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TODAY IN SPORTS

There is no turning back now for Allen

MCLEAN, Va. (AP) — Ray Allen has an agent, which means the All-American guard from Connecticut officially ended his college career.

Advantage International added Allen to a stable of basketball stars that includes David Robinson, Grant Hill and Jerry Stackhouse, among others.

Allen was one of 39 underclassmen to apply for early entry to next month's NBA draft, but he had the option of changing his mind and keeping his eligibility until he signed with an agent.

Advantage International said in a statement that Allen selected its organization to represent him following an extensive interview process with several agents.

Allen is expected to be among the top players who will be selected on June 26.

He was the Big East Player of the Year two years in a row. He averaged 23.4 points and 6.5 rebounds a game last season.

Utah Jazz fans plan their pilgrimage to Spokane bar

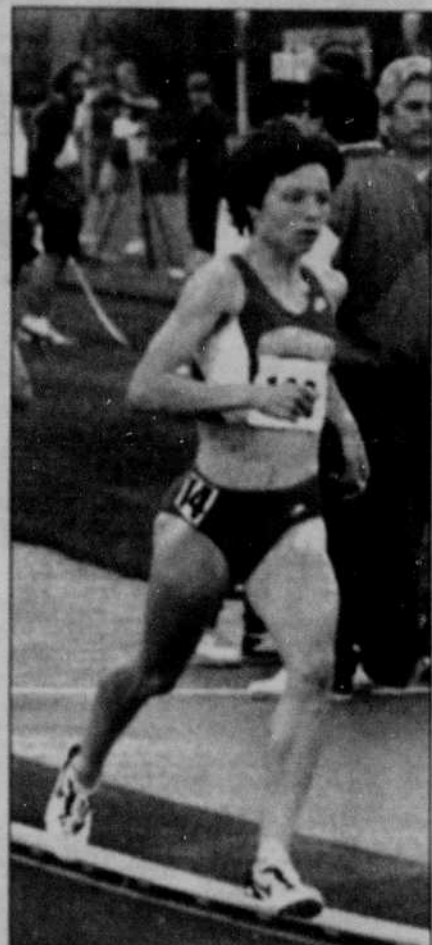
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Four Utah Jazz fans have a quest: cycle to the "last outpost of true Jazz fandom." Jack & Dan's Sports Bar in Spokane, Wash., the tavern owned by Jazz star John Stockton's father.

"We're true fans," said Dan Austin, who organized the trip before it was known how the Jazz would fare in the playoffs.

Austin, who will be accompanied by his two brothers and a friend, has another goal. He wants to make a documentary film about the quest.

The BYU film student graduates in August and figures the film could help his final grades. He also hopes to screen it at regional film festivals.

He plans to capture on film the interviews with fans and non-fans the bicyclists meet. They'll also play pickup games on basketball courts throughout Idaho and cart a golden chalice to be filled at Jack & Dan's soda fountain.



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Above: Sophomore Kaarin Knudson is selected as one of the Ducks' 14 women qualified for the NCAA meet. Left: Seniors Rick Cantwell (left) and David Gurry were two of nine Ducks named to the men's list of NCAA participants.

Ducks ready to make noise at NCAA meet

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Twenty-three athletes will represent Oregon at Hayward Field today

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With the start of the NCAA Track and Field Championships set to start today, the list of athletes has been decided and the Oregon teams are well represented.

The men's and women's team will combine for a total of 23 athletes competing in several events. Oregon is second in the nation only to North Carolina, which is sending 25 athletes.

The women's team boasts an impressive 14 competitors, which is largest in the nation.

On the men's side, Oregon will be represented by nine athletes.

Several Ducks have known they were going since earning automatic qualifying numbers during the season.

Senior Melody Fairchild is scheduled to compete in the 10,000-meter run and the 5,000-meter run.

Sophomore Milena Glusac will be joining Fairchild in the 5,000 and has also earned a spot in the 3,000-meter run.

Senior Daniel Das Neves automatically qualified in the steeplechase and sophomore Matt Davis will be representing the men in the 10,000.

The rest of the squad had to hold their breaths and hope that their numbers were good enough for the NCAA selection committee to call their names.

Senior decathlete Ray Livingston was only seven points away from scoring an automatic

bid, and that proved to be close enough to make it to the championships.

Sophomore Jennifer Thomas will be competing in the heptathlon.

In the sprinting events, junior Nicole Commissiong will be competing in the 400-meter dash and will most likely run a leg of the 4X400-meter relay. Other possible members of the long relay are seniors LaReina Woods and Jamila Godfrey and freshmen Sue Morris and Tish Henes.

Henes made it on the list of qualifiers for the 400-meter hurdles. Sophomore Katie Pearmine will be representing the Ducks in the javelin throw.

For the men, the field events will feature three Ducks. Junior Chris Nelson will be a contender in the high jump, sophomore Gregg Bleakney made the cut in

the triple jump and junior Dusty Carlson is going to the NCAA meet for the second time in the shot put.

Oregon will be strong in the distances. In addition to Fairchild and Glusac, senior Niamh Zwagerman will compete in the 10,000 and freshman Marie Davis and senior Jenna Carlson will run in the 3,000.

Senior Karl Keska will make tracks in the 10,000 along with Matt Davis. In the 5,000, seniors Rick Cantwell and David Gurry will represent Oregon.

Rounding out the list of Oregon qualifiers are sophomore Kaarin Knudson, who made it in the 800-meter run and the 1,500-meter run, but decided to only run in the latter, and junior Vicky Fleschner, who will join Knudson in the 800.

Utah Jazz break 8-game losing streak, beat Sonics

BASKETBALL: The game was decided in overtime and won by three points

SEATTLE (AP) — Cancel those Friday reservations for the NBA Finals. The Utah Jazz aren't cooperating.

The Jazz won a road game in the conference finals for the first time in franchise history Tuesday night, 98-95 in overtime of

Game 5 to send the Western Conference finals back to Salt Lake City for another game Thursday night.

"We said that this team always responds when things are tough on us," Karl Malone said. "We always believed in ourselves when everyone else didn't. It's amazing what you can do when you put your mind to it."

Utah still trails 3-2 in the best-

of-7 series, but the Jazz broke an eight-game losing streak in conference finals road games and handed the Sonics just their fifth home loss of the season.

Malone scored 29 points, Jeff Hornacek had 27 and John Stockton made a key steal with 18.1 seconds left to make up for another poor game — four points and six rebounds in 38 minutes.

The Key Arena crowd, strange-

ly quiet in the final seven seconds of action, turned mute as the shot missed, then filed out stunned as they contemplated another battle with the Jazz on Thursday night instead of Game 1 against the Chicago Bulls on Friday.

If Utah wins Game 6, Game 7 would be Sunday at Seattle.

"Those guys are capable of beating us in our building if we're not ready to play," Malone said.

ON THE TUBE

May 29

■ 5:30 p.m. ESPN — NHL Playoffs, conference finals, Detroit at Colorado, game No. 6 (if necessary)

■ 7:30 p.m. ESPN — Major League Baseball, N.Y. Yankees at California or Baltimore at Seattle.