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TODAY IN SPORTS

Track team honors outstanding athletes

Milena Glusac and Ray Livingston were honored as the University's men's and women's track team's top award recipients at the Ducks' track-and-field banquet.

Glusac, returning after he missed last season due to illness, was named the women's Lynne Winbigler Performer of the Year while Livingston was honored with the Scharpf Award as the men's outstanding track athletes.

Livingston fought off early season injuries to claim fourth place in the decathlon at last week's NCAA meet with 7,682 points after qualifying for the championships only two weeks earlier.

Glusac scored sixth in the women's 3,000-meter run at last week's outdoor NCAA Championships after earning runner-up honors in the collegiate championships indoor 3,000 in March.

Melody Fairchild was accorded with the women's Coach's Award as the squad's most improved performer. The Boulder, Colo., senior claimed the NCAA indoor 3,000-meter crown and Pac-10 10,000 title after placing fourth in last year's conference 10,000 meters.

Chris Nelson, who remained unbeaten outdoors this season prior to tying for fourth in the NCAA high jump, was honored as the men's top scorer after ascending as the team's first All-American in the event in 32 years.

Additional honorees included Corvallis senior LaReina Woods as the recipient of the Mary Officer Award as the women's high-point scorer, and junior Nicole Commissioning as the Harry Ritchie Award recipient for athletic achievement, leadership, scholarship and inspiration.

Sophomore Matt Davis was voted the Dow Wilson Award as the men's most inspirational competitor while sophomore Gregg Bleakney earned the Perry Holloman Award as the team's most improved athlete.

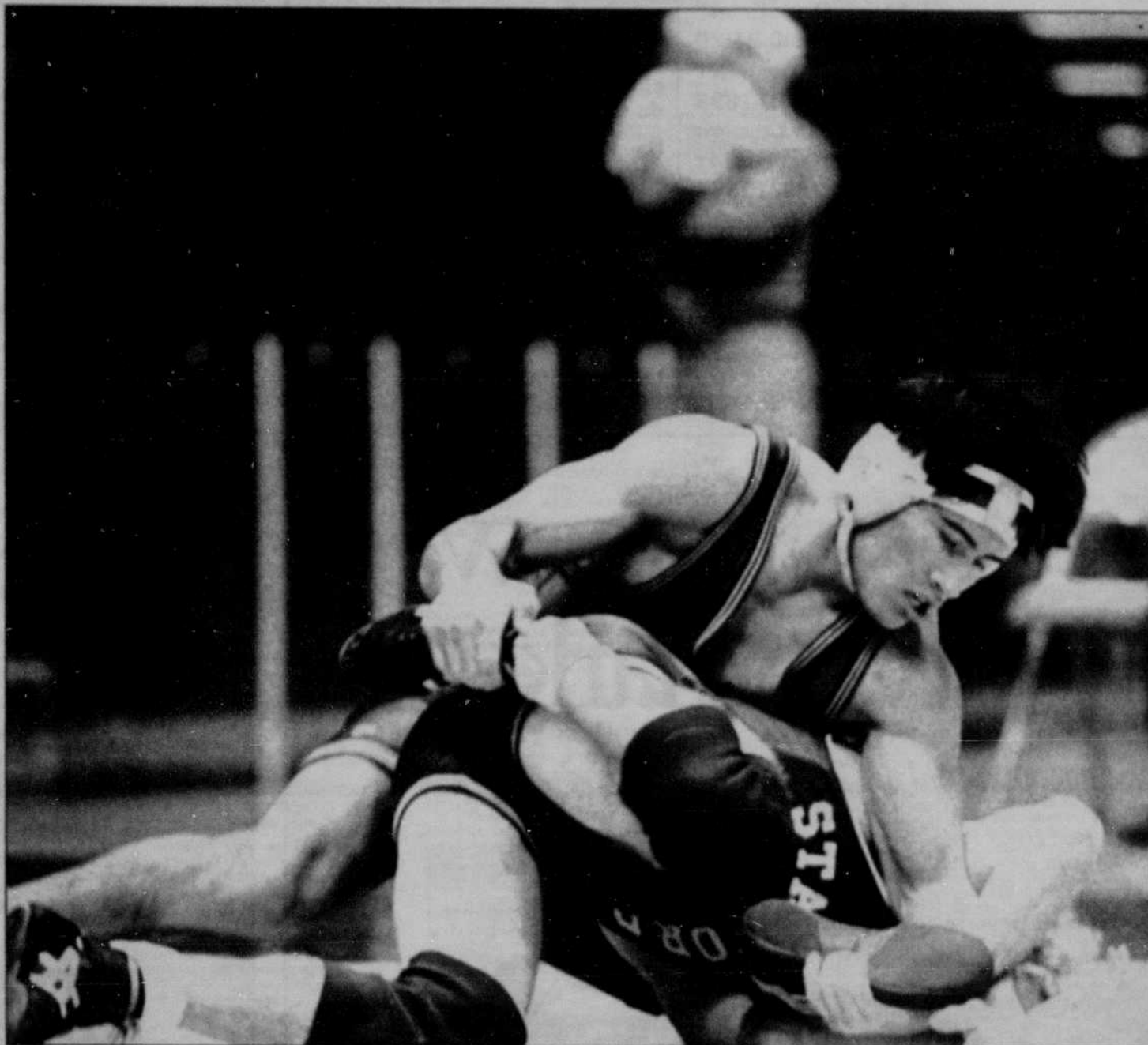
Ducks to host Oregon Weightlifting Classic

The Len Casanova Center at Autzen Stadium is the host location for the University of Oregon Weightlifting Classic to be held on Saturday.

This all-day event begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at 7 p.m. Participants include world-class competitors and up-and-coming high school stars.

Athletes, both male and female, are divided by weight class and required to compete in the snatch and the clean and jerk. "Strength, Speed and Agility" is the Classic's slogan.

Remembering the Ducks: WRESTLING



Oregon wrestler Scott Norton faced some tough competition while successfully defending his title at the Pacific-10 Championships. The Ducks went on to place fourth in the conference and sent five wrestlers to the NCAA Championships.

Sonics learn from Game 1 loss to Bulls

■ NBA FINALS: Seattle found out the hard way how good Chicago is

CHICAGO (AP) — The Seattle SuperSonics called their Game 1 loss to the Chicago Bulls a learning experience.

Lessons from Losing to the Bulls 101:

— When Michael Jordan has a scowl on his face, watch out. Jordan had one Wednesday night, usually not a good sign for any Bulls opponent. And after the 107-90 victory, coach Phil Jackson hinted of better things to come from the NBA's MVP.

Jordan's first shot of the game hit the side of the backboard and his second one missed, too. After that, though, it was three-straight jumpers in the face of three different defenders, the last one was followed by an icy glare at Gary Payton.

"There's always challenges and individual stuff going on on the court, and Michael and Gary are two big trash-talkers who like to go after each other aggressively. But it's a long series, and I don't

think that one incident in the first quarter — I think there'll be many more of them," Karl said.

— Weak passes lose ballgames.

It happened three times in the fourth quarter, lackadaisical passes that were picked off by the Bulls. Ron Harper grabbed two and Scottie Pippen got one, and all three led to fastbreak-baskets in a 22-9 run that broke the game open.

"We moved the pressure up, and the next thing you know we picked them off. That makes them hesitant to make the passes so quickly and it slows their offense," Jordan said.

The Bulls finished with nine steals and scored 24 points off Seattle's 18 turnovers. Chicago had only seven miscues, a couple of which came after the outcome had been decided.

"If you turn the ball over on Chicago, it's either going to be a dunk, a 3-pointer or a foul on you," Shawn Kemp said. "We've got to take care of the ball, especially late in the game."

— The Jordanaires can hurt you, too.

Whether it was Luc Longley

dominating the paint in the first quarter, Dennis Rodman continually getting open for uncontested layups, Harper finding the open man or Toni Kukoc draining 3-pointers, Jordan's supporting cast played to their strengths and were virtually mistake-free.

"We didn't have the zip," Karl said. "Every game, one team usually has a little more zip than the other. Chicago had it."

— Rodman's antics bring results, and they aren't always negative ones for the Bulls.

Karl used the word "flop" eight times in 60 seconds in describing a sequence at the end of the first half that led to a flagrant foul, two quick technical fouls and the ejection of Seattle's Frank Brickowski. Karl called it one of the key moments in the game because it changed the momentum after the Sonics had caught up.

— Kemp can't carry the team. He needs Payton to play like an All-Star, too.

Kemp was an unstoppable force the first three quarters, accumulating 30 of his 32 points and going 14-of-16 from the foul line.

In the fourth quarter, though, the Sonics didn't deliver the ball to him, and he took only three shots.

Payton, who averaged 21.7 points in the first three rounds of the playoffs, seemed more focused on talking trash to Jordan than penetrating the lane. He scored only 13 points and shot 6-for-17.

Karl told his team once again that they belong on the same court with the Bulls, and his players repeated the line over and over Thursday.

"It was not a blowout. It was not a destruction," Karl said. "I don't think we played that well, and it was still a seven-point game with five minutes to go. I think my team is very confident."

"If we hold them to 90 tomorrow night we'll have a good chance," Karl said.

The Sonics' scheme of guarding Pippen and Jordan with a different defender nearly every time downcourt did little to throw off the Bulls, but Chicago's ploy of extending its defense and keeping Payton from bringing the ball upcourt seemed to throw off Seattle's offense.