

Warriors hand McGuire his first NCAA title

ATLANTA (AP) — The Marquette Warriors blew a 12-point halftime lead, then scrambled like street fighters in the closing two minutes to give retiring Coach Al McGuire his first NCAA basketball championship with a 67-59 victory over North Carolina Monday night.

The Warriors broke a 47-47 tie with a little more than six minutes remaining on a pair of free throws by Butch Lee, a star last summer for the Puerto Rican Olympic team.

North Carolina never was able to catch up as the Warriors went to

the free throw line repeatedly in the final two minutes, hitting 14 foul shots to preserve the triumph.

North Carolina appeared to be back in contention during a state of confusion with 1:45 left in the game.

Officials called a flagrant technical foul on Marquette's Bernard Toone, who also was fouled on the play. Toone missed his foul shot, and Olympian Walter Davis converted twice for the Tar Heels, cutting the lead to 53-51.

The confusion arose when some thought North Carolina should also have possession, but

apparently it was a dead ball foul on Toone, forcing a jump ball at center court after the free throws.

Marquette controlled that tip and Toone missed a layup, starting a wild scramble for possession that had bodies falling all over the floor before a foul finally was called. That sent Marquette's Jim Boylan to the line.

Boylan calmly sank both shots, then Bo Ellis hit four in a row, and the victory was secure with a 59-53 lead, with 62 seconds left.

McGuire, ending a 20-year coaching career with his 404th victory, began to weep on his bench

with six seconds left in the game as Gary Rosenberger hit the final two free throws. When the buzzer sounded, he remained seated on the bench, his head slightly bowed and tears streaming down his face.

The victory left Marquette with a 25-7 record, the most defeats ever for a national college basketball champion. It removed the 1958 Kentucky team, which had gone 23-6, from the record books with that distinction.

And ironically, McGuire — who started his career in North Carolina at tiny Belmont Abbey

College — recorded his last three victories over North Carolina teams.

The Warriors defeated Wake Forest in the Midwest Regional finals nine days ago and stopped North Carolina-Charlotte in Saturday's semifinals.

McGuire had insisted throughout the tournament the national title meant little to him personally, but obviously the emotion caught him in the closing seconds. As McGuire cried, his already-named successor, Hank Raymonds, patted him on the back.

While you were away enjoying spring vacation . . .

Men's Track

The Oregon men's track squad will open its dual meet season against Washington at Hayward Field this Saturday afternoon after staying in rainy Oregon during spring break.

The team's annual trip south for a week of training in California, and a meet of some sort before coming home was dropped this year because of budget problems.

The Ducks did host a mini-meet at Hayward Field last Saturday, although there weren't any earth-shaking results, they did come up with a few good spots.

The highlight of the meet was the two-mile run, in which four runners — including three Ducks — all finished with the same time of 8:49.6, personal bests in the event for all four.

South Eugene High School all-American Steve McChesney was credited with the win in the event, despite the identical times, followed by Rudy Chapa, Dave Taylor and Alberto Salazar. Chapa and Salazar are Oregon freshmen, and Taylor is a senior.

Saturday's meet will be a prelude to three fairly difficult tests of Oregon's power. April 9 the Ducks will host UCLA, travel to Washington State April 16 and come home again for an April 23 meeting with Arizona State.

Head coach Bill Dellinger sees Washington State as one of the top three teams in the nation this year, along with Texas-El Paso and USC, and ranks UCLA and Arizona State in the top eight, along with his own team.

Oregon's final dual meet will be April 30 at Oregon State. The Ducks will hold the Oregon Twilight meet here May 7 and prepare for the Pacific-8 championships at UCLA May 13-14. The NCAA meet will be in Urbana, Ill., June 2-4, and the Oregon season will close with the Steve Prefontaine Classic at Hayward Field June 15.

Swimming

Oregon's Michelle Menkens finished eighth in the nation in the 50-yard freestyle, and Robin Wheeler took 17th place in the 50-yard butterfly at the AIAW National Swimming and Diving Championships in Providence, R.I.

Both Wheeler and Menkens were the lone swimmers representing the Oregon women.

Menkens swam a 24.81 in the 50 freestyle and also finished 17th in the 100-yard freestyle in 53.58 and 31st in the 100-yard individual medley with a 1:02.37.

In the 50-yard butterfly,

Wheeler clocked a 26.89 and became first alternate for that event. She also set a personal best and an Oregon record in the 200-yard butterfly, 2:10.73, but still placed 36th.

For the men, Oregon's Steve Hamilton, the sole swimming entrant at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in Cleveland, Ohio, injured his elbow in the turn of the 200-yard individual medley and failed to qualify for the finals in that event.

Hamilton cut his elbow during the turn and couldn't recover in time to qualify for the finals. At press time, Coach Don Van Rossen hadn't called in the final results for Hamilton. Hamilton was also to swim in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke events. Last year at the NCAA championships, he finished 14th in the 100 backstroke.

Wrestling

Senior Bob Bragg finished his wrestling career at Oregon by placing fourth in the nation at the 190-pound weight of the NCAA Wrestling Championships in Norman, Okla.

Bragg lost to Don McCorkle of Lehigh for third-place, 6-0. Earlier Saturday he defeated Oregon State's Howard Harris, 8-0, to move up to the match with McCorkle.

Oregon finished in 21st-place with 12 3/4 team points. Other Oregon wrestlers who were eliminated: Steve Hart — 118, Susumu Hagihara 126, Kevin Kramer 158 and Buck Davis 177.

Golf

Junior Scott Tuttle fired a round of 74 for a 226 total to lead the Ducks to a fourth-place finish in the three-day Pacific Coast Collegiate Golf Championships Friday at the Sandpiper Golf Course in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Playing in the wind and rain, Oregon tallied 910, finishing behind first-place San Diego State's 888, USC's 890 and Arizona 898. The best rounds of the tournament were played by USC's Scott Simpson with a 218.

Also for Oregon, Dick Shafer and Brent Murray both tied at 227, while Jon Heselwood shot a 230, Phil Currie, a 234 and Guy Mount, a 239. Oregon's next match is the Western Intercollegiate in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Tennis

Freshman Russ Childers blitzed his opponents five of six times as the Oregon tennis team finished off their California road trip with a 3-3 record.

Beginning its trip with American River College in Sacramento, Oregon won four of six singles contests and all three doubles matches, to finish with a 7-2 win. Oregon lost to West Valley College, 7-2, but came back to defeat San Francisco State, 7-2.

The Ducks lost two more to Foothill College, 7-2, and to Cal State-Hayward, 8-1, but again came back to knock off Chico State, 9-0.

This weekend, the Ducks host the three-day Oregon Spring

Championships which will last all day, Friday through Sunday.

Baseball

Two weeks ago Oregon embarked onto a 10-day 12-game road tour which has suddenly nosedived into a 2-9 nonleague record.

Results of the Humboldt State game Monday hadn't arrived by press time, but Oregon fans can watch their team attempt a winning revival as they take on the University of Portland at 3 p.m. in Howe Field.

The Ducks started off their California trip March 19 against Humboldt State, splitting a double-header, 7-8 and 10-7. In their winning game, the Ducks scattered 13 hits to Humboldt's 11, and sent three runs across the plate in the ninth inning to ice the victory.

From that point on, Oregon fell into a losing slump, dropping two to Cal State-Stanislaus, the NCAA Division III champions, 13-0 and 5-3. Next against University of Pacific, Oregon could only muster four hits for a 6-2 loss.

The Ducks were then shellacked 7-1 against Stanford, and lost another to San Jose State, 5-4.

Oregon finally found the bat, ripping 10 hits to San Francisco State's seven, but were edged in the final tally, 6-5. Against Cal State-Hayward, the Ducks were blasted 14-3 and 7-1, but they ended their eight-game losing streak, defeating Cal-Davis off a grand slam homer by Steve Elam, 11-9.

Sportfolio

Lacrosse team rips Portland

The University lacrosse club started out the season on the right foot, defeating the Portland lacrosse club, 6-3, in its season opener.

John Meyer and Richard Cole each scored two goals, and Brent Summers and Tom Morgan slapped in one goal apiece.

Bicyclists place first, second

Terry Green and Jeff Barbison of the Oregon bicycling club pedaled to a repeat performance of two weeks ago with Green placing first, and Barbison second in the 54-mile

Emerald Valley Race. The cycling team will hit the road to Davis, Calif. this weekend, where Kim Carlson ranks as a favorite.

Women's soccer holds tryouts

All women interested in playing soccer with the club sports teams are invited to attend tryouts on Tuesday, March 29,

from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the 18th Avenue and Agate Street field. Call 686-4125 for more information.

Weightlifters plan reorganization

The reorganization meeting of the Oregon weightlifting team (both Olympic and power lift) will be held Tuesday, 8

p.m., at Eugene YMCA, 2055 Patterson Street. The meeting is for both men and women.

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