



May Madness strikes Oregon AD hunt

It's Final Four time in the Willamette Valley. Not March Madness mind you, but May Madness.

In the next few days, this type of madness should give Oregon its first full-time athletics director since September 1992.

But don't be swayed by the administrative level of this competition — this is still high stakes pressure where no points are earned for second place.

Let's meet the weary warriors in Oregon's Final Four.

• East regional champion Dr. Eve Atkinson. The good doctor represents tiny Lafayette College (enrollment 2,000) and is the Cinderella — no pun intended — of the AD finals. She oversees a Division-I-AA football program and would be making a huge



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leap in program guidance.

• Southeast regional champion Gary Cunningham. The wise old sage hails from the great state of Nevada as Fresno State's athletics director. Experience is behind him, but some would say the veteran has lost a step or two.

• Midwest regional champion Bill Moos. The 44-year-old is a strong contender in charge of a sturdy Montana athletics pro-

gram. He's got a quick first step and is silky smooth in the open floor.

• West regional champion Herman Frazier. The former track star represents the youth movement in the Final Four. Don't let his 40 years fool you. Frazier has definite finals experience — just falling shy on each attempt.

Following the traditional format, Atkinson takes on Frazier in the matinee encounter while Moos and Cunningham square off as the primetime attraction.

In the opener, Frazier proves to be too much from the tip. Atkinson's lack of major collegiate exposure dooms her and leaves many to wonder how she made it this far.

Obviously the doctor is an impressive individual but

Frazier's aggressive style and Pac-10 knowledge is just too effective.

Atkinson struggles to catch up, exercising a strong desire for a female athletics director in the Pac-10. The long overdue step is an enticing facet to her game but, in the long run, the winner must offer a little more than her credits can muster.

At the buzzer, all nods lean toward Frazier.

In the featured semifinal, two formidable opponents go nose-to-nose for the first time. Youth vs. experience. David vs. Goliath.

Cunningham controls the ball through the early minutes with a resume that makes him the incoming AD favorite.

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Knicks' Mason receives Sixth Man Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Mason, a muscular forward who consistently gave the New York Knicks a lift this season, won the NBA Sixth Man Award Monday.

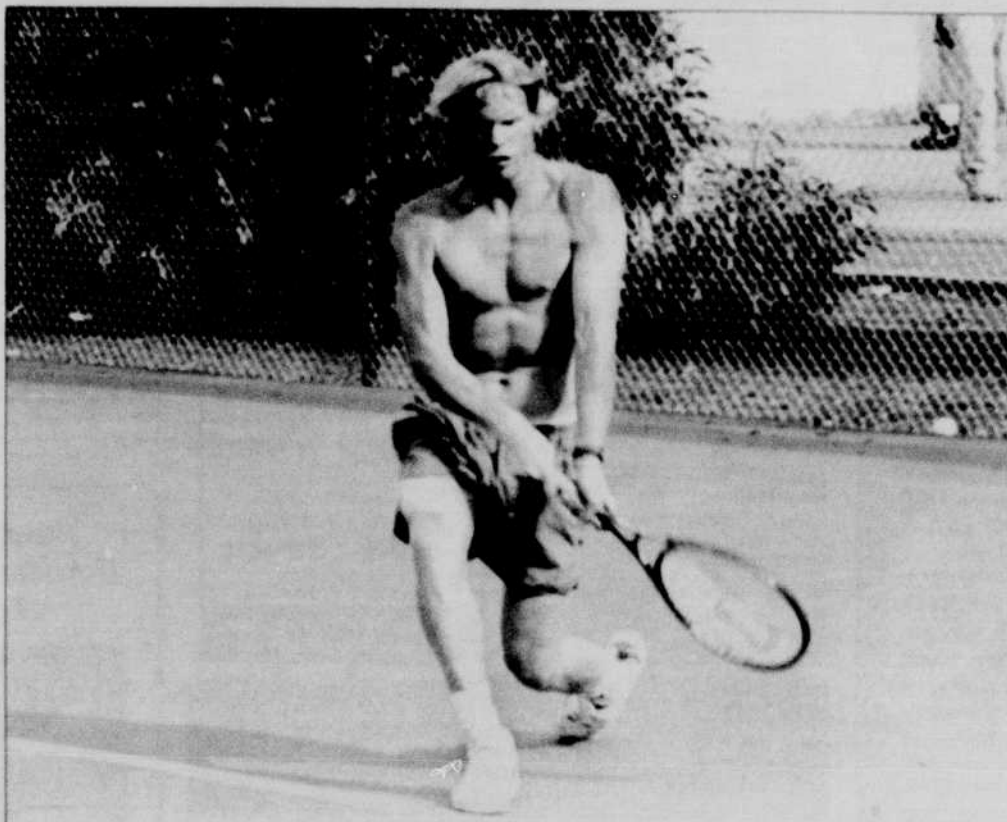
Mason received 47 of a possible 105 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Charlotte's Dell Curry, who won the award last year, was second with 18 votes, followed by San Antonio's Chuck Person with 12.

The remaining votes went to Seattle's Nate McMillan (9), Orlando's Dennis Scott (7), Indiana's Byron Scott (6), Utah's Antoine Carr (3), Golden State's Chris Gatling (2) and New Jersey's Armon Gilliam (1).

Mason came off the bench in 66 of the 77 games he played, averaging 9.9 points, a career-high 8.4 rebounds and 3.1 assists. He led the Knicks in field goal percentage at .566 on 287-of-507.

"I am very thankful to the Knicks for giving me my first honest look and opportunity," said Mason, an ex-CBA player who had brief looks with New Jersey and Denver before hooking on with the Knicks in 1991.

Tennis the Menace



Douglas Williams, a junior majoring in economics and international studies and member of the Oregon tennis team, releases the stress of classes by playing tennis with a friend on Monday.

CLUB NOTES

Joel Hood

For the Oregon Daily Emerald

In what has been one of the most successful seasons to date for the Oregon crew team, the women's novice eight team took first place in Seattle over the weekend.

Teams from the East Coast and as far away as South Africa attended this year's Windmere Cup. The annual regatta is one of the Northwest's largest and home to some of the nation's top rowing programs.

"It was a great experience to race such competitive teams," Oregon rower Anne Williams said. "I thought we performed well. It's nice to see our boat coming together before

regionals."

The Oregon novice eight team beat out Washington's varsity boat en route to their first place finish.

Both the men's and women's crew teams will travel to Vancouver, Wash. this weekend to compete in the Northwest Regional championships.

The Oregon baseball team fell to 4-8-1 on the season with an 11-2 loss to Central Oregon in Bend on Sunday.

Sunday's game was the continuation of a three-team tournament played earlier this year by Oregon, Central Oregon and Humboldt State. Darkness end-

ed the championship game between the two schools at 6-6 in extra innings. Oregon and Central Oregon agreed to play another full game to decide the winner.

Duks' relief pitcher Alexander Lowry, filling in for the injured Oregon starters, allowed all eleven runs off only five hits in his six innings of work.

Walks were the key to the game. The Oregon pitching staff allowed 12 walks in the game, most of whom reached home to widen the score.

"A couple of timely outs on our part and the score would have been a lot closer," Oregon head coach Mark Walter said.

The Ducks scored both of

their runs in the top of the first inning. Oregon shortstop Steve Manos scored one runner on a bunt single and took second on a throwing error. He eventually scored off another Central Oregon throwing error.

The baseball team's next game will be played at Lane Community College at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

On Sunday the women's lacrosse team played its first home game in several weeks at the Southbank field. The 11-5 loss to the Linfield women's club of Portland came as a bit of a disappointment to a team that has been improving with each contest.

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Lewis to run at Classic

(AP) — Carl Lewis said Monday he plans to compete at the Prefontaine Classic next month.

Lewis will be part of the Santa Monica Track Club team entering the June 4 track and field meet commemorating the 20th anniversary of the death of Oregon distance runner Steve Prefontaine.

Lewis, who has won 16 Olympic and World Championship gold medals, will race No. 1-ranked Michael Johnson in the 200 meters.

Postseason still a possibility for softball squad

After dropping three of four games to nationally ranked California and Arizona over the weekend, the Oregon softball team plays little known Oregon Tech in Medford today.

With a sweep of Oregon Tech the Ducks (24-26 overall, 12-15 Pac-10) would have a slight chance of making the NCAA tournament if they could then return home and upset No. 2 UCLA in a scheduled makeup game on Thursday.

"I think if we beat UCLA we're definitely in," Oregon head coach Tami Brown said.

Black Magic sails past Conner again

(AP) — Nothing but stern. That's what skipper Dennis Conner and his crew aboard Young America saw of Black Magic 1 for the second straight race as Team New Zealand's rocket ship made history in the America's Cup.

Black Magic 1 became the first foreign yacht in 61 years to take a 2-0 lead over a U.S. defender, and it was the biggest margin by a challenger over a defender since 1871.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

I forgot my batting helmet. I got out of the dugout and somebody yelled, 'Hey, where's your helmet?' I had to go back and get it.

— Jon Nunnally

Royals rookie player

After becoming the 70th player to hit a home run in his first major league at-bat.