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The King has left the Castle
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It wasn't supposed to end like this. Not to this city and not by this guy. The city of Cleveland and its sports fans had been through decades of heartbreak, but one of their own was going to make everything right. This time it was going to be different -- Cleveland was now home of the "King" and it felt even better because this was all home grown talent. LeBron James wasn't just a basketball player, he was Cleveland's prodigal son. The city and its fans had been behind him since he was a young teen, and had helped to mold him into the man he is today. Now that the city's favorite son has grown up and left town as a glory seeking man, just like any irresponsible parent, the city of Cleveland is in denial about the role they played in what their child has become. [Read More ...](#)

The Art of Hating Kobe Bryant
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As another NBA season is now behind us and Kobe Bryant has picked up his fifth title, his place in history is up for debate. Bryant who was once the clear cut poster boy for the post Jordan era of the NBA, is now the most polarizing figure in all of sports. Millions of people love the Lakers star, and millions of people hate him, but every basketball fan has an opinion on Kobe and are pretty passionate about it. It has gotten to the point where when someone asks whether or not you are a Kobe fan, it almost defines you as a person. It's like asking if you are a Democrat or a Republican. While trying to debate Bryant's place among NBA greats, I was amazed by how many Bryant haters there were. The number of haters was so great that I didn't even find it fair to throw them all into one group. So just to be fair, I broke the Kobe Bryant haters up into groups so they are easier to identify. [Read More ...](#)

The Missing Piece by MARK GREY

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Sometime within the next two weeks, the NBA title will find its way back to a familiar place. While it's the play of both the Lakers and the Celtics that has gotten them to June, it's the moves that both teams made last off-season that will determine what happens next. Although neither Rasheed Wallace nor Ron Artest were the highest priced players to switch teams last off-season, they have had the most impact.

Every off-season, dozens of former and future All-Stars switch teams as both players and clubs alike attempt to find the perfect fit. Whether it be signing a young free agent or trading for an established veteran, each move has a different purpose. [Read More ...](#)