

## The Weasel, Friedman and the end

I had a big final column in the works weeks ago. I was going to write some funny little anecdotes, thank everybody that helped me along the way and leave on a good note all at the same time.

But as Dave Charbonneau, one of my predecessors, said in his final *Emerald* column (*ODE*, May 31, '94): "I don't have the energy nor the will to come up with some cute anecdote to fill 18 to 21 inches of copy."

Amen. I don't have one particular sentiment to wrap up my *Emerald* reporting experience — I ran out of



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column ideas long ago but have forced myself to sit down and do my duty anyway.

So, without further ado, here are a few things that need to be said before I wrap up my *Emerald* sports reporting career.

### The Weasel ...

In my last column, I bagged on the Continental Basketball Association, saying it was full of has-beens, wannabes and a handful of NBA hopefuls.

Well, I got called on that statement, and by an *Emerald* "celebrity" nonetheless. Kraig Norris, author of the famed "Weasel's World" comic strip and 10-year subscriber to the CBA newsletter, took exception to those comments.

While I stand pat with my own perception of the league, Norris, who I now think of as an on-call CBA consultant, was nice enough to write me an insightful letter and tell me that I potentially offended the hoards of CBA fans out there.

I didn't even know that this select group existed, but Norris made me aware of my insensitivity and chastised me for it.

Well Weasel, for that and all of your funny Steve Friedman portrayals, thank you.

### Speaking of Friedman ...

For all the bad things that have been said (and even written) about the infamous Steve "Freedman" Friedman, I will miss the guy.

Never will there be another sports journalist that pisses coaches off, consumes pizza at basketball games before leaving early, and generally makes me laugh the way Friedman did.

Whether it was his sending the scores "a-rolling at

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## Remembering the Ducks: TRACK AND FIELD



Senior Ray Livingston was atop the scoreboard going into the last decathlon event at the NCAA Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field. Though a leg injury took the title from him, Livingston came back from a mid-season back injury to establish himself as one of the premier decathletes in the country.

## Ducks ready for first year

■ **SOCCER:** Oregon signed seven recruits, finalized its schedule and hired an assistant coach

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Bill Steffen has been busy.

Since being hired to coach the new women's soccer program in mid-February, he has signed seven players to national letters of intent, hammered out a final schedule for the program's first season and acquired an assistant coach.

Three Oregonians, full of post-season honors, highlight the Ducks' recruits. Midfielder Erin Anderson, of Tigard High School, heads the list of home-grown prospects.

Anderson was a first-team all-state pick in 1995 and a member of two state championship teams.

Forward Kathryn DePorter and midfielder/defender Laura Farris were also signed out of Oregon.

DePorter was a three-time all-Metro League pick at Glencoe High School, as well as team captain and MVP in 1995.

Farris, of Sheldon High School, was an honorable mention all-state pick and her team's MVP in 1995.

Goalie Amanda Fox of Orange, Calif., center midfielder Elyce Kirchner of San Francisco and forward Megan Huss of Tacoma, Wash., round out the Ducks' recruits.

Fox, of Mater Dei High School, has experience in the Olympic Development Program (ODP) and was on the California South State team twice.

Kirchner, of St. Ignatius High School, spent five years with the ODP, including time on the regional team in 1995. Huss was a two-time all-league selection at Curtis High.

"We are concerned with the *people* we signed and developing good team chemistry," Steffen said. "I felt good about the kind of people and players we signed."

Steffen and his new recruits will open their 1996 season at home against UC-Irvine on Sept. 3.

Nine of the Ducks' 18 games will be played on the intermural field between

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## Bulls dominate in Seattle, go up 3-0

■ **FINALS:** Michael Jordan scored 36 points in Game 3 of the NBA Finals

SEATTLE (AP) — All that remains is the formality of Game 4. The NBA Finals are more or less over.

Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls steamrolled the Seattle SuperSonics on Sunday, putting on as mighty a performance as they've given all postseason.

They led by 22 before the first quarter was over, got 15 consecutive points from Jordan in the second, withstood a Seattle run in the third and cruised through the fourth for a 108-86 victory and a 3-0 lead in the series.

"In the first half we basically took the crowd out of the game," Jordan said. "We pretty much wanted to control things, and that's what we did."

No team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit in any playoff round, and the Sonics don't look like much of a candidate to be the first — especially after what they saw in Game 3.

The Bulls quieted Key Arena right from the start, kept their lead in double digits for the final 42 1/2 minutes and walked off the court looking as

proud as the champions they seem certain to become.

"When we get on the road," Jordan said, "we become a little more focused."

Game 4 is Wednesday night, and a victory by the Bulls would give them a sweep of the series and the best postseason record in playoff history: 15-1. The current record is 12-1 by the Philadelphia 76ers in 1983.

It was the ninth victory in a row for Chicago, tying the 1982 Los Angeles Lakers for the second-most consecutive wins in a single postseason.

The record is 11, which the Bulls won't be able to match, but it's about the only great thing that can't be said about them.

Jordan led Chicago with 36 points, Luc Longley had 19 and Toni Kukoc 14. Chicago, which had struggled from the field in the first two games, finished at 50 percent from the field and forced 21 turnovers from a thoroughly overmatched Seattle team.

After a pair of mediocre yet effective performances at home in the first two games, the Bulls seemed determined to make themselves click as

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## Home run lifts LSU over Miami

■ **BASEBALL:** Morris hit the first title-winning homer in College World Series history

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A dreary season had a dream ending for LSU's Warren Morris.

Every player dreams about hitting the World Series' winning homer, the way Bill Mazeroski and Joe Carter once did. Now Morris, who missed most of the season with a broken right hand and had not hit a homer all year, knows how it feels.

Down to its last out in the bottom of the ninth inning,

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