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## Moseley: Detroit has upper hand

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upending of No. 2 Pittsburgh. Andy Moog, who was probably tending goal for somebody before I was even born, regained his form from 1972 to shut down Jaromir Jagr and the rest of the Penguins' snipers.

The Western Conference bracket held more true to form, but again for the same reason. Ed Belfour guided Dallas to a series win over San Jose, Osgood saved Detroit against Phoenix and the Grant Fuhr-led St. Louis Blues defeated Los Angeles.

But Roy could not repeat his heroics from the last five years as his Colorado Avalanche fell at the feet of Edmonton. The Oilers

have been by far the surprise of the west, and the man who deserves more than his share of the accolades is goalie Curtis Joseph, who has always displayed the talent to be a big-money goaltender but has never put up stellar numbers. That hasn't been the case this postseason, however, and the Oilers stand a fair chance of upsetting President's Cup-winning Dallas in the second round.

So now that we've established what history has shown wins hockey championships, who will drink from Lord Stanley's Cup this year?

My money lies with Detroit. Osgood is still in net for the Red

Wings, and he is indeed a formidable presence. But although I've just spent 15 inches telling you why goaltending wins, I think the Wings will be victorious on the strength of their offense. Not only are stars like Brendan Shanahan and Sergei Fedorov scoring points for Detroit, muckers like Kris Draper and Darren McCarty are as well, and that should be too much for the rest of the NHL to overcome.

But don't bet on it.

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## Bird named NBA's Coach of the Year

By J.R. Ross  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Larry Bird, whose minimalist approach to coaching turned around the Indiana Pacers, will be named the NBA's Coach of the Year on Tuesday. The Associated Press has learned.

It is only the second time in league history that someone has won the NBA's rookie and coach of the year awards.

The Indiana Pacers will hold a news conference Tuesday for a "major announcement" regarding the team and the NBA, Pacers spokesman David Benner said. He and league spokesman Brian McIntyre declined to discuss the nature of the announcement.

But the NBA had planned to announce its IBM

Coach of the Year award on Tuesday, and Bird has been considered a frontrunner.

When Bird took over the Pacers' helm last year, there were doubts that the superstar player would have the patience to coach players with ordinary skills in a league whose flashy style differs greatly from the blue-collar game that Bird was famous for.

"I'm not asking for that," Bird said after he was named to coach the Eastern Conference squad in this season's All-Star game. "All I want is hard work in practice and for about 25 minutes in a game. ... If a guy can't give that, he doesn't belong in the NBA."

In his first year, Bird took a Pacers team that missed the playoffs for the first time in eight years to its best winning percentage in franchise history. The team's 58 wins were second-best in the NBA's Eastern Conference.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Two UO tennis players selected for NCAAs

For the first time ever, the Oregon men's and women's tennis teams will have representatives competing at the NCAA Individual Championships.

The men's Erwan Kergroach and the women's Alina Wygonowska were both selected to their respective 64-player national singles fields after regular

seasons which concluded with each being named second-team All-Pacific-10 Conference.

Kergroach, who is ranked No. 52 in the Rolex Collegiate Tennis Rankings, has a 20-9 record heading into the Ducks' NCAA Regionals dual match — also a first for the program — against Santa Barbara on Friday.

"Erwan helped turn this program around," said head coach Chris Russell.

Wygonowska, ranked No. 50, is 18-17 and has registered victories over many top-ranked conference opponents, including the Pac-10 player of the year, No. 9 Annica Cooper of UCLA.

"She has played excellent tennis all year, and this is her reward," said head coach Jack Griffin.

The women's championships will begin at Notre Dame on May 25, while the men's field starts play May 27 in Athens, Ga.

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