

Kidsports makes an impact on lives

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When I think of my childhood weekends, cold and muddy Saturday-morning soccer, complete with knee socks and cheap cleats, and seven innings of dusty Sunday-afternoon baseball are the first memories that pop into my mind.

You don't, however, have to be a sports fanatic to have these memories. In all reality, I'm not one of those people who eats, drinks and dreams about sports.



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People from all walks of life played sports when they were kids, and their lives were significantly affected by those sports.

Without any major sports programs for kids, such as Pop Warner football, Eugene residents look almost exclusively to one organization to provide the activities that so many kids need.

That organization is Kidsports, which provides six different sports for kids from kindergarten to high school to play throughout the year, including football, basketball and baseball.

"The city of Eugene doesn't

really have a sports program," Benjamin Kent, a coordinator for Kidsports, said. "We are the Eugene sports program for kids."

Even more importantly, an organization pushing its participants to produce a regional or national championship, denies the less-talented and uncoordinated kids their chance to play a sport that they may love. Kidsports is a non-profit organization that, simply put, is out to

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Pacers, Hawks vie for Central Division crown

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1. **Indiana Pacers.** Coach Larry Brown turned this team from mediocre to magnificent last season, securing his place among the NBA's top coaches in the process. In addition, guard Reggie Miller finally established himself as a superstar through his stellar play in the NBA playoffs and his selection to Dream Team II. Renewed confidence should propel Miller to the league's elite this campaign, improving the Pacers in the process. Center Rik Smits, who was on his way to becoming a career underachiever, benefited from

Brown's teachings and improved dramatically. Perhaps the biggest reason for the Pacers' dominance this year is the trade that brought point guard Mark Jackson to the team. Jackson thrived under Brown two years ago with the Los Angeles Clippers, and reuniting with Brown should help him raise his level of play. **Key to the season:** Can Smits continue to play at the high level he reached last season, or will he revert back to mediocrity?

2. **Atlanta Hawks.** The Hawks suffered a major

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NBA PREVIEW



This is the second in a four-part preview of the 1994-95 NBA season.

TUESDAY: Atlantic Division

TODAY: Central Division

THURSDAY: Midwest Division

FRIDAY: Pacific Division

WEDNESDAY

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1994 PAC-10 FOOTBALL

Rushing defense

	YPG
1. Washington St.	58.0
2. Arizona	58.5
3. Oregon	102.8
4. Washington	121.3
5. Arizona St.	130.4
6. California	138.9
7. Oregon St.	157.1
8. Stanford	186.4
9. USC	187.4
10. UCLA	223.0

Passing efficiency defense

	RATING
1. Washington St.	89.2
2. Oregon	98.7
3. Washington	103.5
4. California	109.7
5. USC	112.2
6. Arizona	119.8
7. UCLA	139.8
8. Arizona St.	141.4
9. Stanford	142.2
10. Oregon St.	149.1

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