

NCAA drive starts at Mac

From the Associated Press

UCLA returns to the scene of some of its greatest past successes — the NCAA tournament — looking as powerful as the teams of John Wooden's heyday.

After waltzing through the Pac-8 with an unblemished 14-0 record and polishing off Michigan 96-70 on Sunday, the Bruins, 24-2, will be looking to recapture the national championship that has eluded them since Wooden's reign ended three years ago.

Coincidentally, it'll be at Mac Court that the Bruins begin their title drive, a place that hasn't been too hospitable to them in recent times. But UCLA coach Gary Cunningham isn't worried.

"I think they'll support us," Cunningham said. "They're good fans, and I think they'll support the Pac-8 champion."

The Bruins will have a tough as-

ignment right off, as they face Kansas (24-4), the Big Eight Champion. The Jayhawks were upset in the league playoff by

NCAA FIRST ROUND GAMES at McArthur Court Saturday, March 11

Arkansas (28-3) vs Weber State (19-9),
11:10 a.m.

UCLA (24-2) vs Kansas (24-4), 1:15 p.m.

Kansas State though, and were admitted to the NCAA tournament as an at-large team to the Western Regional.

In the other game at Mac Court Saturday, Arkansas (28-3) faces Weber State, who knocked off Big Sky champ Montana in overtime, 62-55 to make the tournament.

Arkansas, who tied Texas for the Southwest Conference title, was upset by Houston in the league's playoff tournament on

Saturday, 92-90. Houston went on to an automatic berth in the Midwest regional, while the Razorbacks were admitted to the Western regional as another at-large team.

In the other sub-regional in the West held in Tempe, Ariz., San Francisco (22-5) will tackle North Carolina (23-7), who was also admitted as an at-large team after falling in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship. Also in Tempe, New Mexico (24-3) faces Fullerton State (21-8), who was the PCAA champion but was seeded as an at-large team.

Missouri, at 14-15 the only sub-.500 team in the tournament, plays Utah (23-5) March 12 at Wichita, Kan., in the Midwest Regional and DePaul (25-2) will meet Creighton, who beat Indiana State Sunday for the Missouri Valley Conference title.

At Tulsa, Okla., Houston (25-7) will meet Notre Dame (19-6), and Louisville (22-6) will play St. Johns (21-6).

In the Midwest Regional, beginning March 11, at Indianapolis, Big Ten champ Michigan State (23-4) will play Providence (24-7). The Mid-American Champion, to be decided this week, will meet Marquette (24-3).

At Knoxville, Tenn., Western Kentucky, with just a .500 record at 15-15, will play Syracuse and top-ranked Kentucky, (24-2) will meet Florida State (23-5).

In the East sub-regionals Mar. 12, at Charlotte, N.C., Duke, the ACC champ at 23-6, will meet Rhode Island (24-6) and Furman (19-10) will play Indiana. At Philadelphia, Penn (19-7) will meet St. Bonaventure (21-7) and Villanova (21-8) will play La Salle (18-11).



Photo by Steve Schneider

James Wilkes, who had a couple of dunks and 11 points against Oregon at Mac Court, will face Kansas this Saturday in the NCAA first round.

Women won't travel to national ski meet

By NICK DAWSON
Of the Emerald

For an athletic team at a University to compete in a national competition, it must first meet eligibility requirements, besides having the athletes pass a physical examination.

And it is precisely because of these reasons that the Oregon Club Sports women's skiing team will not make a trip to the national skiing championships this weekend in Santa Fe, N.M.

The team qualified for the national championships when it won the Northwest regional skiing championships at Bogus Basin, Idaho, Feb. 25. However, several forms necessary for the team to compete will keep them out of the competition.

Becky Sisley, the director of the Womens Intercollegiate Athletic Department, offered the necessary papers to the Club Sports office in November and again in January just before the deadline. However, because the team was made up predominately of underclassmen, coach Randy Rogers elected not to fill out the forms.

"The way I look at the issue is that in order for me to authorize a team to go to the nationals they must have first filled out the required forms," said Sisley. "They haven't done that."

Club Sports director Sandy Vaughn said that the blame certainly does not rest with Sisley, and said Sisley has gone out of her way to help the Club Sports program in this area.

Vaughn added she thought that she and Rogers should have sent the forms for the women's team into the national headquarters in

Washington D.C. as a precautionary measure, but they did not. She said this was definitely a learning experience and she would have all the heads of Club Sports programs fill out any forms pertaining to national competitions in the future.

The women performed surprisingly well this year, especially in the regionals. Through the regular season, they won only one of six meets, but took the regional title by 34 points over rival Central Oregon.

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IM hoop playoffs tonight

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