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SPORTS

DAILY TRIVIA

What former Duck is two assists ahead of Kenya Wilkins on UO's all-time list? See scoreboard for answer.

Canseco to be back bashing in Oakland this season

TRADE:

The outfielder was traded back to the Athletics, where he began his career in 1985

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Bash Brothers are together again.

Jose Canseco returned to the Oakland Athletics in a trade from Boston on Monday and will be reunited with Mark McGwire, with whom he formed one of the most explosive combos in baseball in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

With Canseco and McGwire combining for 200 homers in 1988-90, the A's won three straight AL pennants. Canseco had five seasons of more than 30 homers for Oakland, including 44 in 1991 and

42 in 1988.

"If McGwire and myself can stay healthy the whole year, I think definitely we're going to win our division," Canseco said in a conference call from his home in Miami. "Potentially, we can lead the league in home runs."

Canseco was sent back to Oakland for right-handed pitcher John Wasdin, who was 8-7 with a 5.96 ERA last season in 25 games, 21 of them starts. The Athletics also got cash, apparently to pay part of Canseco's \$4.5 million base salary this season.

A's assistant general manager Billy Beane said Boston was paying the Athletics more than \$500,000, but he would not be more specific about the amount.

The trade had been anticipated for several weeks. The outline of the deal had been in place since last week, but Canseco first had to undergo a physical exam demanded by the Athletics.

Hampered by back, hip and hamstring problems, Canseco missed nearly 40 percent of Boston's games since he was acquired to be the Red Sox designated hitter in 1994.

SCOREBOARD

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NBA

Phoenix97	Vancouver97
Miami125	Golden State122

NHL

Tampa Bay3	Anaheim4
Ottawa5	St. Louis1
Chicago2	Los Angeles2
N.Y. Rangers1	Dallas7
Toronto2	Vancouver5
Colorado5	San Jose2

Pressure building to ban "ultimate fighting" in NY

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Less than a year after legalizing "ultimate fighting," key New York state leaders said Monday they may be ready to ban it, or at least let local governments do so.

State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, a Manhattan Democrat, said he would press for a statewide ban on the often brutal contests that mix boxing, martial arts and street-brawling techniques.

Meanwhile, state Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, a Republican, signaled he was ready to support legislation that would at least allow localities to ban the matches.

Bruno had been the driving force last year in having New York legalize ultimate fighting, which he has said is safer than boxing.

But Bruno spokesman John McArdle said Monday that his boss was going to ask his Republican Senate colleagues if they wanted to adopt legislation to prohibit the sport statewide or give localities the right to ban it in their areas.

"We may do something this week," McArdle said.

The first New York match under the new state law is scheduled for early next month in Niagara Falls, with another match planned for March in New York City. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has said he wants to be able to ban the events in his city.

Gov. George Pataki, who said he reluctantly signed the law last year rather than have no regulation of the contests, has called for a statewide ban.

Kings' Richmond named Player of the Week in NBA

NEW YORK (AP) — Mitch Richmond, who averaged 36.3 points while leading the Sacramento Kings to a 2-1 record, was chosen Monday as NBA player of the week.

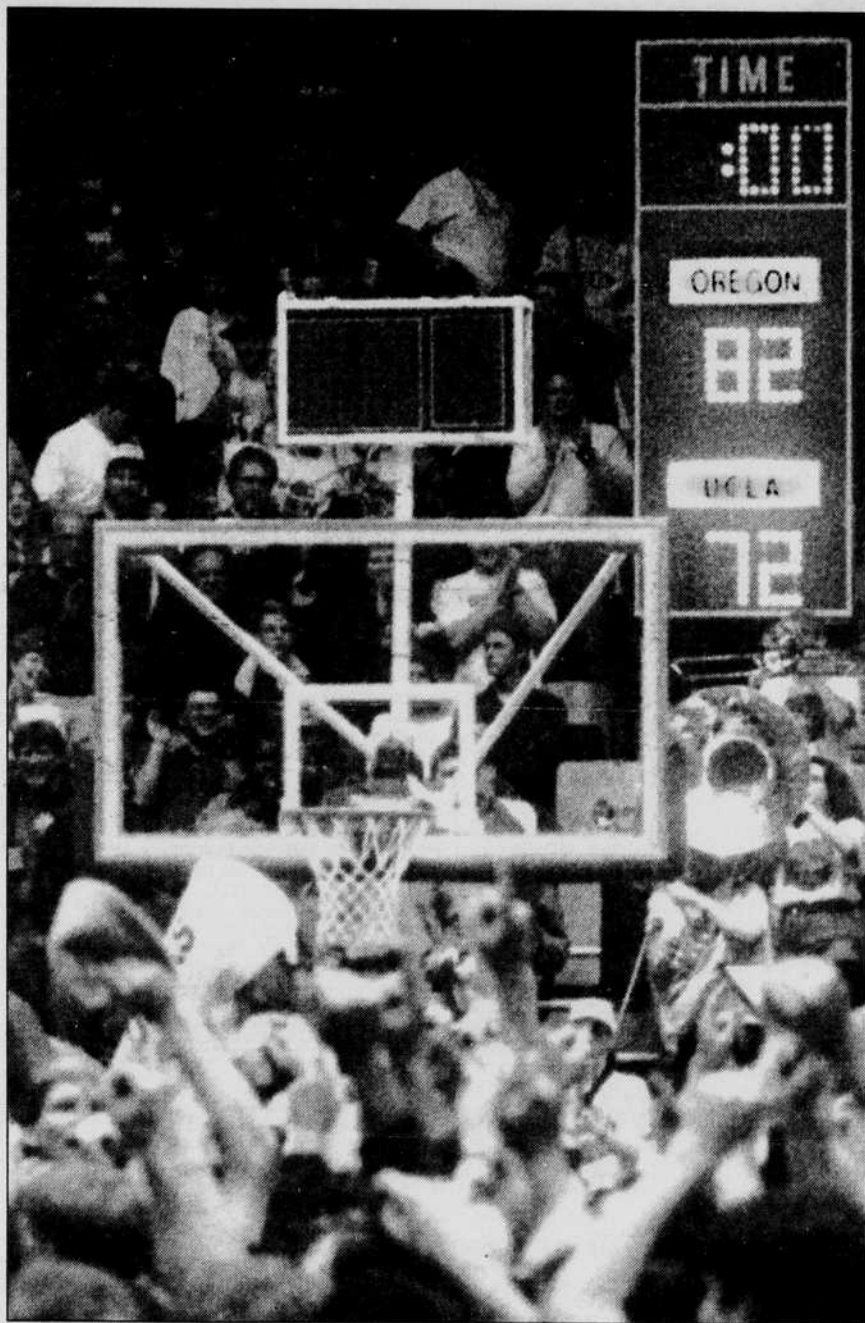
In addition to his scoring prowess, Richmond averaged eight assists, seven rebounds and 3.3 steals. He also shot .619 (13-of-21) from 3-point range and was .929 (26-of-28) from the free-throw line.

Other player of the week candidates were Atlanta's Mookie Blaylock, Charlotte's Glen Rice, Chicago's Michael Jordan, Denver's Mark Jackson, Golden State's Latrell Sprewell, Orlando's Rony Seikaly, Phoenix's Kevin Johnson and Portland's Gary Trent.

DAILY TRIVIA ANSWER

Ron Lee, who played at UO during the 1973-76 seasons, recorded 572 steals to Wilkins 570.

Madness at Mac



When the Ducks host UCLA on Thursday, they will be looking for their first victory over the 1995 national champions since their 82-72 upset on Jan. 5, 1995.

Excuse me, you call that a Super Bowl?

What a waste of a day Sunday was. The Super Bowl — what a joke. The following is a list of why Super Bowl XXXI was not must-see TV. The order appears chronologically, not necessarily from bad to worse.

1. The Fox pregame show — What time did this thing start? There is only so much you can say about two teams that have been the sole focus of media attention for two straight weeks.

The "Football Diaries" segments were interesting, but those took 10 minutes at most, leaving the Fox guys to fill in hours and hours of mindless babble. The stories were tired, the analysts didn't say anything I hadn't heard before, and the network wasted a lot of time on nothing.

I chose to watch the Seattle-Los Angeles NBA game instead.

2. The commercials — The companies that advertised during the game either spent too much money on air time and not enough on the actual commercials, or were high.

The Super Bowl is supposed to pose that age-old question — When do I go to the bathroom when I want to see both the game and the commercials? But this didn't seem to be the case on Sunday. The commercials were, for the most part, unimaginative.

How many animals were used in the making of these spots? I saw a hamster, bears, cows, pigeons and a chicken all trying to sell something.

3. That wonderful halftime extravaganza — In last Friday's paper, I wrote the headline "Don't touch that dial; halftime is half the fun." I apologize now; it was a big lie. In

OPINION



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Hockey takes two from Washington over weekend

CLUB SPORTS:

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The Ducks win their last two Pac-8 games on the road behind solid goaltending and balanced scoring

Winning 3-2 and 5-0, the Oregon Club hockey team swept the Washington Huskies over the weekend in a pair of Pacific-8 hockey league games in Seattle.

With the victories, the Ducks ended their Pac-8 schedule with a 7-5-1 record, which assistant captain Robert Wasson said should be good enough to put them in the Pac-8 tournament. However, they won't know officially until the other teams in the Pac-8 are done as well.

"We're all pretty confident that [the sweep] puts us in the playoffs," Wasson said. "Actually, I'd be pretty disappointed if we didn't make it."

Whatever happens with the rest of the league, the Ducks won't be able to control it. What they could control, however, and did, were the games against the Huskies.

On Friday, Oregon and Washington ended regulation tied at two, and for the second time this season, the teams went to a shootout.

Flint Duongchak and Ezra Louthis scored for Oregon in the shootout, and goaltender Keith Barbato held the Huskies to one goal as the Ducks came out victorious.

While Friday's game was a bit of a struggle for the Ducks, Saturday's was relatively easy as they jumped on the Huskies early and never looked back.

Sean Schoppe and Dan Helm scored the Ducks' first two goals, and Chris Geib added another goal from center ice three minutes into the second period.

Helm and Louthis each added a goal for the Ducks in the third period to give them the final margin of victory.