

# sports

## Bullets try to shake 'choker' tag tonight

LANDOVER (AP) — Can the Washington Bullets shake off the psychological effects of blowing a 19-point lead and losing the opening game of the National Basketball Association championship series to the Seattle Super-Sonics?

"Sure we can, we have to," said Bullets Coach Dick Motta brushing off the suggestion that letting a game that was seemingly won slip away might have a lasting effect on his team. "The fact we lost was bad, but we can correct the things we did wrong."

## Motta hopes for corrections in game two

Getting down to specifics, what do the Bullets — beaten 106-102 Sunday at Seattle — have to do to even the best-of-seven series which resumes Thursday night?

"We have to work harder on our inside game," said Motta. "When they came back in the fourth quarter, we did an awful lot of standing around. We were lethargic. They outthrusted us. We went away from

the things we do well — especially rebounding.

"If this trend continues, we're in trouble — but I don't think it will."

For one thing, Motta does not expect his club to get out-rebounded again, certainly not by as lopsided a margin as the 57-37 advantage Seattle enjoyed off the boards in the series opener, including a 21-8 edge in offensive rebounds.

"Going to the boards is our game, it's no secret," said Motta. "Offensive rebounding is one of our strengths and we've got to exploit this against Seattle."

Also, Motta expects more point production from his forwards, Bob Dandridge and Elvin Hayes, the team's top scorers during the regular season who managed just three baskets between them in the second half Sunday.

Dandridge was almost invisible, finishing the game with six points on 3-for-12 shooting. Dandridge, who had outplayed Philadelphia's Julius Erving in the playoff semifinals, was rendered ineffective by Seattle's John Johnson.

How did Johnson do it?

"I just try to apply as much pressure as I can and hope Bobby misses some shots," said Johnson. "He's not going to go around all night shooting layups or unmolested jump shots. He's going to have to shoot it in my face to make it."

## Duck women in Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Two freshman sprinters will lead Oregon's women into the AIAW national track and field championships today through Saturday here.

The affair is scheduled for the newly resurfaced Tom Black Track, and will be run in three twilight sessions.

Debbie Adams and Melanie Batiste are both ranked high in the nation in the sprints and are possible point scorers for the Ducks. Adams has recorded an 11.65 in the 100 meters this year, while Batiste has been strongest in the 200, clocking 24.15 this year. Both women will be entered in both sprints.

Neither of the Rose sisters, Dawna or Georgene, is ranked in the nation's top ten, but both have the experience to garner some points for Oregon.

Dawna Rose has a best time of 55.91 in the 400, while her sister has recorded a 1:10.6 in the 400 hurdles.

Sophomore javelin thrower Patty Kearney is ranked in the top ten nationally in her specialty, having thrown 154-11 this season. Kearney has improved greatly since the beginning of the season and could score some team points.

The Ducks will have three distance runners at the nationals.

Katy Mountain has recorded 4:32.8 in the 1,500 and has steadily improved throughout the season.

Debbie Richie and Heather Tolford, both freshmen, have qualified in the 5,000 meter run. Richie's best time is 9:48.3, while Tolford has a slightly better 9:46.8.

All three women have made appearances in national cross country races, which should give them a slight edge in experience.

Two women will represent Oregon in the discus. Mary Stevenson has thrown a best of 156-4 in the event, while Kathy Picknell has tossed the disc 149-9.

Duck coach Tom Heinonen will enter both the 400 and 1,600 relay teams. The shorter relay squad set a school record in the regional meet, May 13, in Bozeman, Mont.

UCLA is the defending national champion, and it should be near the top again this year.

Cal State-Northridge, Iowa State, Texas Women's University, Arizona State, Kansas, Long Beach and host Tennessee are expected to give the Bruins the toughest challenge in the race for the championship.



Photo by Neil Gruenfelder

Debbie Ritchey will be one of the Duck women trying for a top spot in this weekend's AIAW championships.

## Ducks set marks in Hawaii

HONOLULU — Oregon's baseball team returned to Eugene late last night, with two dubious records to show for the trip.

The Ducks smashed the mark for the longest game played by an Oregon team with a 19-inning contest in the series finale Tuesday, but with a loss the Ducks sealed their first back-to-back losing seasons since 1931-32.

The Ducks had also lost a single game to the Rainbows on Monday, 4-2. But in the final game, Oregon put on quite a show for their Hawaiian hosts. After the Rainbows had retaken the lead in the bottom of the eighth inning, 3-2, Oregon came back with a single run in the ninth inning when Jeff Heaton singled home Glenn Baggerly for the score.

No one would score for the next

ten innings.

After over four hours, the game ended when Hawaii's Rich Bass scored from first on a throwing error by Duck pitcher Glenn Fisher, who was the loser and ended the season with a 4-5 record.

The Ducks scored the first two runs of the game with single tallies in the second and fifth innings, but the Rainbows got to starter Doug Strahm in the fifth and eighth innings to knot the game. Dean Kegler, the ace of Oregon's staff, came on to pitch 8 1/3 innings of scoreless relief, but couldn't get the win, which would have tied him with three others for the most wins by an Oregon pitcher in one season.

The Ducks finished the year with a 23-24 record.

## Walton to try for NCAA mark

Oregon 800-meter runner Greg Walton, whose second-place time of 1:49.16 in the Pac-8 meet is one-hundredth of a second slower than the NCAA qualifying mark, will compete in the Hi-Lites Meet in Corvallis today to attempt to reach that standard for the national meet next week.

Also competing in the meet will be Athletics West, the Eugene-based track club. The meet begins at 4:30 p.m. at Wayne Valley Field, site of the recent conference meet.

There is some dispute about Walton's lack of qualifications, stemming from the incident in the Pac-8 800-meter final when Rayfield Beaton of USC bumped Walton on the final turn. Beaton

was subsequently disqualified from the race, allowing Walton to take second place instead of third, but the contact most certainly kept Walton from meeting the NCAA standard.

If Walton fails to qualify in Corvallis, however, Oregon track coach Bill Dellinger has indicated that he may file a protest based on the Beaton incident.

Oregon's weight men will also be competing in the meet, which will be used mainly as a workout. Among those making the trip are Dave Voorhees, Arnie Swan, John McArdle, Ron Perkins, Todd Lovell, Jan From, Jon Ogard, Tom Hintnaus, Vince Goldsmith and redshirt Ray Burton.

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