

# SPORTS



**ON THE TUBE**  
Men's College Basketball  
Kentucky at Georgia  
ESPN (34), 6:30 p.m.

## DAILY TRIVIA

Who were the first brothers to pitch in the same MLB All-Star Game?  
See scoreboard for answer.

# Chicago center ready to make return after injury

■ **NBA: Bulls'** players have waited seven weeks for Luc Longley's return to the court

The Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — The way the Chicago Bulls have talked about their center's impending return from an injury, you'd think his name was Chamberlain, Russell or Abdul-Jabbar.

Rarely has an athlete gained as much value through his absence as has Luc Longley.

"It's kind of ironic that you're appreciated most when you're not playing. In fact, [assistant coach] Tex Winter thinks I should retire now," said Longley, who will return to the lineup Tuesday night against Washington after missing seven weeks with a separated shoulder.

Although the Bulls (31-4) are on pace for a second successive 72-win season and are 19-3 since Longley got hurt, coach Phil Jackson said Monday

that they must have a healthy, effective Longley to repeat as NBA champions.



Michael Jordan said he was looking forward to upcoming games because "we get our big man back."

And on bar stools and talk radio, Chicago fans have been eagerly anticipating the return of the 7-foot-2 Aussie they once heckled.

It's all pretty heady stuff for a guy who has averaged 6.5 points during his nondescript career, a center who has picked up nearly as many fouls as defensive rebounds in his 5 1/2 NBA seasons.

"People make it sound like I'm all-important to the team," Longley said. "It's nice for people to think that, but that's going to be hard to live up to."

Jackson said the Bulls have missed Longley's passing from the post, soft jump shot and ability to trade shoves with the likes of Shaquille O'Neal and Alonzo Mourning. In addition, Longley's absence robbed the bench of Bill Wennington, who has been starting but is more effective as an offensive-minded reserve.

The Bulls occasionally struggled in their first 18 games of Longley's injury, outscoring opponents by an average of "only" 10 points and losing three times. But they have adjusted and have won their

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## Scoreboard

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

#### NBA

New Jersey .....111	Cleveland .....79
Orlando .....114	Atlanta .....93
Philadelphia .....96	Dallas .....98
Utah .....97	Phoenix .....105
Miami .....98	Denver .....100
Washington .....95	Charlotte .....102

#### NHL

Boston .....3	Washington .....6
Ottawa .....4	Toronto .....3
Montreal .....1	Chicago .....0
Dallas .....2	Tampa Bay .....2
N.Y. Rangers .....2	San Jose .....5
N.Y. Islanders .....4	Phoenix .....4

#### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

(8) Iowa State .....67	Georgetown .....74
(1) Kansas .....80	(19) Boston Col. ....81

#### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Georgia Tech .....59
(20) Clemson .....67

## Longtime Braves public-address announcer dies

GRIFFIN, Ga. (AP) — Marshall Mann found out he had lung and kidney cancer just a month after retiring as the Atlanta Braves' public-address announcer last fall.

Mann died Sunday night. He was 63. "All of us at the Braves will miss Marshall greatly," team president Stan Kasten said Monday. "We all enjoyed and appreciated every game he ever worked over his 30 years with the team. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family."

Mann had decided some time ago that he would retire before the Braves changed homes, moving from Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium to a new stadium across the street for the 1997 season.

## Los Angeles indoor track meet won't be held this year

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The 37-year-old Los Angeles indoor track and field meet won't be held this year because of the organizer's inability to secure a sponsor, chairman and co-founder Al Franken said Monday.

The event was scheduled Feb. 15 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. It was known as the Sunkist Invitational for the last 26 years, and was second only to New York's Millrose Games in longevity among the country's indoor meets.

### DAILY TRIVIA ANSWER

Gaylord and Jim Perry were the first brothers to pitch in the same MLB All-Star Game.

## Back to the drawing board



MARK McTYRE/Emerald

Oregon's Mike McShane practices his jump shot during the Ducks' Monday workout at McArthur Court. Oregon will try to rebound from two road losses to the Washington schools against visiting Stanford Thursday night at Mac Court.

# Hockey wins two-of-three games on the road

## ■ CLUB SPORTS:

Brendan Malia, Ezra Louthis and Jordan Weiner lead the Ducks in the two victories

By Alex Pond

Freelance Sports Reporter

With victories against UCLA and Long Beach State, the Oregon Club hockey team recorded a 2-1 mark on a three-game road trip to southern California over the weekend, improving its season record to 11-4-1.

Oregon started the trip off on a winning note, disposing of UCLA 7-4 Friday night in a Pacific-8 hockey league game. After ending the first period tied at one, the Ducks outscored the Bruins 3-1 in the second period to take control of the game.

Ezra Louthis scored two goals and had one assist for the Ducks, while Brendan Malia led the team in scor-

ing with five points, getting one goal and four assists. "We started slow but dominated after that," assistant captain Robert Wasson said. "We felt really good about the win."

That feeling would last just a short time, however, as the Ducks were shut out 4-0 by Southern California Saturday in another league game.

"I don't know what happened," Wasson said of the loss to the Trojans. "They were very disciplined and stuck with their game plan."

The Ducks would rebound Sunday with a 7-4 non-league victory against Long Beach State to conclude the

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## Thanks for showing up, now go away

Oksana Baiul is guilty. Michael Irvin and Erik Williams are not. Some Oregon women's basketball fans are receiving national attention. And of all things, Sugar Ray Leonard is set to fight again.

So far, 1997 has been business as usual in the sporting world. Here is a list of some of the New Year's top news makers, people that I hope I will never have to read about again for the remainder of the year.

■ It appears as though sweet, innocent

Oksana Baiul, the Ukrainian figure skater that captured America's heart by winning a gold medal in the 1994 winter Olympics, isn't so sweet and innocent anymore. She reportedly was well over Connecticut's legal drinking limit when she crashed her Mercedes early Sunday morning. The clincher? Baiul is only 19-years old.

Advice to Baiul? One name: Tonya Harding. The last thing the glamorous world of figure skating needs is another potential superstar turning to life of lawlessness and scandal. Slow down.

■ So Michael Irvin and Erik Williams didn't rape a woman at gunpoint in a cocaine induced rage. Considering the histories of these two individuals, both the allegation and subsequent recantation of this latest crime were not surprising.

What was surprising, though, is that these two Dallas Cowboys acted like they were in shock for even being accused of any crime involving drugs, strippers and sex. Coming off as if they were a couple of little angels being persecuted by the Satan media. Please.

Let's remember, Irvin is the same guy who just last winter was arrested in a mo-

### OPINION



Chris Hansen

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