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### TODAY IN SPORTS

#### Oregon Golfers take seventh in tourney

The Oregon women's golf team dropped to seventh place after the final round of the 36-hole Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational in Redmond, Wash., Wednesday.

The Ducks, who were tied for third after the first round, shot a 324 in the second and final round and finished with a team score of 635.

Senior Christel Tomori shot a 153 in the last round to pull herself into a tie for 12th place overall at the tournament. Senior Susie Roh tied for 21st with a combined score of 159, while senior Tara Keller finished with a score of 161. Sophomore Paula Patterson, who led the Ducks going into Wednesday's action with a score of 76, slipped in the second round and finished with a combined score of 162.

#### Mariners fever infects Seattle Space Needle

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Space Needle is getting into the spirit of the Mariners' postseason play.

The landmark 610-foot relic of the 1962 World's Fair will be decorated Thursday with a Mariners logo and two cheers — "Go M's" and "Refuse to Lose" — and topped with a giant baseball, said spokeswoman Lynn Blackpool.

"We caught Mariners fever," Blackpool said. "We're on a wonderful streak right now with the M's and we just wanted to show our support for the team and for the city."

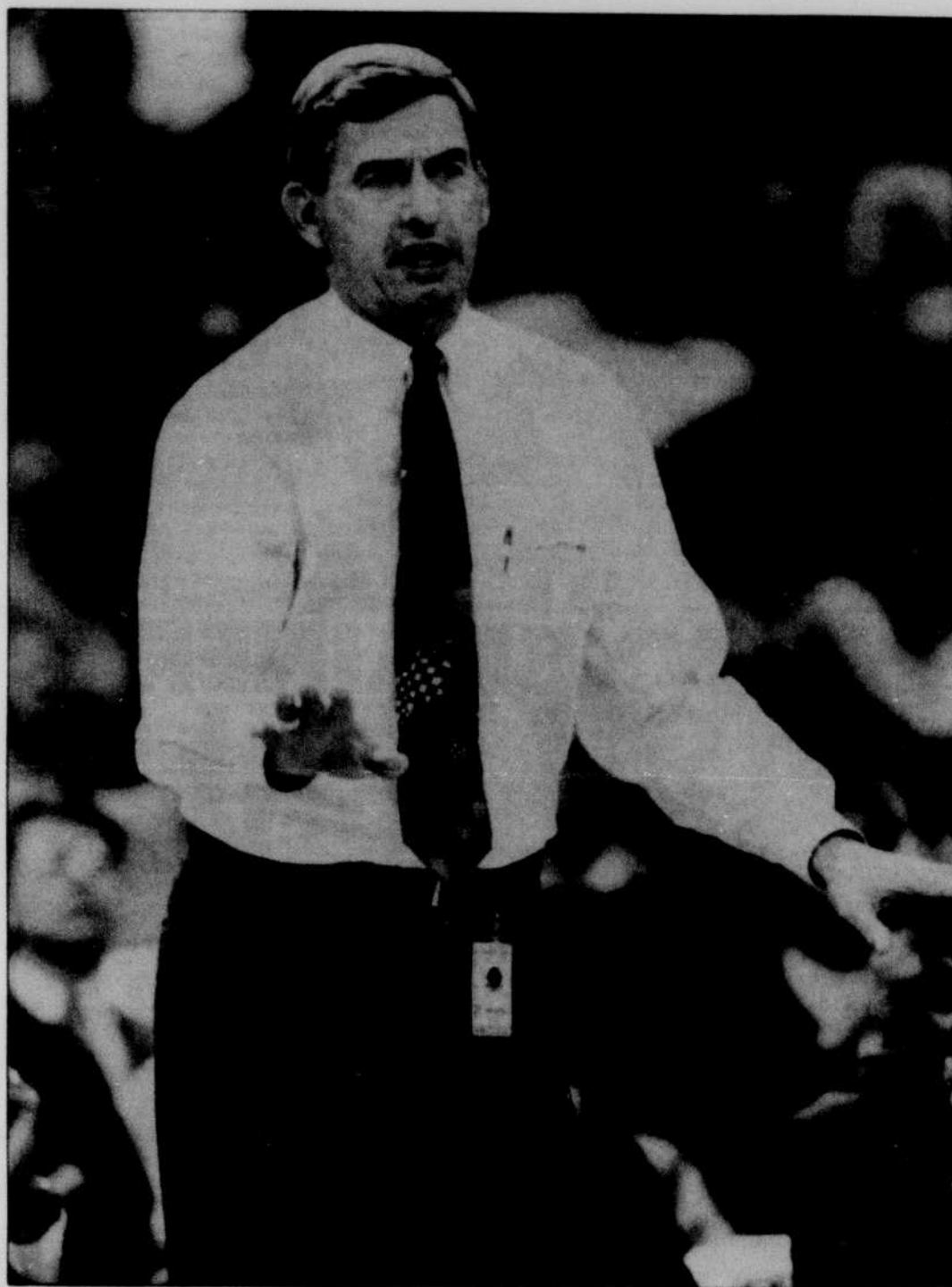
#### Sanders' contract accepted by NFL

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL approved Deion Sanders' contract with the Dallas Cowboys on Wednesday, but said the contract circumvents the salary cap and must be restructured.

The conditional approval will allow the star cornerback to play with the Cowboys as soon as he is healthy. Sanders is recovering from ankle surgery and is not expected to play until Oct. 29 in Atlanta at the earliest.

In the meantime, his \$35 million, seven-year deal will have to be redrawn to fit under the salary cap of \$37.1 million per team.

The decision was immediately opposed by the NFL Players Association, which said the league has "no basis for challenging the contract in any way."



Oregon men's basketball coach Jerry Green spent his off-season finding players to replace eight key seniors that graduated last year.

## Green faces familiar role

It isn't often that off-season transactions completely change the substance of a sports team. And it isn't very common to graduate six to eight players at once on the college basketball level. It happens, but it isn't every year or even every other year that a coach faces losing over half of a team in just six to eight months.

And for that, any college coach with even the slightest inclination of putting together a strong program can be thankful.

That is, except for Oregon men's basketball coach Jerry Green. Because at the rate he is going, he will graduate a big chunk of players every other year.

Green is faced with the second rebuilding-type season in just his fourth year of his Oregon career. He inherited a program that was a dismal 6-21 in 1992, but bettered his predecessor's record by taking the Ducks to a 10-20 showing in his first season.

Green was then faced with six holes in his lineup in 1993. It was, by all means, a rebuilding year.

But rebuild is just what Green did. He added six new players and, more importantly, a whole lot of hope into Oregon basketball fans. A victory over UCLA to end the season seemed to broadcast a bright and successful future for the Ducks. Green converted on that, too, as his team compiled a 19-9 record last year and earned a spot at the NCAA tournament for the first time in 34 years.

But alas, Green is faced with trying to replace eight very important players that he lost to graduation.

#### OPINION



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## Braves beat Reds on Lopez's 10th inning homer

■ **BASEBALL:** Atlanta takes a 2-0 series lead while Orel Hershisier shuts down the Mariners

CINCINNATI (AP) — Add Javy Lopez to the Atlanta Braves' roll call of last-inning heroes.

Lopez hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning, capping yet another dramatic rally as the Braves beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-2 Wednesday night and took a 2-0 lead in the NL playoffs.

Atlanta's second consecutive extra-inning win put the Reds in a near-impossible situation. No team has won the NL pennant after losing the first two games of the championship series at home.

"It's a very uncomfortable feeling," Reds manager Davey Johnson said. "We've got to score more runs. Our offense just hasn't produced that many."

Three-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux will start Game 3 at Atlanta on Friday night, opposed by David Wells.

The Reds pulled out every offensive trick they could think up against starter John Smoltz, who has beaten them three times this season. They finally got him out of the game following the seventh with the score tied at 2-2.

But the NL's top extra-inning club failed for the second consecutive night. Mark Portugal, relegated to the bullpen for the playoffs, started the 10th by giving up a single to Mark Lemke, a walk to Fred McGriff and a single to David Justice, loading the bases.

Portugal then bounced a breaking ball for a wild pitch with Ryan Klesko at bat to let in the go-ahead run, and Lopez followed Klesko with a first-pitch homer high off the left-field foul screen.

The Braves, who had the league's worst extra-inning record in the regular season at 3-9, jumped and hugged in the dugout while Lopez rounded the bases.

Cleveland 5, Seattle 2

SEATTLE (AP) — Orel Hershisier would have

none of it.

Not the Kingdome noise, not the fireworks set off after Ken Griffey Jr.'s home run, not the momentum the Seattle Mariners were starting to build. None of it was going to stop him from winning a game the Cleveland Indians absolutely had to have.

Hershisier maintained his perfect career record in the postseason, and Manny Ramirez homered twice and went 4-for-4, leading the Indians past Seattle 5-2 Wednesday night and tying the AL playoffs at 1-all.

"We looked at this as sort of a must win for us," Hershisier said.

Showing the form that once made him baseball's best pitcher, the 37-year-old Hershisier allowed four hits in eight innings and improved to 6-0 with a 1.47 ERA in 10 playoff and World Series games. His only blemish came in the sixth inning when Griffey tied a postseason record with his sixth home run.

"Of all the people I've been around in baseball, and I've been around this game 20-25 years, he may be able to focus and concentrate more consistently than anyone I've been around," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said of Hershisier, still icing his arm about a half-hour after the game.

"He's come up big for us twice in this postseason," he said. "I don't know if you come to expect it, because we're all human. I think you anticipate it a lot."

While Ramirez showed what made him an All-Star at age 23, Carlos Baerga came through with the big hit Cleveland missed in the opener. His two-out, two-run single with the bases loaded broke a scoreless tie in the fifth and got everyone off the Indians' bench, and the team seemed to relax after that.

The best-of-7 series goes back to Jacobs Field for Game 3 Friday night. Mariners ace Randy Johnson, finally able to get some time off this week, starts on four days' rest, opposed by Charles Nagy.