



ON THE TUBE
NBA Playoffs
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Mike Dunleavy named Trail Blazers' new head coach

COACH:
Dunleavy joins the Blazers after four losing seasons in Milwaukee

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — Mike Dunleavy, who has known great success and crushing failure in six seasons as an NBA coach, was hired Tuesday to coach the young, talented and sometimes temperamental Portland Trail Blazers.

"Of all the jobs that were possibilities this year, this is by far the greatest opportunity," Dunleavy said. "The reason I'm here is I want to win a championship."

Dunleavy has a 208-284 record as a coach, first in two winning years with the Los Angeles Lakers, then in four losing seasons with the Milwaukee Bucks, where he was coach and general manager.

He led the Lakers to the NBA Finals in his first season as a head coach, but was 25-57 in 1995-96, his last as coach at Milwaukee. He served as general manager for the Bucks last season.

Dunleavy, 43, said he accepts responsibility for his 107-221 record with Milwaukee, but believes he could have succeeded had he not been forced to relinquish his coaching role.

He said he was contacted by four teams about coaching jobs in recent weeks.

"Throughout the league, my name has appeared in almost every job that came

up," Dunleavy said. "There's a reason for that. People who know basketball, I think, respect my abilities. They know how hard I work and they know me as a person."

Dunleavy, who played in the NBA for 11 seasons, said Portland has the potential to be a title contender.

"I think this is a team that within the next couple of years you have the ability to challenge anybody at any level," he said. "That's the thing that's very exciting about this opportunity."

Dunleavy said he is glad to be serving only as coach, and not in the dual role of general manager.

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Blazers' head coach

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Scoreboard

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Atlanta 107	Seattle 100
Chicago 92	Houston 94

American League

Seattle 2	Baltimore 7
Milwaukee 1	Oakland 3
Toronto 0	Boston 0
Detroit 4	Kansas City 9
NY Yankees 11	Chicago 7
Minnesota 2	Anaheim 8
Cleveland 7	
Texas 3	

National League

St. Louis 2	San Diego 3
Philadelphia 3	Montreal 7
San Francisco 4	Houston 3
Cincinnati 1	NY Mets 4
Florida 11	Los Angeles 1
Atlanta 5	Chicago 2

Marie Davis named Pac-10 women's track athlete of the week

Oregon distance runner Marie Davis was named Pacific-10 Conference women's track athlete of the week on Monday.

Davis, a sophomore, won both the 1,500- and 3,000-meter runs in a 98-83 dual-meet victory over Washington May 10. Her performance earned 10 points for the Ducks.

She is the first Oregon athlete to receive the honor this season.

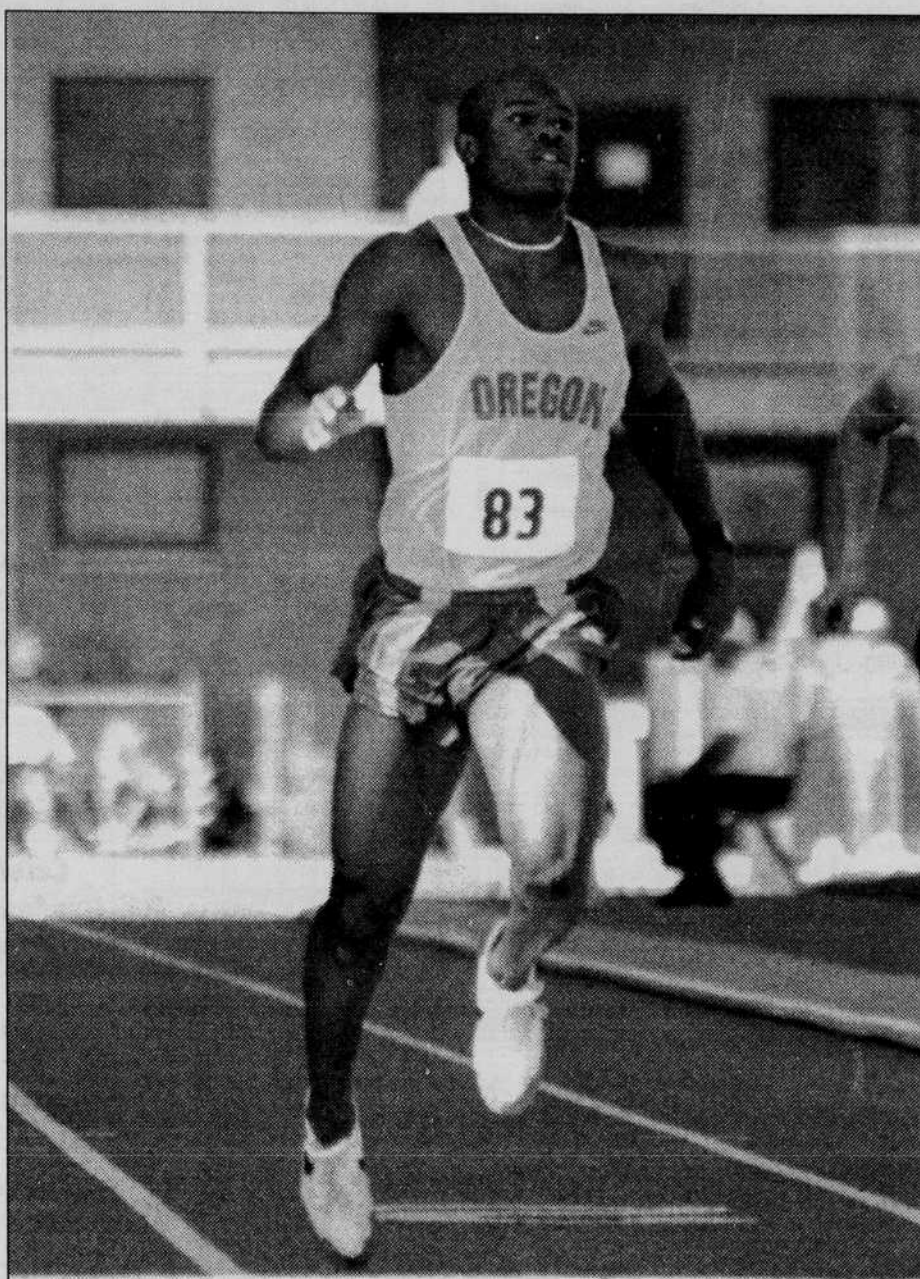
UCLA's discus thrower Suzy Powell joined Davis on the Pac-10's athlete of the week list. This was Powell's fourth straight week on the list.

On the men's side, Ed Turner's performance for the Huskies against Oregon last weekend earned him a spot on the list. Turner won three events at Hayward Field Saturday.

The Cougars' Hilary Mawindi was the men's field athlete of the week.



DAVIS



Pat Johnson, who is tied for the fastest 200 in school history, chose to take a year off from track in 1997 to concentrate on spring football, and Ducks are feeling the loss.

Johnson's decision hurts UO sprints

To anyone who follows the Oregon men's track and field team even remotely, it's no secret what its biggest weakness is.

The lack of a true sprinter has hurt the Ducks several times this year and probably cost them Saturday's dual meet against Washington, which the Huskies won 108-95.

In the 100-meter dash, the best Oregon finish came from Piotr Buciarski, who came in fourth. Jody Mortimore came in fifth.

The big problem here is not where those guys finished, but that Buciarski is a pole vaulter and Mortimore is a long jumper. In all reality, they shouldn't even have to run the 100 in the first place.

But because there is nobody else, they are willing to fill in for the good of the team. And they don't do a bad job of it. It is just not their specialty.

The same goes for the 200-meter dash, where Nat Johnson was Oregon's top finisher with a third-place finish. While Johnson has shown some potential in the sprints this season and has been impressive of late in the 400-meter dash, he too is truly a jumper.

While Oregon's crew of jumpers and vaulters was trying to get by in the sprints, Washington's Ed Turner cruised to two easy victories. Turner clocked 10.56 seconds in the 100 and 21.06 in the 200.

OPINION



Alex Pond

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Carlesimo: no word yet from Pitino on Boston

BOSTON: The New York Post reported Tuesday that Pitino had hired Carlesimo as the Celtics' general manager

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Former Portland Trail Blazers coach P.J. Carlesimo said Tuesday that coach Rick Pitino has not offered him the general manager's job with the Boston Celtics.

"Rick hasn't talked to me, but as usual in the NBA that doesn't stop the rumor mill," Carlesimo told TNT before an NBA playoff game between the Seattle SuperSonics and the Houston Rockets.

The New York Post reported Tuesday that Pitino, hired to coach the Celtics on May 6, made the offer shortly after Carlesimo was fired by the Trail Blazers on

May 8. The two are friends and former Big East rivals — Pitino coached Providence while Carlesimo was at Seton Hall.

Celtics spokesman Jeff Twiss said Tuesday that the team had no comment on the report.

Carlesimo said Pitino is a good friend and that he's interested in working with him.

The general manager position entails evaluating talent and working on trades, though Pitino has the last word on all basketball decisions.

The Post reported that Carlesimo, who had a 137-109 record in the past three seasons with Portland, would like to stay in the NBA as a coach, but is not considered a leading candidate for the available positions in Golden State, Vancouver or Denver.



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