

Kobe Bryant: A Tribute Newspaper



Date of Paper	Event Covered (LA Times)
28 June 1996	“Laker in waiting might be an NBA star in the making”
13 July 1996	“Teen idol – Lakers won’t treat Kobe Bryant like an ordinary rookie”
14 July 1996	“Bryant leaves quite an early impression” (Summer pro-League debut)
15 Oct 1996	“Kobe Bryant humbly begins his jump from preps to pros”
4 Nov 1996	“Bryant becomes youngest player in NBA history as they beat Timberwolves, 91-85”
9 Feb 1997	“At 18, Lakers’ Bryant steals the show by becoming youngest to win Slam-Dunk contest and scoring 31 points in Rookie All-Star game”
28 Jan 1999	“Kobe is getting a big deal; Laker agrees to a six-year, \$70m extension, the most a third-year player can get”
22 March 1999	“Kobe steps up, makes big deficit disappear; Bryant scores 33 in second half as Lakers rally from 24 points down to beat Magic, 115-104”
8 May 1999	“The Kobe paradox; When he’s good, he’s very, very good, but when he’s bad...”
16 May 1999	“Lakers can keep Spurs on; L.A. defeats Houston, 98-88, and advances to play San Antonio in second round”
11 Jan 2000	“Bryant takes Lakers higher; He airfully scores 27 of his 30 points in an L.A. season-high 72-point first half for 15 th win in row, 130-95”
28 April 2000	“Bryant scores 32 points and Laker defense shuts down Kings in 113-89 romp”
11 May 2000	“Kobe is go-two-up guy; Bryant makes the winning shot with 2.6 seconds left” (Lakers 97, Phoenix 96)
8 June 2000	NBA Finals Game 1; Lakers 104, Indiana 87
10 June 2000	NBA Finals Game 2; Lakers 111, Indiana 104
15 June 2000	NBA Finals Game 4; Lakers 120, Indiana 118 (OT)
20 June 2000	“First at Last; With Shaq and Kobe in the starring roles, Lakers win first championship in a dozen years” NBA Finals Game 6; Lakers 116, Indiana 111
12 May 2001	“Bryant scores 36 points as Lakers take a 3-0 series edge on Kings” (Lakers 103, Sacramento 81)
14 May 2001	“Bryant scores 48 points to send Lakers into Western Conference finals with series sweep” (Lakers 119, Sacramento 113)
20 May 2001	“Kobe is overtowering; Bryant scores a spectacular 45 as Lakers grab home-court edge from Spurs with 16 th victory in a row, 104-90”
26 May 2001	“Bryant (36) and O’Neal (35) combine to score only one point fewer than Spurs as Lakers take a commanding 3-0 edge” (Lakers 111, San Antonio 72)

1 June 2004	“L.A. pulls away to finish off the Timberwolves, 96-90, and reach the NBA Finals”
21 Dec 2005	“Kobe’s one-man show: 62; Bryant has a career-best, record-setting night in the Lakers’ 112-90 victory over the Mavericks”
23 Jan 2006	“81! Bryant’s record night is stunning but not shocking – he’s been working up to this”
15 April 2006	“L.A. gets 50 points from Bryant and manages to defeat Portland, 110-99, and move closer to playoff berth”
20 April 2006	“Lakers end the regular season strong with a 115-95 win over Hornets. Bryant earns his first scoring title with 35.4 average”
6 Feb 2007	“Bryant is at his game-changing, finger-wagging best in fourth quarter, helping Lakers beat Atlanta, 90-83”
17 March 2007	“Bryant cleans up with 65; It’s the second-highest total of his career, and he helps the Lakers end seven-game losing streak, 116-111 over the Portland Trail Blazers”
23 March 2007	“Kobe’s 60 good for history, win; He becomes fourth player to score 50 or more points in three consecutive games, in a 121-119 victory over the Grizzlies”
24 March 2007	“Kobe still has 50 sense; Bryant becomes the second NBA player to score at least 50 points in four consecutive games, as Lakers beat Hornets, 111-105”
24 April 2008	“49er Kobe good as gold; Bryant just misses playoff high as he starts fast, then dominates the Nuggets down the stretch, and Lakers take a 2-0 lead”
7 May 2008	“His day is letter-perfect; As coaches and teammates watch, Bryant accepts his first MVP award”
9 May 2008	“Mere mortals in L.A. love their stars, but hero worship lavished on Bryant transcends all”
17 May 2008	“Lakers’ great escape; Utah misses its shots in the final seconds and L.A. reaches conference finals”
22 May 2008	“Kobe’s rallying points; Bryant scores 25 of his 27 points in the second half, including the go-ahead basket, as Lakers overcome San Antonio, 89-85”
30 May 2008	“Kobe has Finals say; Bryant scores 39 points, 17 in fourth quarter, as Lakers rally to dethrone Spurs”
22 July 2008	“Kobe’s passion reignited; Lakers star is ready to win an Olympic gold medal”
25 Aug 2008	Beijing 2008 Olympic Final; United States 118, Spain 107
3 Feb 2009	“Bryant paints a Madison Square Garden masterpiece with an arena-record 61 points in Lakers’ 126-117 win”
24 May 2009	“Taking high ground; Bryant scores 41 in 103-97 Game 3 win over Denver”
30 May 2009	Lakers win Western Conference Finals 4-2 against Denver
5 June 2009	NBA Finals Game 1; Lakers 100, Orlando Magic 75
8 June 2009	NBA Finals Game 2; Lakers 101, Orlando Magic 96
12 June 2009	NBA Finals Game 4; Lakers 99, Orlando Magic 91

9 June 2001	NBA Finals Game 2; Lakers 98, Philadelphia 89
11 June 2001	NBA Finals Game 3; Lakers 96, Philadelphia 91
16 June 2001	“To repeat: Lakers champs; Record postseason brings home second straight title” NBA Finals Game 5; Lakers 108, Philadelphia 96
15 Jan 2002	“Shaq’s out; Kobe’s way in; Bryant fills O’Neal void with 56 points in 120-81 rout of Memphis Grizzlies”
11 Feb 2002	NBA All-Star Game: “Kobe drives points home; He scores 31, wins MVP award in West’s 135-120 victory”
13 Feb 2002	“Kobe is wizard of awes; Bryant gets 15 assists, the most in his career, and third triple-double as Lakers rally to beat Washington, 103-94”
13 May 2002	“Bryant’s spectacular rebound and put-back caps frantic fourth-quarter rally that lifts L.A. to a two-point victory and 3-1 series lead over Spurs”
15 May 2002	“Matchup with Sacramento in the Conference finals is next after Bryant, Fox and Horry help finish off San Antonio, 93-87”
3 June 2002	“It takes overtime in Game 7 for Lakers to get past the Kings and into Finals again” (Lakers 112, Sacramento 106)
6 June 2002	NBA Finals Game 1; Lakers 99, New Jersey 94
8 June 2002	NBA Finals Game 2; Lakers 106, New Jersey 83
10 June 2002	NBA Finals Game 3; Lakers 106, New Jersey 103
15 June 2002	NBA Champions
8 Jan 2003	“Kobe’s game is 3-Dimensional; Bryant sets NBA record with 12 three-point baskets, including nine in a row, and scores 45 points in Lakers’ 119-98 victory over Seattle”
13 Feb 2003	“Kobe’s 51 make it best of seven; With season high in 113-102 victory over Nuggets, he continues his amazing run”
19 Feb 2003	“Kobe scores a nifty 52; Bryant makes it six consecutive games with more than 40 points as Lakers defeat the Rockets, 106-99”
29 Mar 2003	“Bryant strokes a half volley; Kobe steals spotlight with 55 points, a Laker-record 42 coming in first 24 minutes, and Lakers defeat Wizards, 108-94”
2 May 2003	“Lakers earn their Spurs; Bryant and O’Neal finally finish their workout against the Timberwolves in six games, setting up a series against San Antonio”
15 April 2004	“Bryant, Lakers on the rise; His three-pointer at buzzer gives L.A. a 105-104 win over Trail Blazers in double overtime, the division title and a first-round matchup with the Rockets”
29 April 2004	“Lakers enjoy close-out sail; Defending champion Spurs are up next after Bryant gets there on time and has one of his most complete games in a 97-78 rout of the Rockets”
12 May 2004	“Bryant’s just 2-2 much; He scores 42 points as L.A. rallies in the second half to even the series with the Spurs”
16 May 2004	“Lakers make it four in a row and eliminate defending champions. Bryant scores 26” (Lakers 88, San Antonio 76)

15 June 2009	“Lakers finish off Magic for 15th NBA title, their 10th in L.A.” NBA Finals Game 5; Lakers 99, Orlando Magic 86
4 June 2010	NBA Finals Game 1; Lakers 102, Boston Celtics 89
9 June 2010	NBA Finals Game 3; Lakers 91, Boston Celtics 84
16 June 2010	NBA Finals Game 6; Lakers 89, Boston Celtics 67
18 June 2010	“De-fense! Lakers rally for second consecutive title” NBA Finals Game 7; Lakers 83, Boston Celtics 79
20 June 2010	“Can you top this? Kobe Bryant’s five championships”
21 Feb 2011	“Mamba’s House; Bryant is star of stars Sunday, leading West with a vintage performance” (NBA All-Star game; West 148, East 143)
27 April 2011	“Bryant has a couple of game-changing dunks and sparks Lakers to 3-2 edge in series”
11 Jan 2012	“Bryant scores 48 against Suns, the most in the league this season, to lead his short-handed team, 99-83”
18 Feb 2012	“One-man bucket brigade; Bryant scores 36 to push Lakers past Suns, 111-99”
1 March 2012	“Bryant puts on brave face in 104-85 rout of Minnesota; Lakers star doesn’t seem to be bothered wearing a mask, scoring 31 points”
2 May 2012	“Bryant and Bynum combine for 65 points as Lakers stave off Nuggets to take 2-0 edge to Denver”
13 Aug 2012	London 2012 Olympic Final; United States 107, Spain 100
6 Dec 2012	“Bryant joins 30,000 club in Lakers’ 103-87 win against New Orleans”
15 Dec 2014	“Bryant leapfrogs Jordan for third in career scoring”
30 Nov 2015	“Kobe Bryant announces he will retire after season”
14 April 2016	“Well Done! In an amazing career finish, Bryant scores 60 points and leads 101-96 victory over Utah Jazz”
17 April 2016	Kobe Bryant tribute section
27 Jan 2020	Kobe Bryant dies in crash
25 Feb 2020	Kobe Bryant Celebration of Life section