

A close-up photograph of a brown basketball with black lines, resting on a wooden basketball court floor. The floor has black boundary lines. The background is dark, making the basketball and the text stand out.

Detroit Piston Bad Boys

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The name “Bad Boys” was created by Isiah Thomas.



The name originated from the physicality of the Piston's play of the game.



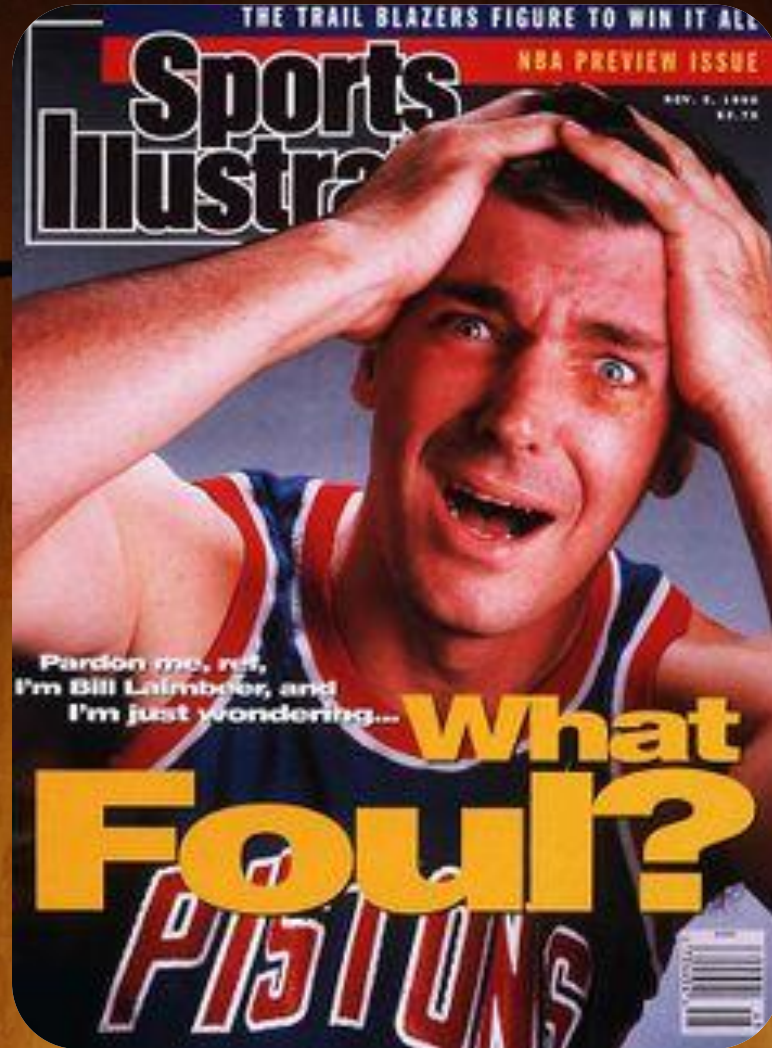
The starting five of the Piston's were extremely athletic.



The team won back to back NBA championships.



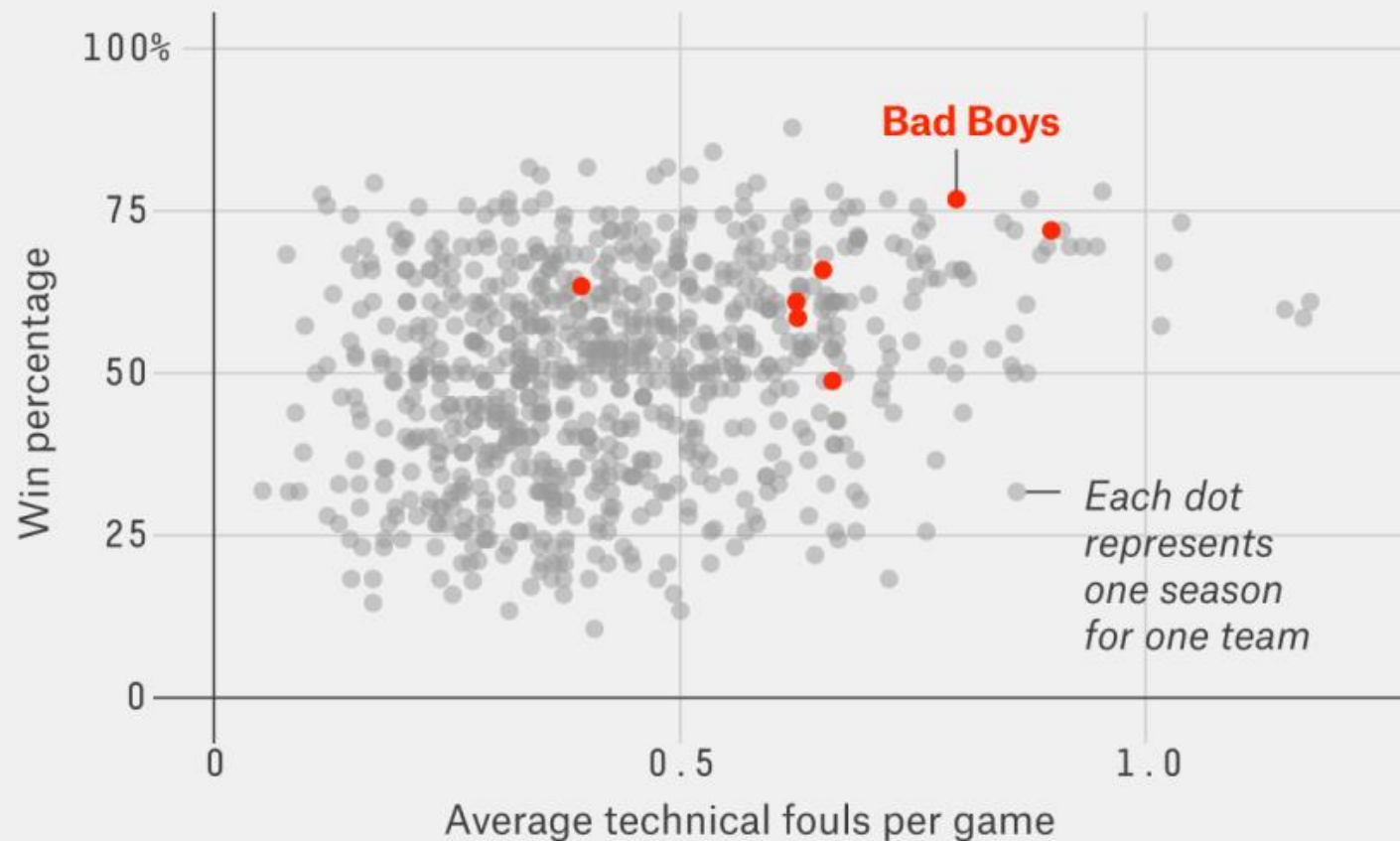
The Bad Boys style of play caused the NBA to change the rules.



The Bad Boys used unsportsmanlike conduct strategically.

NBA Team Win Percentage, 1982-Present

By average technical fouls per game per season



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SOURCE: ESPN STATS AND INFO

Detroit, during the Bad Boys era, was positively affected.



The “baddest” team in the NBA.

