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## WORST GAME EVER

Posted by BYUROCKS - 2008/05/14 23:17

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the refs have give LA the game now to see if the jazz can win 5 on 8 (3 refs)

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## Re:WORST GAME EVER

Posted by decloucug - 2008/05/14 23:43

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I'm not one to complain about calls, but that was a little lopsided. Javie was one of the refs I noticed, so I can't say I didn't expect it. I would love to see the Jazz playoff record when Javie is refing. Probably way below the .500 that Sloan has posted.

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## Re:WORST GAME EVER

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/05/14 23:54

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I don't know about you guys, but I need a pick me up after this game.

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=Y3dgcDrL6tM>

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Posted by timmyboy - 2008/05/15 00:02

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Posted by detmer4prez - 2008/05/15 00:54

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Unfortunately, this is how the NBA has become. The home team gets more calls than in any other sport. I dislike the Jazz, but I hate the Lakers so I don't care much about the series. The good news for you Jazz fans is that next game the Jazz will get all the calls because the refs now are just a bunch of cowards.

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Posted by AlaskaCougarFan - 2008/05/15 01:18

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I agree, in part, with Alaska. I hate it when Phil Jack@\$\$ blames the officials every time he loses, that is a major sore spot with me. However, I have noticed in this series that you cannot even look at Kobe without being called for a foul. Hell, there were a couple times it appears that the refs blew the whistle after the shot was missed so he could get his points at the free throw line. I know the stars get all the benefit of the doubt, but this seems worse than the days of MJ.

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Posted by YBNORMAL - 2008/05/15 08:29

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What cost the jazz IMHO opinion were turnovers, missed layups, and blow opportunities. At one point we had three chances in a row to take the lead but Brewer traveled, AK missed a layup, and somebody missed a jumper.

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Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/05/15 09:06

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Posted by treck - 2008/05/15 09:10

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If the Jazz had someone besides D Will that looked like he WANTED the ball and knew what to do with it in the 4th quarter, we could have come away with a win. The visiting team will always complain about officiating...especially in the playoffs, but the refs don't cause our turnovers or tell AK47 he should be shooting 3 pointers in the final minutes of a tight

playoff game. That was a frustrating loss for sure but we are coming back home to the friendly confines of ESA to get some love back. I am stoked for game 6 but still nervous for game 7.

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What do you expect? BYU fans have been whining about officiating forever too and the fan base is pretty much the same on this site. It drives me crazy that BYU fans whine about it. It makes us look stupid.

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Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/05/15 10:06

Actually, in this series, I thought last nights game was the most evenly officiated. Both teams shot about the same amount of foul shots up until the Jazz were forced to foul to extend the game. Both teams got away with a lot around the basket. I was worried because Steve Javie was calling the game, until I remembered that Javie hates Jackson as much as he hates Sloan.

Of all the things I was complaining about, the only call that I think that may have cost the Jazz was Gasol's push in the back on Memo that put the Lakers up by 5, but Boozer got away with that during the game as well. The Jazz missed layups, had costly turnovers, and couldn't get rebounds when it really mattered. Missed layups cost more teams games than anything else.

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Jazz fans should be optimistic. They played a terrible game, yet they were right there at the end with a chance to win. Gone is the deer in headlights look that they had for the first 1 1/2 games. Jazz and Laker fans, get used to seeing these teams play in the playoffs for years to come. Both teams are young, talented, and will only get better as they continue to play together.

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Not another one of these types of comments. Even refs believe that they change the outcomes of the game. I was a ref for 5 years and I guarantee that I gave games to teams that didn't deserve to win by making bad calls. And I was always considered one of the best refs.

The game was not won or lost on one call last night. The game was lost on a foul count of 31-20. Even though the Jazz have outscored the Lakers significantly in the paint this series (a stat that correlates nearly 100% to the team that shoots the most foul shots). Even though the Jazz have dominated the Lakers in rebounding (another highly correlative stat to free throw shooting). The Lakers have shot 40 more foul shots than the Jazz so far this series - one of the worst disparities EVER in the playoffs. I can't find and don't remember the stat exactly, but I read somewhere that the Lakers are easily on their way at setting a new playoff and-one record. Just ask Kobe and Farmar about two of their and-ones in the 4th quarter where neither of them were physically touched. This series is WAY out of whack. Any time you get the commissioner talking about how excited he is for a Lakers-Celtics match-up, you have to wonder about the fairness of the NBA in this whole thing.

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Here's why you NEVER buy a car from that Stockton to Malone dealership..... They have a real hard time delivering the title..)

It's nice to see that some comments on here show that some Jazz fans can look at this thing objectively..... and than again....??:huh: most can't

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Posted by Slugger - 2008/05/15 11:26

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According to foxsports.com, number of free throw attempts in this series for games played in LA... Lakers-133 Jazz-66

Hmm...that's an awfully big disparity between free throws. Now I don't believe a game should be analyzed by how many free throws one team shoots because every play is a unique, separate moment. But this is a HUGE disparity. And when you watch the Lakers bumping and shoving all over the floor, then see all the free throws they are shooting, it can't help but get you a little warm and angry inside. :angry:

And I just have to pose the question...we all know "stars" get the benefit of the doubt in the NBA but why? Why should it matter if two people make the same amount of contact on a foul and only one of them is called for fouling? I know that's the way it is, but it is so ridiculously illogical that it frustrates me to no end.

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Posted by jaga97 - 2008/05/15 11:43

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If you want to complain about the officials give me the call and I will counter it with a bad call against the Lakers.

Brewer did not travel. I watched the replay 10 times in super slow motion on my 120" HD Sony Projector. Brewer caught the ball in the air landed on both feet and pump faked moving his right foot. The left foot was still clearly planted as a pivot foot and did not slide or leave the floor. The ref blew the call, but humans make mistakes.

The push on Okur was not a foul. Again, I watched the replay several times and Gasol did the same thing that Carlos Boozer does on every single rebound. Okur simply tried to make it look worse than it was. If Okur stays in the lane and fights Gasol for the rebound like a man, than the worst that can happen is Gasol goes to the free throw line. The best thing that can happen is the Jazz get the rebound. Falling out of bounds and complaining about the foul lead to the refrigerator door being closed on the Jazz.

Stop whinning like Pau Gasol and Phil Jackson and man up!

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That being said...no matter how bad the officiating was, they did not cost the Jazz this game. I put most of the blame on Boozer. What has happened to this guy in the playoffs? He usually makes up for his poor defense with scoring points and grabbing rebounds, but he's far below his averages. Now to go along with his horrendous defense, he's missing easy lay-ups, and his fade away jump shot that was money all season isn't dropping. I don't think that Jazz can win this series unless Boozer steps it up big in the next two (I hope 2 anyway) games.

We had plenty of opportunities to win this game, bad officiating or not, and just didn't make plays down the stretch.

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Oh, and for the record, in other arena's people just chant "utah sucks" and throw out lots of derogatory remarks about mormons (even though the jazz have nothing to do with the LDS church).

Also, I don't like the lakers because of their snooty fans, a point which you have so kindly proven.

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No one is asking you to feel sorry for the Jazz. I am just posting what I found! Isnt that the idea with an internet forum? I am more about posting thoughts and ideas and learning new information, then being a troll! You must be one of Malone's illegitimate children or something to be such a tool about it! Either that or you too get all hot and bothered watching Kobe play. :kiss:

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That Adande quote is a money quote. Cha-ching.

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Lets please not bring up the free throw disparity again to try to prove how uneven officiating is. These two teams are totally different. The Lakers are a finesse team and the Jazz are known as the most physical team in the league. The Jazz lead the league in fouls this year and it wasn't because they always get screwed, it is because they are very physical.

That is like being a Broncos fan and complaining about the number of holding calls. Sure they get called a lot but they probably get away with twice as many because their style of play. If you foul more you will get called for more fouls. The home team will always come away with a few bogus calls but don't worry Jazz fans, you get them at home too.

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## BEST GAME EVER

Posted by Mars - 2008/05/15 13:23

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FACT: The home team gets the calls.

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Posted by stjohnsmythe - 2008/05/15 13:34

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I read the board usually every day and rarely post but I couldn't leave this one alone. Everybody wants to talk about how many fouls the Jazz commit every game and how physical/dirty they are. Fine, I'll admit that they foul a bunch. Sure, Boozer gets away with a forearm in the back on rebounds every now and again and their lack of quickness gets them in trouble so they foul. Sure! However, everyone has seemed to have forgotten, or never knew for that matter, that the Jazz during the regular season were second only to, of all teams, the Thuggets in free-throw ATTEMPTS per game (28.0/game for the Jazz, 30.7/game for Denver). The Jazz foul a lot, I'll admit that as a Jazz fan, but they sure go to the line a ton too. That's been a problem I have seen the whole series, not the fouls themselves but the large disparity. YET... I cannot blame the game on the refs. I am about as big of a Jazz homer as I am a cougar homer but the Jazz had it right in front of them the entire game and just couldn't grab onto it and take it. You can't blame the ref for not capitalizing on 7 possessions after they got defensive stops where they could take the lead. The Jazz are the most underrated good team (a close second: Detroit) in the NBA and deserve a lot of credit for this year, overcoming the horrific December but that isn't enough for the Jazz this year, in my mind.

I think they win game 6 pretty handily and then game 7 is tight, who knows who comes out of it. I think the Jazz have as good a chance as any team to go in and steal one on the road, I am just not sure if game 7 vs. a cornered Lakers team is the best opportunity to do it.

GO JAZZ!!

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## Re:WORST GAME EVER

Posted by Mars - 2008/05/15 15:16

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Posted by COSMOlogist - 2008/05/15 15:35

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Sure, you can play better and not put yourself in a position to lose the game because a ref gets it wrong, but enough crap like this erases good play and effort.:angry:

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Nice job stjohnsmythe, for identifying that mars has been drinking from the dirty fount that is the Colin Cowherd show! The only part old Mars missed was about us Jazz fans wearing the tin foil helmets! Karma to you!

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Posted by snoscythe - 2008/05/15 16:09

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Oops, what happened to game 6, is it just a foregone conclusion that the Jazz will win?? Better ask the refs ;)

True, I think the Jazz will win at home though. I think the Utah crowd really gets into the Lakers heads. We'll see though. I'm not a jazz fan, just a laker hater :-).

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Posted by Hooks14 - 2008/05/15 17:06

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## Re:Worst Game Ever

Posted by Hooks14 - 2008/05/15 22:40

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I knew I was missing something;) ...Thanks for the help.

Really though, I can understand them taking a lot of FTs (we already established that the Jazz are physical), but what I don't understand is why the Jazz aren't shooting a lot of FTs as well. Being physical goes both ways, and I know that we don't have too many offensive fouls, so our physical play should be sending us to the line.

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Probably not. But, I am not one that thinks that just because a team shoots less free throws they are getting screwed. If a team fouls more they will usually get called for more fouls (especially on the road.) You could tell me that a team shot 100 free throws and the other team didn't shoot any. That wouldn't lead me to assume that one team was favored by the refs. I would think, wow, that team that fouled a lot must commit a ton of fouls.

Do I think it is fair that the home teams get the majority of the close calls?... No.

p.s. I don't really know why I even got involved in a Jazz-Lakers discussion when all I root for in the series are team plane crashes. (TIC, JK, knock on wood, Is that clear enough that I was just joking.)

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## Re:WORST GAME EVER

Posted by stgeorgefan - 2008/05/16 03:10

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Just to clarify some things with the non-jazz fans on the site. DID anyof you watch ESPN today... Pardon the interruption, both commentaters talked about the obvious home cooking the refs gave L.A. Rome is burring, SAME THING. NBA today, SAME THING. It was very obvious that the refs lost control of the game last night in the 4th quarter. I thought 3 quarters were reffed great. In the 4th the Jazz were in the penalty at 6:00. Most of the fouls coming on bad calls and ticky tack calls that were let go all game long. The Lakers were never in the penalty dispite Utah going to the basket amny times and getting contact.

A quote from PTI "The Jazz would go to the hole and get hit, no call then a laker goes to the hole and some wind hits him and their's a foul called"

No better point then Lamar Odoms Dunk late in the game when he went to the hole slammed it and got the and 1. Instant replat'y shows the Jazz players backing off, NO CONTACT. but the whitle is called. It's almost like a pre-meditated call. Kobe goes for the dunk misses it, 1 second later a foul is called. If the dunk is made is there a foul called???????

Kobe gets the MJ treatment, hands down, everyone in the NBA knows it.

Bottom Line: NBA is out for \$\$\$\$\$ 7 games = more \$\$\$\$\$, why do you think they went to a 7 game first round? Also Big market teams = MORE \$\$\$\$\$

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Detroit = Billups, Wallace

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Posted by detmer4prez - 2008/05/16 08:16

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## Re:WORST GAME EVER

Posted by Hawkwing - 2008/05/16 10:14

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All I know is that after watching this series, my wife, who was a Lakers fan has been disgusted at the preferential treatment the Lakers have been getting, particularly in the 4th quarter, and she's beginning to really resent them. yay!

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## Re:WORST GAME EVER

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/05/16 11:36

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"I once went to a fight and a hockey game broke out"... :dry: :blink:

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## Re:WORST GAME EVER

Posted by Mars - 2008/05/16 21:29

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Game 4 was the Lakers' to lose, and they did so by missing over half of their free throws (of which they shot 20 LESS than the Salt Lake City Jazz) and thus let it go to overtime.

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Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/05/19 09:11

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