

SPORTS



ON THE TUBE
NBA, Seattle (20-12)
vs. Orlando (12-19),
ESPN (34), 7:05 p.m.

DAILY TRIVIA
Who is second on the Oregon men's
all-time three-point baskets list?
See scoreboard for answer.

Rodman gives money, apology in kick settlement

NBA: The cameraman who received the kick in the pants agreed not to file criminal charges

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Dennis Rodman called Tuesday to say he's sorry.

The Chicago Bulls star apologized to Target Center cameraman Eugene Amos after agreeing to a \$200,000 out-of-court settlement that also assured that Rodman would

not face criminal prosecution.

Amos has "gone away for two or three weeks," according to a man who answered Amos' phone Tuesday but did not identify himself.

Although Andrew Luger, Rodman's lawyer, confirmed a settlement had been reached, he refused to discuss financial terms. A source who asked not to be identified told The Associated Press on Monday the settlement was for \$200,000.

The NBA suspended Rodman without



pay for at least 11 games and fined him \$25,000. The suspension is the second-longest in NBA history and will cost Rodman more than \$1.1 million in pay.

The deal also included Amos' agreement not to pursue an assault charge against Rodman.

Amos, an in-house cameraman working

on a freelance basis at the Target Center, was shooting video footage of the Bulls game against the Timberwolves on Jan. 15 when Rodman stumbled out of bounds and fell on top of a photographer seated next to Amos.

Amos turned his camera on Rodman, who responded by kicking Amos very high on the inside of his left thigh. Amos was attended to at courtside for several minutes before he was carried off on a stretcher and treated briefly at a hospital.

Oregon Men's Basketball

What's happening to mighty Oregon?

Oregon men's head coach Jerry Green is trying to find the answer that will end his team's four-game losing streak

By Chris Hansen
Sports Reporter

Just two weeks ago, the Oregon men's basketball team held a 10-0 record, was ranked 17th in the nation, was one of only three undefeated teams in the country and was rapidly moving up the national polls.

Now, Oregon is in the midst of a four-game losing streak and is tied for last place in the Pacific-10 Conference at 1-4.

"I think you could probably call it a slump," Oregon head coach Jerry Green said. "In the fact that we haven't been successful."

The problem — and the solution — both revolve around the Ducks' offense.

"The offense has created a lot of the problems by shooting the ball so fast," Green said. "We make an average of 1.6 passes per possession. That doesn't give the defense a very good chance of making a mistake."

"That means we are not going to get to the foul line because we are not getting inside shots. It also will affect the defense when we basically have a 12-second offense and then go down and play defense twice as long."

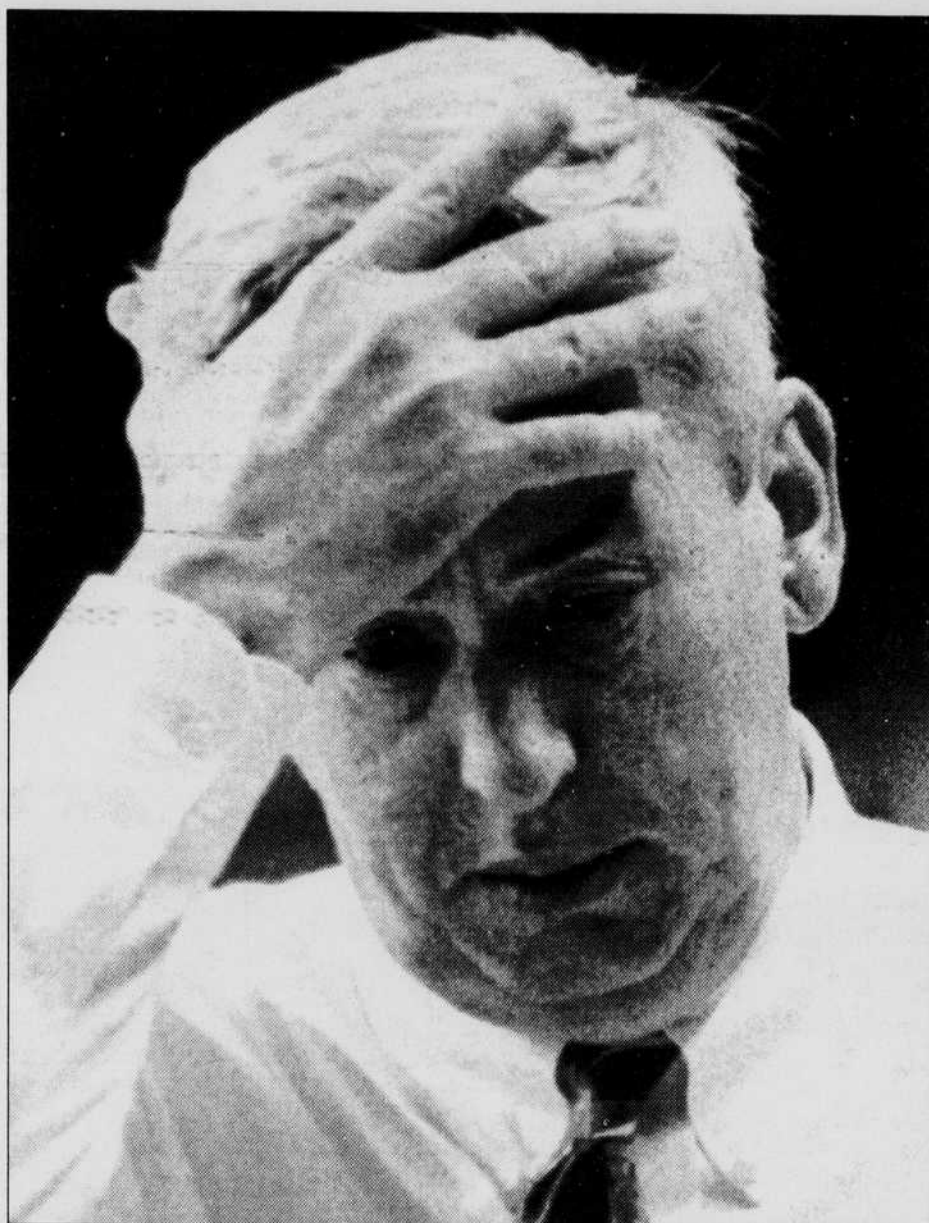
According to Green, rushing shots stems from one of two things.

"We are using the ball as a weapon," he said. "Trying to punch the ball in quickly with a warrior-type attitude to help whoop the enemy, or, we're unselfish."

"I think we are playing not to lose, instead of going out to win," guard Jamal Lawrence added. "When we get our leads we try to protect it instead of building on it. We play tentatively now, instead of going out with the same intensity as we did earlier in the season; going out and taking victories instead of expecting them to be handed to us."

While the offense works out its kinks, the confidence of a team once thought to be a sure bet for the NCAA Tournament in March, is another concern. "It might be a lit-

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CHAD PATTESON/Emerald

“The head coach is responsible for everything. He recruits the players, he teaches the players, and he has the ability to go with player B if player A isn't getting it done. So I am responsible for everything we do.”

— Jerry Green
UO head coach

Oregon head coach Jerry Green anguishes during his team's 73-62 loss to the visiting California Golden Bears last weekend. The loss was the Ducks' fourth straight loss.



The Streaking Numbers

- PPG DURING 10-0 START: 81.7
- OPPONENTS' PPG DURING 10-0 START: 66.2
- PPG DURING 4-GAME LOSING STREAK: 71.0
- OPPONENTS' PPG DURING 4-GAME LOSING STREAK: 76.0

Scoreboard

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NBA

Toronto118	Chicago88
Minnesota106	New York87
Orlando93	Milwaukee89
Washington88	Indiana92
Miami94	Portland100
Atlanta91	L.A. Clippers82
Charlotte114	Golden State105
Houston108	Dallas93

DAILY TRIVIA ANSWER

Senior Jamal Lawrence has made 156 career triples, only two behind former Duck Kevin Nixon.

Baseball's expansion thoughtless, ruins game

Another brilliant decision on the part of Major League Baseball. The league found spots for its two new expansion teams, who begin play in 1998, late last week.

The Arizona Diamondbacks were added to the National League West, which seems natural enough, Arizona is in the western part of the nation.

And the Tampa Bay Devil Rays were placed into the American League West, which doesn't seem natural at all.

Last time I checked, Tampa Bay was in Florida. And the last time I looked at a map, Florida was on the east coast.

Therefore, Tampa Bay should be in the

OPINION



Ryan Frank

Western division, right?

The Devil Rays' spot in the Western division will put it on the west coast for many of its away games against the likes of Oakland, Texas, Seattle and Anaheim with games that start well past the bedtimes of local Tampa Bay kids,

causing the Devil Rays' to lose a large portion of their fan base.

The decision by Major League Baseball to put a team from Tampa Bay in the Western division is just another chapter in the

lengthy novel of bad decisions by professional baseball.

After adding the Colorado Rockies and Florida Marlins to the National League in 1994, things looked to be set in major league baseball.

There was an equal number of teams in the American and National Leagues (14) for the first time since before Seattle and Toronto were added to the AL in the 1970s.

And after 1994's expansion, the league's pitching seemed to be stretched to its thinnest point, which was never more evident than last season.

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