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TODAY IN SPORTS

Ripken, Lobo win top ESPY Awards

NEW YORK (AP) — Cal Ripken Jr. and Rebecca Lobo each won two ESPY Awards on Monday night, including top male and female athlete honors.

Ripken, who broke Lou Gehrig's record for consecutive games played, won the Showstopper of the Year award as well as Male Athlete of the Year. Ripken's 2,131st straight game was the showstopper winner.

Lobo, who led Connecticut to the NCAA championship and the ESPY outstanding team award, was selected Female Athlete of the Year and the best women's college basketball player.

Meanwhile, Michael Jordan won the comeback award.

Individual sports winners were Hakeem Olajuwon (pro basketball), Brett Favre (pro football), Greg Maddux (pro baseball), Eric Lindros (pro hockey), Eddie George (college football), Ed O'Bannon (college basketball), Corey Pavin (men's golf), Annika Sorenstam (women's golf), Pete Sampras (men's tennis) and Steffi Graf (women's tennis).

Plays of the year awards were: Atlanta Braves catcher Javier Lopez's pick-off play in the World Series; Back-to-back buzzer-beaters by Scottie Pippen and Walter Bond; Pittsburgh quarterback Kordell Stewart's scramble and touchdown pass vs. Cleveland; Pittsburgh's Tomas Sandstrom scores from the seat of his pants (hockey); Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier's touchdown run in the Fiesta Bowl; and UCLA guard Tyus Edney's game-winning drive in the NCAA Tournament vs. Missouri.

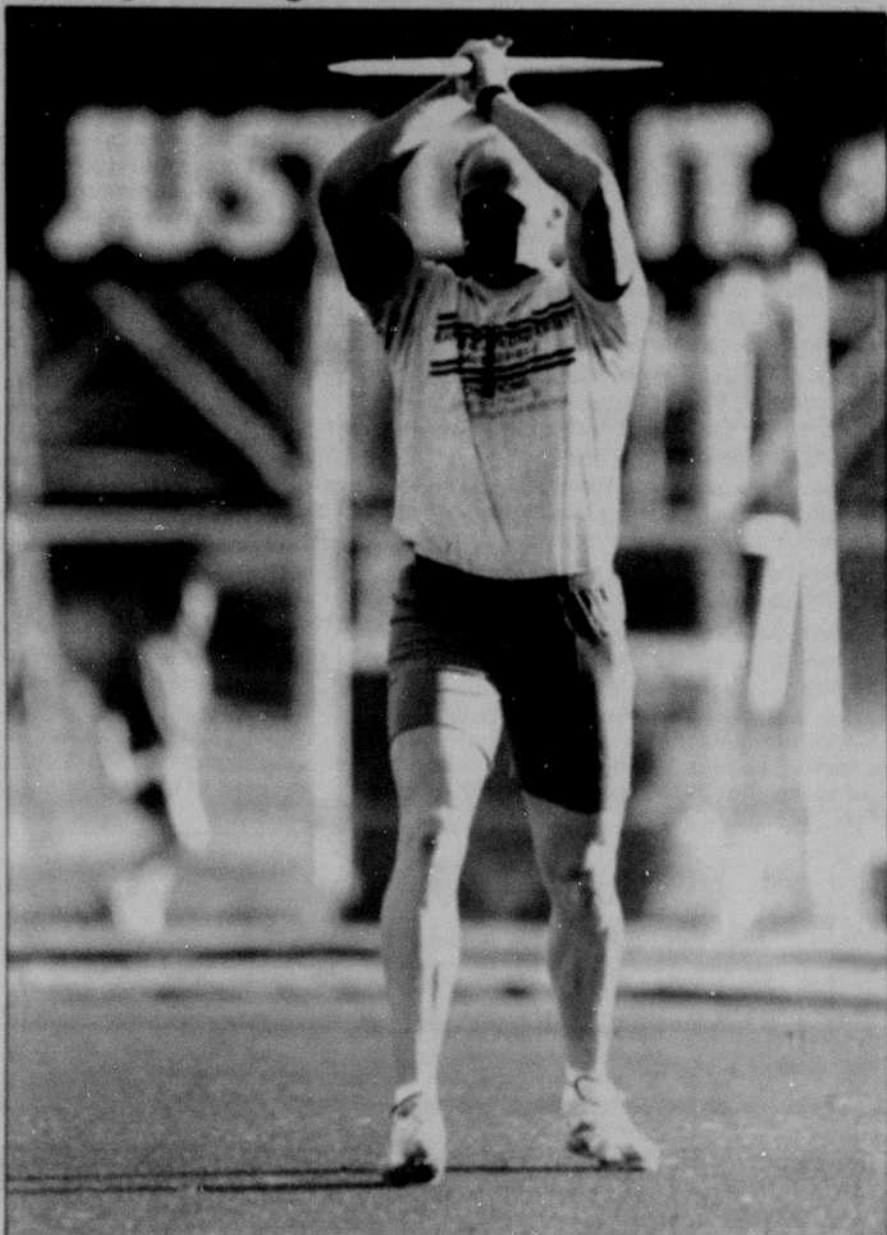
The Most Outrageous Moment of the Year went to Mike Pantazis' jump from the stands on Monday Night Football, Chicago vs. Green Bay, while the Outstanding Performance by a Sports Personality in Entertainment was given to George Seifert does the bossa nova, Visa commercial.

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 12 edition of the ODE, the captions for photos of basketball players Kirsten McKnight and Cindie Edamura were switched. In another photo, wrestler Scott Norten was misidentified as Blake Tompkins. Also in that edition, the men's basketball team was identified as having gone 1-3 on their recent road trip. Actually, the Ducks went 2-2 on that road trip.

The Emerald regrets the errors.

Spring training



Dan Steele works on his form in the javelin competition at Hayward Field in anticipation of the upcoming Atlanta Olympic Games. With a rich tradition in track and field, local Eugene facilities such as Hayward attract many athletes looking to get ready for upcoming competitions.

Oregon runner earns national prominence

■ **CROSS COUNTRY:** Marie Davis earned a place in this year's World Championships

By Trevor Kearney
Sports Editor

True freshman running sensation Marie Davis added another nationally prestigious notch to her belt at the Junior World tryouts over the weekend by qualifying for the 1996 Junior Cross Country World Championships.

At the tryouts Saturday in Cincinnati, Ohio, Davis was one of six runners in the country to qualify on the 4,000-meter course. The World Championships will be held in Capetown, South Africa, on March 23.

"I was really nervous going into it," said Davis, who was the only Oregon participant in the 20-and-under competition.

But that nervousness has been substantially eased by her previous efforts, which include an appearance at the Junior Cross Country World Championships in 1993 and the Junior National Track and Field Championships last summer.

Davis was also a three-time qualifier for the Kinney National High School Cross Country Championships and has captured three high school and six Junior Olympic National titles, so she is no stranger to high-pressure meets.

"It gets easier as it goes on," she said. "It helps to have a couple of them under your belt."

As a freshman, Davis finished 59th at the NCAA Championships last fall and will compete on Oregon's track and field team this spring. In fact, spring competition has been her main focus, so last weekend's accomplishments just came as an added bonus.

"I've been training for track," she said, adding that she and coach Tom Heinonen had decided that they would deal with the World Championships when the time came. "We decided if I made it I made it, and if I didn't I didn't, but that I would be ready for track."



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Morrison's Las Vegas tests confirmed by promoter

■ **FIGHTER:** The boxer will undergo further blood tests in Oklahoma

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Tommy Morrison's up-and-down boxing career reached its low point Monday with the announcement that the powerful heavyweight had tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

Morrison's promoter, Tony Holden, confirmed that a test administered in Las Vegas last week came back HIV positive.

"He's taken it like a champ," Holden said. "He knows he's had a promiscuous lifestyle in the past. He's taking it better than his team [of handlers]."

Morrison, 27, did not attend the news conference. He remained in isolation at his home in the northeastern Oklahoma town of Jay, where he was providing blood samples to paramedics so further tests could be run.

He issued a statement asking people to pray for children affected by the disease because "I feel it would be selfish to ask you to say a prayer for me."

"I understand that there are

people concerned about me," he said in the statement. "I am fine."

Holden said results of the latest tests are expected within 48 hours. He said Morrison still held out hope that a retest would show the original test false, but that the fighter has already talked about getting involved in AIDS awareness activities.

"If it is true, I don't see us ever fighting again or ever wanting to," Holden said. "But right now we're not concerned about that."

Morrison had cited religious reasons when he initially refused to take a test for the virus in the days before his scheduled fight Saturday night against Arthur Weathers in Las Vegas. He left a doctor's office but returned the next day to submit a blood sample.

Holden said Monday he had told Morrison not to sign anything before contacting him or his attorney because of a new agreement with promoter Don King.

The Nevada Athletic Commission suspended him for medical reasons only hours before the fight. Morrison's trainer, Tom Vir-

Boxing fights hard to eradicate sport's health-related dangers

■ **BOXING:** Arizona, Washington and Oregon also do HIV testing

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Lamar Parks was only days from fighting Gerald McClellan for the WBC middleweight title in this boxing capital when he abruptly pulled out of the March 1994 fight with what he said was a bad shoulder. A few days earlier, the No.

1 contender had tried to pass off to Nevada boxing authorities a blood test for the AIDS virus taken by a friend who was wearing a necklace with Parks' "Kidfire" nickname.

Nevada officials wouldn't bite. They refused the test, and Parks has never fought again.

"He had someone take a test for him in South Carolina and

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gets, said he told the fighter the news of his suspension Saturday afternoon in the crowded casino at the MGM Grand hotel.

Morrison was to have received \$50,000 to fight Weathers, the first step in a package of fights under promoter Don King that was to have led to a possible \$4 million payday against Mike Tyson later this year.

Morrison is 45-3-1 in a seven-year career with 39 knockouts.

His career has been marked by daunting setbacks, but he always seemed to work his way back.

A promising start to his career suffered in 1991 when, weary and teetering, Morrison was knocked out by Ray Mercer in the fifth round. Two years later, Morrison won the World Boxing Organization championship with

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