

# Slaney has sights on World Championships

**EUGENE (AP)**—Distance runner Mary Slaney, expecting her first baby in early June, says she's setting her sights on the 1987 World Championships.

But Slaney said she is keeping open what distance, or distances, she'll be preparing to run.

"At some point, I'd like to concentrate on the 800," Slaney said in an interview with The Oregonian newspaper of Portland. "I don't know when, yet, but I think if I was able to train exclusively for it, I could run a lot faster. It's always been in preparation for longer races, as a means of tuning up — never as serious as it can be."

Slaney holds the world record in the women's mile and American records in eight events ranging from 800 meters to 10,000 meters.

"In the 1,500, I feel I can improve a great deal, and the same way with the 3,000," Slaney said. "The 800, 1,500 and 3,000 are all good distances for me. I really don't know what would be my best event."

Asked if she is giving a lot of thought to the 1988 Olympics, Slaney said, "That's important to me, but right now I'm putting an emphasis on the (1987) World Championships. The Olympics is a big, big goal, but the World Championships come first."

For the first five months of her pregnancy, Slaney, 27, said she trained freely, taking part in track workouts and gymnastics-like drills.

"Then I started having pains — muscle spasms or contractions," she said. "The doctor thought they'd go away, but they didn't. He told me to be careful, to do what my body tells me."

Slaney, wife of British discus thrower Richard Slaney, said she knows her running schedule this summer is contingent on what happens with the baby.

"Assuming there are no complications, the doctor said I can start running and doing some things the second week," she said. "I plan to nurse the baby

the first two weeks, or perhaps for a month. I'll just go by how I feel and how the baby is coming along.

"Hopefully, I'll be able to begin training about July 1, and by the end of August I'll be ready to run, but we'll have to see."

"I'm going to stay home in Eugene during the summer. I'll probably run some mini-meets here, and I'd like to run some road runs in the fall, like the Fifth Avenue Mile. That way, it's not a completely wasted year. That's why we planned it this way."

Slaney and her husband will name the baby Ashley Lynn if it's a girl, she said. They haven't chosen a boy's name.

"We haven't picked a boy's name out yet because Richard knows it's not going to be a boy," Slaney said. "But we're going to pick out a name before the baby's born. We're not going to wait until after it's born to decide."

## Bucks win, even series

**MILWAUKEE (AP)**—Terry Cummings scored 10 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, and Ricky Pierce scored six of his 16 points during a key third-quarter stretch Thursday night as the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the Philadelphia 76ers 119-107 to even a best-of-seven NBA Eastern Conference semifinal series at one game apiece.

Milwaukee outscored Philadelphia 30-21 in the third period to take a 91-76 edge into the fourth period. Milwaukee led by as many as 17 points in the third quarter.

The 76ers closed the gap to 106-97 with 3:45 left after a technical foul shot by Maurice Cheeks, but a strong Bucks defense and accurate free-throw shooting sealed the victory.

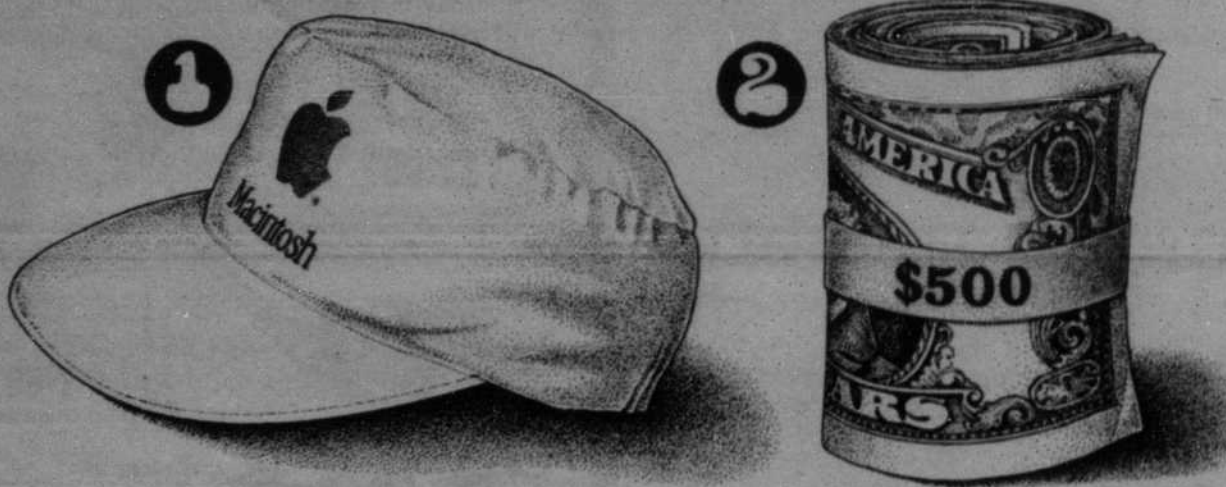
The Bucks jumped to an early 12-3 lead, led 30-23 at the end of the first period and 61-55 at halftime.

Pierce scored six points during a 13-3 spurt that stretched a 78-71 Milwaukee lead with 4:11 remaining to 91-74 with 34 seconds left in the third period.

Sidney Moncrief, Milwaukee's all-star guard, returned to the lineup after missing Game 1 with an injured left heel and scored 16 points.

Charles Barkley finished with 26 points, Julius Erving had 24 and Cheeks added 23 points for Philadelphia.

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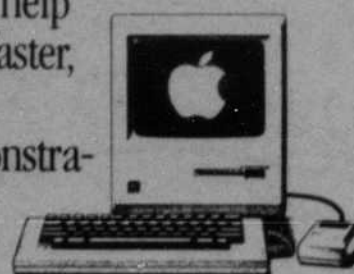
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