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will be reviewed at a **campus forum on Feb. 19, from 2-4 p.m., in the Walnut Room of the EMU.**

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Belle says he gambled on games

■ **MLB:** Chicago's slugger said he only bet on pro football and college basketball games

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Albert Belle, the slugger whose career has been tainted by temper outbursts, suspensions and fines, has admitted under oath that he recently lost as much as \$40,000 while gambling on sports.

Belle, who left the Cleveland Indians and became baseball's highest-paid player by signing a \$55 million, five-year contract with the Chicago White Sox in November, said Tuesday he bet on pro football and college basketball.

He answered the questions about gambling during a six-hour deposition in a civil lawsuit related to a confrontation he had with Halloween pranksters in 1995.

Belle's lawyer, Jose Feliciano, said Wednesday his client did not gamble on baseball games.

"None of this stuff had to do with baseball," Feliciano said. "Absolutely none of it."

Gambling is a misdemeanor in Ohio, but it was unclear if Belle would face criminal charges as a result of his testimony. Cuyahoga County prosecutor Stephanie Tubbs Jones did not return a telephone message Wednesday.

Baseball's rules are clear: A player is prohibited from betting on major league games. A violation could mean suspension for one year or for life if a bet is placed on the player's own team.

"There's a rule on the books about betting on baseball," said major league baseball spokesman Rich Levin, who said officials were aware of Belle's testimony.

Lawyer Richard Lillie, representing the guardian of a teen-ager who contends Belle injured him with his truck, said Wednesday he sought to attack Belle's

credibility by questioning him about gambling and other aspects of his past, including treatment for alcohol dependency.

"He acknowledged \$40,000 in gambling debts," Lillie said. "He acknowledged purchasing money orders in amounts under \$10,000 to pay those debts. He acknowledged betting on professional football and college basketball."

Lillie said Belle also testified he placed wagers with friends on golf.

The teen-ager who is suing Belle gave his deposition Wednesday at Feliciano's office.

"This is someone trying to use collateral issues to help his lawsuit," said Feliciano, who characterized the gambling matter as "silly and petty" and "no big deal."

A pretrial hearing in the civil case was scheduled for March 5 with Cuyahoga County Judge James Sweeney. Belle will not be required to attend.

Ron Schueler, senior vice president of baseball operations for the White Sox, declined comment Wednesday from the team's spring training post in Sarasota, Fla.

"We do not have any information at this time, so we are not in a position to comment," Schueler said.

Belle's agent, Arn Tellem, did not return a telephone message left at his office.

In 1995, Belle became the first major leaguer to hit 50 home runs and 50 doubles in a season, leading the Indians to their first American League pennant in 41 years. He is the Indians' career leader with 242 home runs and finished second in AL MVP voting in 1995 and third in 1996.

But Belle's six-plus seasons in Cleveland were marred by five suspensions and the largest fine in baseball history, \$50,000 for berating a television reporter at the 1995 World Series.

In 1990, he took a leave of absence from baseball to undergo treatment for alcohol dependency.

Preview: Ducks look to double team Gray

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couple of those."

Two of those road games are this week in the Bay Area, starting tonight against 16-6 California. The Golden Bears have already beaten the Ducks once this year, recording a 73-62 victory on Jan. 18 at Mac Court. They are currently in fourth place in the Pac-10 with a 7-4 conference record.

California, along with Southern Cal, is considered to be the surprise team in the conference. After former head coach Todd Bozeman was fired in August, and players Jelani Gardner and Tremaine Fowlkes transferred, this appeared to be a year of rebuilding for the Bears.

But instead, led by Pac-10 scoring leader Ed Gray (24.2 points per game), California is contending for the conference title and currently has the best overall record in the conference.

"Three things have happened," Green said about California. "One, everybody has agreed that they have got great talent. Two, [new head coach] Ben Braun has just done a great job with that talent. And third, sometimes Gray just puts them on his back and carries them."

"So would I say that they are a surprise team? I certainly would because those three factors were

not a sure thing before the season started."

But now, if there was ever a sure thing, it is that Gray will score. The senior currently has a nine-game streak of 20 or more points. In the first meeting of these two teams, Gray scored a game-high 30, pacing his team to an upset of the favored Ducks.

"I thought we did a good job of defending him," Green said. "But when the game was on the line, he didn't miss."

"He puts the ball up so quick," Jamal Lawrence said. "When he gets going, he can make any shot. The last time we played him here, he was making shots that he had no business making."

Oregon will attempt to double team Gray and try to limit the number of times he gets the ball. But Green doesn't want to focus exclusively on Gray, leaving the other California players to get easy shots.

Other than Gray, though, there is only one player on the Bears' roster that is averaging more than 10 points a game. If the Ducks can at least slow down Gray, they like their chances.

"We're feeling pretty confident right now," Lawrence said. "We had two great wins at home where we came through and played together as a team. We

pulled together and played the way we did in December."

Part of the confidence that Lawrence mentioned has come from beating two teams last weekend, Washington and Washington State, that had beaten the Ducks earlier in the year. California is next on the Ducks' list, followed by Stanford on Saturday. Oregon can't afford to lose to both of these teams again and expect to still have a shot at making it to the tournament.

"I think a sweep is necessary," Lawrence said, taking it a step further. "And I also think that it is realistic. Stanford is at a low right now and not playing as good as they were in the beginning of the season, and Cal just came off a loss to USC."

But don't think Lawrence and the rest of the Ducks are overconfident; they understand all too well what can happen if they are not mentally prepared to play hard.

"We have to go in with the mindset that we have to take the game from them," Lawrence said. "We can't go in and be passive; we have to be the aggressors."

Green agreed. "We can't play soft. We have got to go down and take the game because they are certainly not going to give up a game."

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