free throws by themselves, it's the consistency (or lack thereof) in how they are called. When you give your MVP "star treatment", then there is an issue. Kobe, by himself, has as nearly as many FTAs as the entire

Jazz roster... :P

As for the Jazz not winning in LA, that may be true; then again, they could. Can the Lakers win in Salt Lake in the post-season? Apparently not. (and may not). It applies both ways.

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## Re:And the Jazz Collapse Begins!!

Posted by sjcougfan - 2008/05/12 12:09

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Posted by Mars - 2008/05/12 12:18

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## Re:And the Lakers Collapse Begins!!

Posted by MrRoboto - 2008/05/12 12:40

I don't really have anything to say, I'm a Blazers fan. I just wanted to change the subject of the thread to something happy.

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Posted by mjo - 2008/05/12 13:13

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BTW, how many championship banners do the Kings have?

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