

DNA tests link Albert to accuser in sex assault case

■ **REPORT:** The lab finds consistencies between Albert's blood sample and sperm sample recovered from the accuser's skin

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ARLINGTON, Va. — DNA evidence links Marv Albert to a bite mark and semen stains on the woman who accused the NBC sportscaster of sexual assault.

The Virginia state crime lab reported Monday that there is only a 1-in-2.6 billion chance that some of the samples taken from the woman could have come from someone other than Albert.

The lab found consistencies between a blood sample provided by Albert and sperm samples recovered from the woman's skin and underwear and DNA from bite wounds on her back.

The report does not detail whether saliva was recovered but does say genetic material consistent with Albert's was recovered from the bite wounds.

Albert's 42-year-old accuser told investigators that the divorced sportscaster invited her to his hotel room in Arlington on Feb. 12. The woman told police Albert threw her onto a bed, bit her back repeatedly and forced her to perform oral sex.

Albert was charged with sodomy and assault. He has denied the charges.

Albert's lawyer, Roy Black, said in a statement: "Marv Albert reasserts his innocence and will establish his innocence in court when he finally gets an opportunity

to defend himself."

He is scheduled for trial Sept. 22.

"I think that Mr. Albert is in very serious trouble," said Lawrence Kobilinsky, a professor of forensic science at New York's John Jay College of Criminal Justice. "I think that the defense is going to be very hard pressed to explain how his saliva and semen were found on her person."

Albert provided prosecutors with blood, hair and saliva samples on orders from a judge.

Albert also has given authorities imprints of his teeth. He is expected to have his own DNA and other testing done before the trial.

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Oregon women's tennis team garners national academic award

The Oregon women's tennis team was named a National Women's Collegiate Scholar-Athlete Tennis Team by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association on Monday.

The eight members of Oregon's women's team held a cumulative 3.28 GPA for the 1996-97 academic year. For consideration in the team category, all members of a team must hold a combined 3.1 GPA or above for the entire year.

In addition to the women's team award, Oregon's Caryn Coyle, Mike Goldstein and Dougal Williams received All-America Scholar-Athlete honors by the ITA.

Schroeder named interim athletic director at OSU

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — W. Lee Schroeder, vice president for finance and administration at Oregon State University, has been named interim director of OSU's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

He succeeds Dutch Baughman, who stepped down last week.

Schroeder, who came to OSU in 1967 to teach engineering, will chair the search for a permanent director, to begin in two weeks.

Schroeder is a 1962 graduate of Washington State University, where he played football. He has held his current post since 1992.

Report: Warriors and Pacers make three-player deal

NEW YORK (AP) — The Golden State Warriors have traded five-time All-Star Chris Mullin to the Indiana Pacers for second-year center Erick Dampier and veteran forward Duane Ferrell, according to a broadcast report.

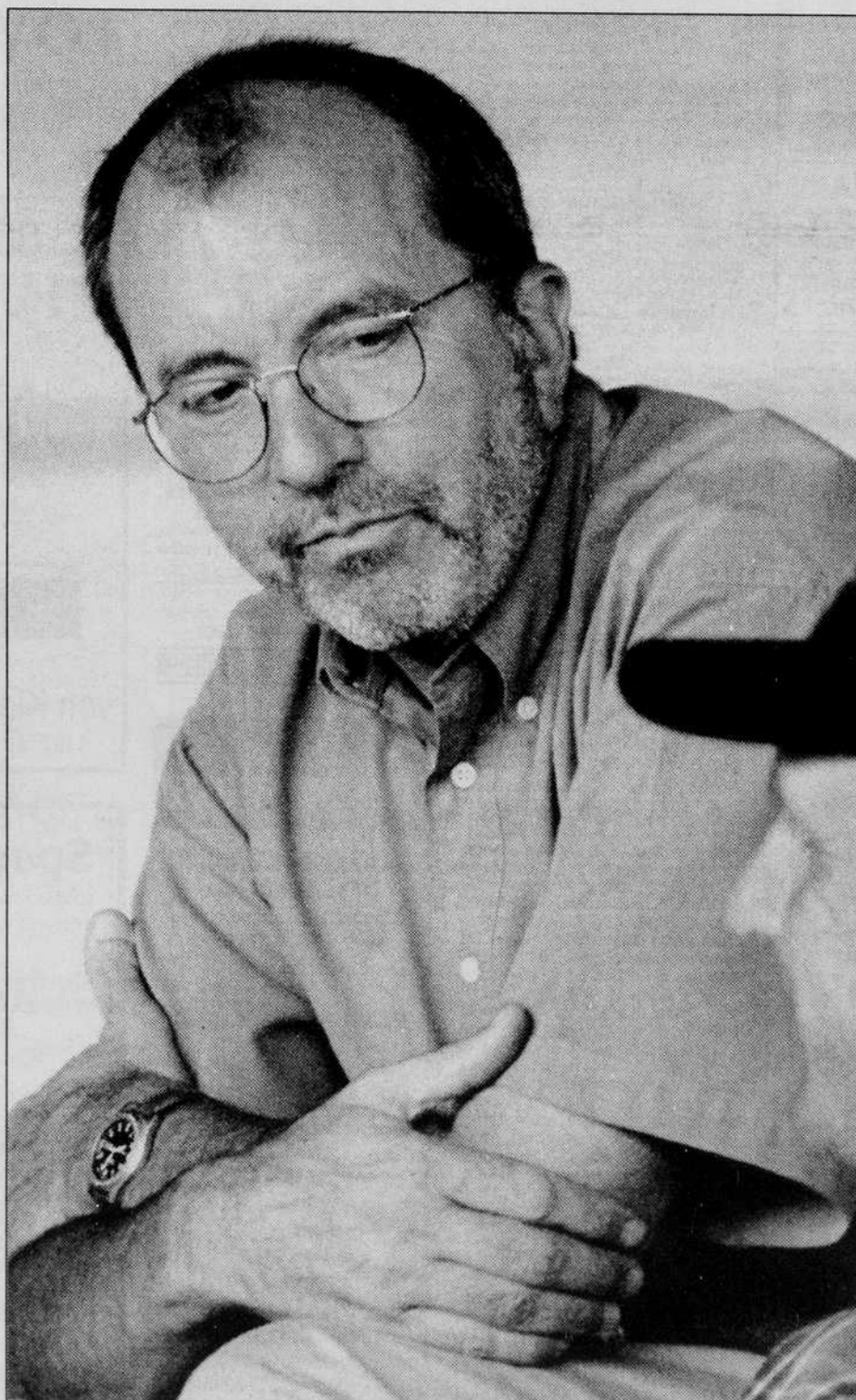
CNN-SI reported the trade Monday night, but both teams denied a deal is done.

"(Pacers president) Donnie Walsh has a policy to not announce any deal until it is complete, and this one apparently is not," Dale Ratemann, the team's vice president of administration, said Monday night.

The Pacers confirmed they were talking about a trade, but declined to identify the players or team involved.

Drawing a Crowd

In his 16 years as the Eugene Emeralds' general manager, Bob Beban has drawn plenty of crowds to watch even the most mediocre team



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It's a hot Oregon day. So hot it burns away the memories of nine months of rain. A glisten appears on the brow with any sort of movement. Sprinklers send water shooting over the outfield grass of Civic Stadium, the home of the Northwest League's Eugene Emeralds, in an attempt to combat the beating sun.

The field can't escape the heat, but Emeralds' General Manager Bob Beban has.

Inside the Emeralds' office building, a beat-up building with loose shingles in obvious need of paint, Beban is off in his air conditioned corner office typing away on his laptop computer with little notice or apparent thought to the scorching heat outside.

His surroundings would lead one to believe he has found some success as the general manager of the Eugene Emeralds, a Class A short-season affiliate of the Atlanta Braves.

A muted Cubs-Giants game plays on a large TV screen in the corner. A deep emerald-green carpet, which appears brand new, lines the floor of the office building. Baseball pictures and drawings dot the newly painted walls.

And there's Bob, sporting a white, floral pattern shirt and khaki shorts, boxed in by two desks, typing away.

Just as his surroundings would suggest, Bob Beban and the Ems have been successful.

This season, Beban and the Emeralds are on track to draw more than 100,000 fans for the 13th straight season. With 11 games left in the 1997 season, they have drawn more than 95,000 fans and are averaging 3,692. Not bad numbers for a winning minor league team. The only thing is, the Ems are not winning games.

Following a year during which the Ems won the division title for the first time in 10 years and drew more than 148,000 fans, a 24-year high, they are 19-30, last place in the Southern Division, and couldn't string together three straight wins until the 47th game of the season.

With all of that working against them, the Ems are still in the top half of the league in per game attendance and, if they continue to draw their average for the remaining 11 home games, will surpass the 130,000 mark for the eighth

Bob Beban has helped the Ems draw more than 100,000 for the past 12 seasons, and in 1996 helped the Emeralds to their highest attendance total since 1972.

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