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TODAY IN SPORTS

Belle now under investigation

NEW YORK (AP) — Albert Belle met on Wednesday with baseball investigators who are looking into an April 6 incident in which the Cleveland Indians outfielder threw a ball that hit a photographer.

The meeting at the offices of management's Player Relations Committee lasted about 90 minutes, according to one baseball official who spoke on the condition he not be identified.

Belle was joined by Cleveland general manager John Hart, agent Arn Tellem and Gene Orza, the No. 2 official of the players' association.

Attending the meeting for management was baseball security head Kevin Hallinan, American League lawyer Bill Schweitzer, PRC lawyer Lou Melendez and investigator Jim Murphy.

None of the people involved in the session would comment or even acknowledge that it took place.

The baseball officials want to know what happened at Jacobs Field in Cleveland before the game on April 6.

Women's pro hoops may start in 1997

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA Board of Governors today approved the concept of a Women's NBA to begin play as a summer league in 1997.

"We think this is an idea whose time has come," NBA commissioner David Stern said. "Fans have come to appreciate the excellence of women's basketball and we believe that significant network and sponsor opportunities exist to create a foundation on which to build a league."

Stern said details would be announced in early July with teams expected to be placed in cities that already have NBA franchises.



April 25

ON THE TUBE

■ 4 p.m. TBS — NBA Playoffs doubleheader, New York at Cleveland and Portland at Utah, round one, game No. 1's

■ 4:30 p.m. ESPN — NHL Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game No. 5, Tampa Bay at Philadelphia or St. Louis at Toronto

■ 5 p.m. TNT — NBA Playoffs doubleheader, Atlanta at Indiana and Houston at LA Lakers. Both round one, game one.

Ducks place sixth at Pac-10 tournament

■ **GOLF:** Oregon now waits to see if it will be selected for the NCAA Regionals May 9-11

By Trevor Kearney
Sports Editor

The Oregon women's golf team improved its overall score for the second straight day and moved up one spot in the team standings to finish in sixth place at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships on Wednesday in Tucson, Ariz.

After notching team scores of 312 and 303, respectively, in the first two rounds, Oregon shot a 297 as a team on Wednesday, bumping off USC for sole possession of sixth place

with a three-round total of 912.

Senior Christel Tomori led the way, finishing in a tie for 14th with a third-round score of 76. Tomori's three-day total was 224, four strokes ahead of Oregon sophomore Paula Patterson, who fired a 72 on Wednesday.

Freshmen Karen Bristow and Kylie Wilson both shot three-day totals of 231 while senior Susie Roh rounded out the Oregon contingent with a combined score of 235.

Host Arizona lost its two-day lead, as four-time defending Pac-10 champion Arizona State came roaring back from its third-place standing from the previous day to reclaim the conference crown with a team score of 875.

UCLA, ranked second in the nation, actually finished in second place, three strokes ahead of Arizona. Stanford placed fourth while Washington was just one stroke ahead of the Ducks in fifth place.

Wildcat Maria Baena, fueled by a second-day score of 68, won the individual title, but UCLA's Jeong-Min Park was just one stroke back after firing a 70 on the final day.

The Ducks will now wait until April 28 to see if they will make it to the NCAA Regionals. Considering the strength of the Pac-10 (five teams are ranked in the top 20 in the nation, with Oregon at No. 20), the Ducks should gain serious consideration for a bid.

If selected, the Ducks would travel to Omaha, Neb., for the May 9-11 tournament.

Ducks head south for Pac-10 Championships

■ **TENNIS:** Some of the nation's best teams and players will be competing

By Ryan Frank
Freelance Sports Reporter

Rain and flooding will not be a problem for the Oregon men's and women's tennis teams for the next four days.

Both teams have escaped to Ojai, Calif. for the Pacific-10 Conference Tennis Championships beginning today. But it will not be a walk in the park for the Ducks.

On the men's side, the draw contains unbeaten and No. 1 ranked UCLA, No. 2 Stanford and No. 7 USC. Arizona, Arizona State and California round out the draw's nationally ranked teams.

The women will have their hands full as well. The Ducks will compete against No. 2 Stanford, No. 4 Arizona, No. 6 UCLA and No. 19 USC. California, Arizona State and Washington are also ranked nationally.



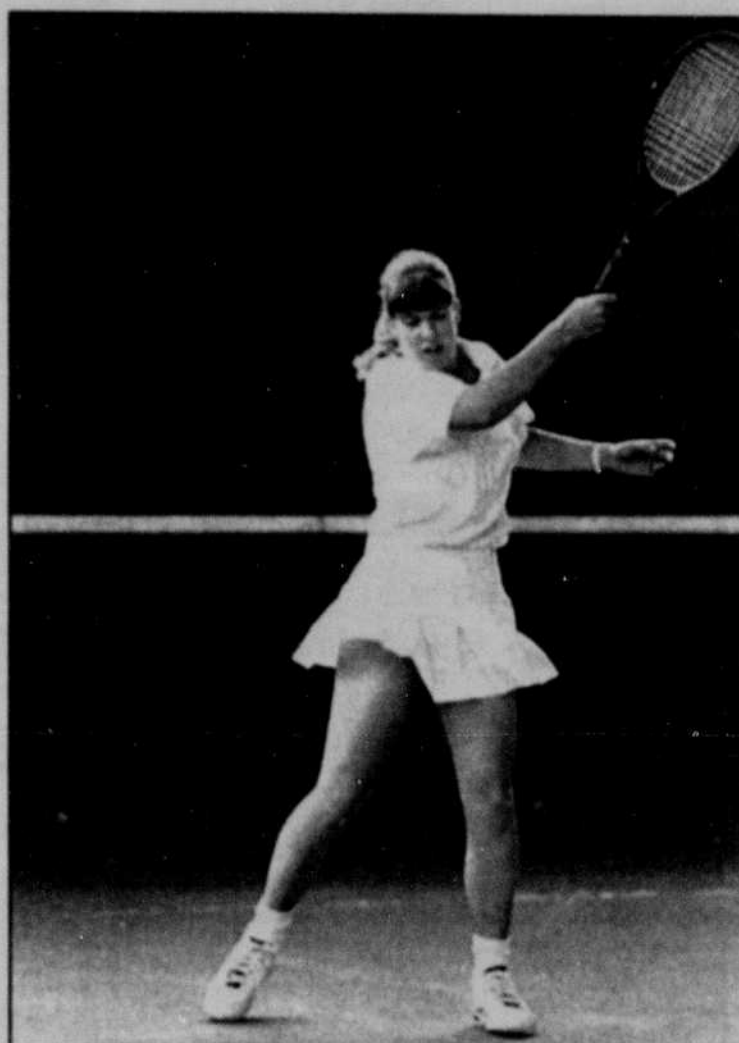
"This is a 100-year old tournament and the top individual players in the nation will be there," women's head coach Wade Judy said. "The players in this tournament will have a lot of motivation to play in the NCAAAs. I expect to go down there and see incredible play."

Men's head coach Chris Russell is equally impressed with the men's field.

"The level of competition is very high," Russell said. "The best players in the country are in this draw. Stanford and UCLA between them have five of the top 15 singles players in the nation. Then there is an abundance of guys ranked between 15 and 80."

Senior Hans Forsberg, juniors Dougal Williams and John DeVors and freshman Carlos Navarro will represent the Ducks in singles play. Forsberg will take on Sergio Elias of Arizona State, while Williams will face Henrik Wagner of Arizona for the second time this season. Williams lost to Wagner February 5 in Arizona. DeVors will tackle No. 5 Jeff Salzenstein of Stanford and Navarro, who has

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Sophomore Caryn Coyle will be competing in the opening round of singles at the Pac-10 Tennis Championships.

Small frisbee teams excel at regionals

The Oregon Club Sports women's ultimate frisbee team is headed to the regional tournament after winning the section championship last weekend.

The Ducks defeated Oregon State and Humboldt State despite traveling to Arcadia, Calif., with the minimum seven players needed to field a team. Humboldt State competed with 19 players, while Oregon State traveled with 10.

"It was great; everyone got to play the whole time," Oregon's Aurora della Cruz said.

The sectional tournament contained only Oregon, Oregon State and Humboldt State. All teams qualify for regionals regardless of their performance in sectionals.

At the same tournament the Oregon Club Sports men's ultimate frisbee team did not fare as well.

The men suffered 13-6 losses to both Oregon State and Humboldt State.

"We didn't play very well as a team," Oregon's Kent Petterson said. "We also had a low number of people go."

Although the Ducks lost their only two matches of the weekend, they will still compete in the regional tournament May 4 and 5 along with the women. The regional tournament includes teams from Canada, Washington, Oregon and California.

Snowboarder places third in championship

The Oregon Club Sports snowboarding team competed at the sixth annual Northwest Collegiate Snowboard Championships last weekend.

"It went over pretty well, but we didn't have as strong a showing as we have had in the past,"

said Oregon's Steve Black, who took third place on Saturday.

Spikers take third after dropping class

A low number of athletes competing for the Ducks seemed to be a trend last weekend. The Oregon Club Sports women's volleyball team traveled to Pacific University for a regional tournament with the minimum of six players.

After the pool play, Oregon was dropped down to the BB class where it took third place. The Ducks toppled "No Dinx" in the first round, lost to "Fade to Gray" in the second round and defeated "Sub Spot" 2-0 for third place.

Wushu, tai chi clubs off to championships

The Oregon Club Sport wushu and tai chi teams will travel to



Berkeley, Calif. this weekend for the Chinese Martial Arts Championships. The Championship is the largest meet in the nation for Chinese martial arts.

Oregon will compete against California, UCLA, Stanford, Arizona and possibly San Diego.

"Our club is pretty new but I think we will do pretty good," wushu organizer Dan Wu said.

The championship is the wushu team's only meet of the year, and many members of the tai chi team competing this weekend have not competed in an event of this level.

—Ryan Frank