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ABDUL-JABBAR Ready for Game Two.

Abdul-Jabbar back with a mission

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LOS ANGELES — Forty-six days and 21 games after the October night he lurches his back to the Los Angeles Lakers, Abdul-Jabbar returns to the Forum tonight.

Abdul-Jabbar, known around the NBA as Special K, is coming back with a special mission, but it's not to save the Lakers' season and his job.

When you're 32, it's a special mission. Abdul-Jabbar says, "So this is not that kind of mission for me."

The situation of the Lakers, now 6-12, is reminiscent of the Milwaukee Bucks when Abdul-Jabbar returned three years ago after breaking his hand punching a basket support in anger.

The Lakers seem to have more talent than that Milwaukee team, but assuming it will take 54 wins to make the playoffs, they must win 28 games in 17 games.

"That will take some doing, but it's probably a worthy bid to get back to the playoffs," he said.

"I'll be a guy who's not just sitting on the bench at the Forum, watching those games. I'll be in there."

During a practice at Loyola University Friday, Abdul-Jabbar was being watched by his coaches and teammates, as well as by television crews and reporters in numbers perhaps out of proportion to his interest in pro basketball in line of his specialty in the area since game bound in-place at Portland in the Pacific Division.

But that's how much Abdul-Jabbar means to a Lakers team that was not only losing but looked dead without him. It's not just size of his last season and already has five drafts at home compact to four all last season, when the club set an NBA record for home wins with a 24 record.

No such winning season: Rainbows fall to Arizona

By DEK FERNBACK
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The University of Hawaii football team's October bid for a winning season fell a few faltering steps short last night as a red-shirted University of Arizona team used crew power in the second half to sidetrack the Rainbows, 12-0.

The game, scheduled to begin on more than two or three games going into the 1977 campaign, was finished 56 to 24 at the University of Hawaii Stadium.

A withering drive covering 41 yards just into the fourth quarter supplied the coup de grace. David Nelson taking a pitch right for the zone with 10:33 remaining in the game.

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Periodic penalties had stymied the UH offense early—peppy line that the Rainbows had managed to sidestep 20 yards—until they took them from making any threats at the close.

"We would have liked it we wouldn't have looked them up," Mason said, recounting that he had kept his team inside the huddle for the rest and a had prior to kickoff.

"It's a helluva way to go out. But I'll tell you, the center brought it off the m. I was not at the huddle, but that's only because we were going to lose."

Stymied offensively themselves through the game, the Rainbows were not happy to be back on the sidelines with a bruised back, the players got a couple of spine-jarring drives together.

Mining game losses with extra shots up the middle, the Rainbows rolled up 22 yards, including most of it in the second half on the opening drive.

Derrick Anderson led the way with 12 yards in a return, Robert Green added 11 in 13 and reserve quarterback Jim Vulcans



University of Hawaii safety Kevin Jardine has Arizona quarterback Marc Lanford by the ankle in last night's Rainbow football finale at Aloha Stadium. The visiting Wildcats spotted the Rainbows' hopes for a winning season by handing them a 12-0 defeat.

Krohn came on for 12 yards himself plus the kind of leadership that means more than that.

"I've lost the game in the weight room," he said. "They were a big strong and physical group. We just couldn't break them consistently. It was a matter of superior strength."

"We were dead right, unable to block the running plays, the flow had to be satisfied with a tremendous passing performance by quarterback Jeff Dyva. Despite the ready presence of a marching offense, he completed 11 of 24 passes for 216 yards. But it just wasn't enough.

Defensively, UH did manage to almost completely neutralize the Arizona passing game at least.

"They showed us on the option, but their pass defense was very good," says the coach. "And that's what we had to do. We had to be ready to take them on the run."

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Scoring drives

The Arizona drive that proved decisive was a 12-play, 68-yard effort that culminated in a touchdown by Jeff Dyva. The drive began with a punt by the Rainbows, and the Wildcats took over with a punting average of 45 yards.

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Vulcans win title

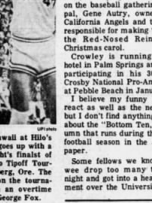
NEWBERG, Ore. (UPI) — Bill Oranzer scored five points of his 21-point performance in the final 12 minutes of the game as the Vulcans won the 1977 championship of the 13th annual NIAA District II Torso Basketball Tournament.

Three place in the tournament was won by a team which defeated Lewis & Clark College of Oregon 62-58. Portland took fourth place with a tie with Willamette and Northwest Nazarene.

The Great Fox Bruins led 22-24 at the half, but the Vulcans had a short time to lead late in the game. The lead was changed several times before the score was tied at 23-23 at the end of regulation time.

In the overtime period, the Vulcans, led by J. Chanul added 11 points in the final 12 minutes of the game to win the championship.

University of Hawaii at Hilo's Mark Lovelace went up with a shot in last night's final of the District Two Torso Basketball Tournament in Newberg, Ore. The Hilo Vulcans won the tournament title with overtime victory over Great Fox.



Baseball, arguments, etc.

The Baseball Hall of Fame exhibit at the Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel will be on display today for the final time between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. There is no admission charge.

After he had been hooded into the night, the survivors made up a list that included the 149 victory over California on Jan. 1, 1953, the 4-0 surprise of the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

Crowley is running Aultry's hotel in Palm Springs and will be participating in his 50th birthday party at Pebble Beach in January.

I believe my funny bone can react as well as the rest of you, but I don't find anything comical about the "Bottom Two," the column that runs during the college football season in the afternoon.

Some fellows we know had we drop too many of their night and got into a heated argument over the University of Hawaii's biggest loss.

The A's predicament

That's an interesting story from Oakland about a black group, including some top executives, endeavoring to buy the A's from Charlie Finley. The baseball men expect the club to be transferred to another city.

I guess you can't lose to Stanford in the "Big Game," 2-3 and still keep your job at Berkeley.

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Winter convention: Baseball passing in review

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If you sit in the lobby of the Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel for an hour or two, most of the baseball world will pass in review.

legislation and attempt to solve the problems of the moment. They also came to enjoy the read and see of Waikiki, Honolulu.

intruder for the San Diego Padres. That's the way baseball is. Finley had just completed a lobby meeting with Peter Bavant, recently elevated to the presidency of the expansion Toronto Blue Jays, making him the youngest looking-up-and-the-youngest-learn-president of the major league.

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but his ball club is one of the top teams. Or, at least, it was a top topic yesterday.