

Ewing wins rookie award

NEW YORK (AP) — Patrick Ewing's rookie season was almost as humbling as it was successful.

The New York Knicks center was named the NBA Rookie of the Year although he missed 32 games because of injuries to his right knee, left ankle and left elbow. Those problems, plus a multitude of injuries to his teammates, resulted in a 23-59 season for the Knicks, worst in the league.

"My rookie season was disappointing in some areas," Ewing said at a news conference announcing the award. "It was very hard to watch your teammates and not be able to play. I felt I played well, but I hope I can play more games and that the team will be better next season."

Ewing, who averaged 20.0 points and 9.0 rebounds in 50 games, received 36 votes from a nationwide panel of media members, more than double his nearest competitor. Xavier McDaniel of Seattle and Utah's Karl Malone were second and third, respectively, with 16½ and 14½ votes.

Four other rookies also received first-place votes. Spud Webb of Atlanta had four, Manute Bol of Washington and Charles Oakley of Chicago three each and Benoit Benjamin of the Los Angeles Clippers one.

"I'm surprised I got the award because I only played 50 games," Ewing said. "From what I read in the papers, I thought I hadn't played enough."

Ewing didn't play at all after March 6 and he finally underwent surgery to remove floating tissue in the knee.

"When I had that gown on before the surgery I had some second thoughts about it," Ewing said. "But I knew I had to get it done, so I did it. Getting injured made me glad I had stayed in college to get my degree. It made me realize your body can carry you only so far."

The 7-foot Ewing, the only first-year player named to the 1986 All-Star game, led the rookie class in scoring, rebounding and minutes per game, 35.4. He scored in double figures in 45 of 50 games and had 20 points or more 27 times.

"He's A-1," Knicks Coach Hubie Brown said of Ewing, who was the No. 1 pick in the 1985 draft after an outstanding college career at Georgetown. "He's going to be a star for years and years and years to come."

Knicks General Manager Scotty Stirling said he believed Ewing deserved the rookie award despite his lack of playing time.

McDaniel, the fourth player picked in the draft, averaged 17.1 points and 8.0 rebounds. Malone, the 13th draft pick, averaged 14.9 points and a team-high 8.9 rebounds for the Jazz.

Oregon ultimate travels to nationals

The Oregon ultimate team will embark on its second-straight trip to the Collegiate Ultimate Nationals in St. Louis, Mo. Thursday morning.

The pairings for the 12-team tournament were announced Monday and Oregon team players were pleased with the outcome of the pairings.

The tournament will consist of two six-team pools in which the competitors will play a round-robin schedule Saturday and Sunday, with the top-two teams in each pool reaching the semi-finals Monday.

The winners of Monday's semi-final matchups will play for the national title

Monday afternoon.

Oregon is the second-place team from the Western Regional and will open its round-robin schedule Saturday against Carnegie-Mellon University, Georgia, UC-Santa Barbara, Cornell and Kansas round out Oregon's pool, but the team does not really know what to expect.

"We were there last year," team member Tim Haveman said. "But that doesn't mean that much from year to year. Last year's team champion isn't even there this year."

The team is a club sport, but Haveman,

the team's spiritual leader, says that the competition will be just as intense as any varsity sport in the NCAA.

"Cornell is ranked number one in the nation, and Stanford is the top team from the West, and this is the national championships so it'll be tough," Haveman says.

Haveman noted that the other pool may be the toughest one in the tournament as it includes, in addition to Stanford, M.I.T., Massachusetts, Princeton, Southern Missouri State and the University of Texas.

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