

Scoreboard

Attempted Griffey deal under investigation

NEW YORK (AP) — With the parties in the Ken Griffey Jr. trade talks clamming up, the commissioner's office said Wednesday it is investigating if any rules were broken by Seattle or Cincinnati.

Griffey's agent, Brian Goldberg, said Tuesday the Mariners had given him permission to talk directly with the Reds in an effort to break the impasse.

Baseball's rules specify teams must first finalize the players involved in a trade, then ask the commissioner's office for a window in which the acquiring team can negotiate a contract extension with the player. No window was requested by Cincinnati or Seattle.

"There have been discussions with both the Mariners and the Reds," said Sandy Alderson, executive director of baseball operations in the commissioner's office. "Enough occurred for us to look into it."

The Worm is early

DALLAS (AP) — How's this for outrageous: Dennis Rodman was actually five minutes early for his first game as a Dallas Maverick.

Rodman arrived at Reunion Arena for Wednesday night's game against Seattle about 6:10 p.m., 80 minutes before tipoff, even though the team has given him permission to cut it as close as 75 minutes.

Wearing a baseball cap that kept his hair color a secret, Rodman had his full ensemble of piercings working as he sauntered into the locker room, collected several pairs of shoes and went straight to an off-limits workout room.

There, he got some good news: He was in the starting lineup.

"He's going to start eventually anyway, so we might as well throw him right in there," coach-general manager Don Nelson said.

Nelson laid out his first game plan of the Rodman Era to the other 11 players during a 5 p.m. shootaround and walkthrough. Shawn Bradley was the demoted starter, and he didn't take it well, hurling a ball towards rack then sulking against the hoop standard while the rest of the team simulated plays.

Wednesday's NBA roundup

- Indiana 113, Boston 104
- Philadelphia 92, New Jersey 90
- Atlanta 116, Houston 100
- Orlando 107, Washington 96
- Miami 115, Golden State 100
- Charlotte 103, Cleveland 95
- New York 109, Milwaukee 103
- Detroit 115, Toronto 108, OT
- Seattle 117, Dallas 106
- Utah 113, Chicago 86
- San Antonio 106, Denver 97
- L.A. Clippers 100, Portland 107
- Minnesota 81, L.A. Lakers 114

SOURCE: The Associated Press

Sports

Oregon Daily Emerald

Dueling FATES

Nicole Strange is Oregon's only senior. Milena Flores is the only player left on Stanford's roster to have appeared in a Final Four. Both women play integral roles on their respective teams — which match up better than ever these days.

By Scott Pesznecker
Oregon Daily Emerald

Post game press conference. November 26, 1999.

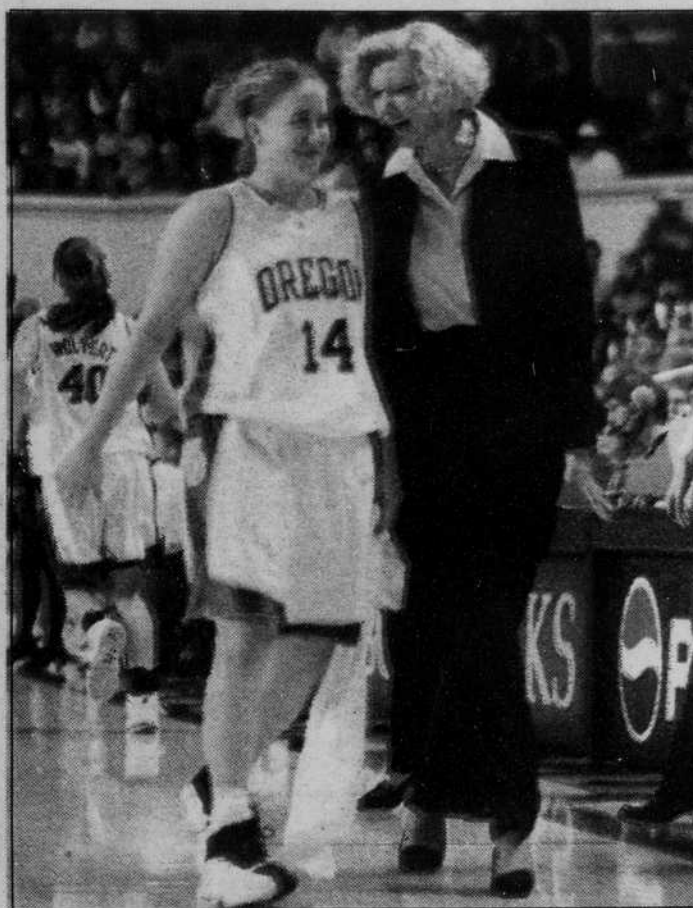
Then-No. 16 Oregon had just beaten No. 21 Virginia Tech by twenty points. Fueling that fire was the Ducks' lone senior, guard Nicole Strange, who had a career-high 21 points. And head coach Jody Runge was thrilled.

"They knew our inside game, and they let Nicole shoot it. And that was their decision, and she did a great job of burying it," Runge said. "She was just the one who was on tonight."

Nicole "was more surprised that she was open, but to her credit, I put some other people in there and they didn't look at the basket. Nicole will look to score so we kept her in there and she did a great job," Runge said.

Barely into the start of her senior

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Jody Runge cheers Nicole Strange, the Ducks only senior, as she leaves the floor late in last Saturday's come-from-behind win against Arizona State.

Catharine Kendall Emerald

By Mirjam Swanson
Oregon Daily Emerald

Post game press conference. March 15, 1998.

Stanford had just become the first No. 1 seed to lose to a No. 16 seed in NCAA history. And head coach Tara VanDerveer was perturbed. Extremely.

"I was terribly disappointed to see the problems our young guards had," she was quoted as saying in several Bay-Area papers. "Our guard play was not right all year. I'd like to think they'd understand the big picture better than they do.

Having practiced against Kate and Jamila and

Charmin, you'd think they'd do better. I know we'll never go anywhere unless there's a huge improvement in their attitude and work ethic. I'm counting on the development of our sophomores.

"If they don't develop, maybe they should take up tennis."

Kate Starbird, Jamila Wideman and Charmin Smith, all current WNBA guards, had all just graduated. Starbird went out as Naismith Player of the Year. Smith was one of the most valuable role players in the nation. And the inspiringly charismatic Wideman had become one of the most popular women's basketball players in the world.

Then-sophomore Milena Flores, one of the "young

guards" berated by VanDerveer after the Cardinal's unexpected first-round loss to Harvard, not only had to replace Wideman but uphold a legacy of brilliant point-guard play beginning with Sonja Henning on Stanford's first national championship team and including stars such as Jennifer Azzi and Molly Goodenbour.

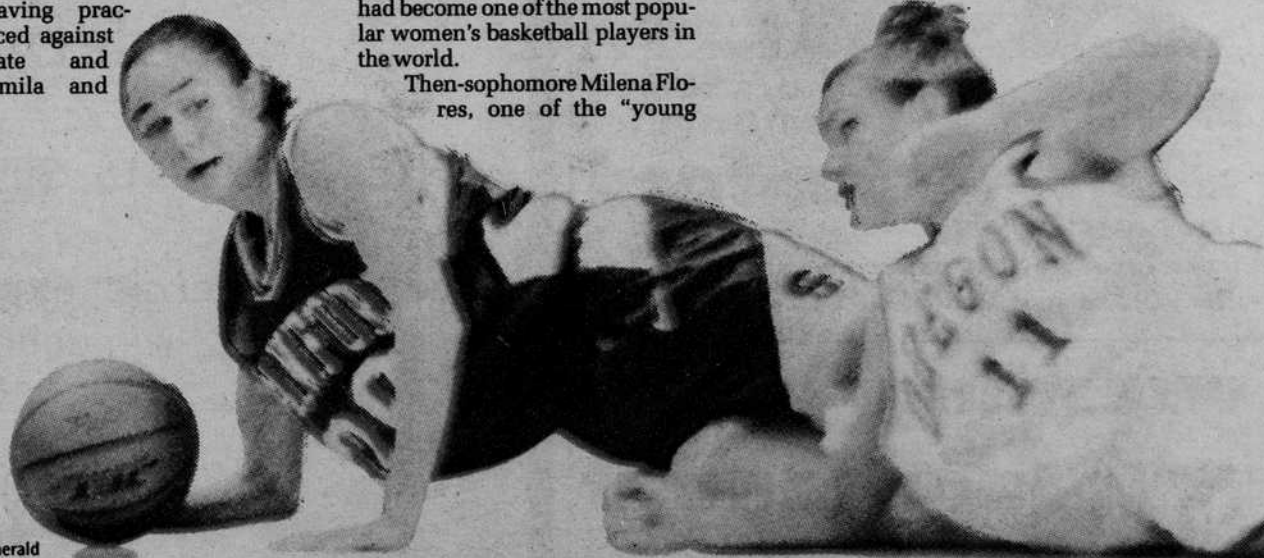
Now, two years later, Flores has caught Wideman, at least statistically.

Flores could equal Wideman's

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On Tap

What: Women's basketball
Who: No. 24 Stanford vs. Oregon
When: 7 p.m.
Where: McArthur Court



Emerald

The Ducks creeping in Stanford's shadow

Oregon may have the guns to pull out its first win at Maples Pavilion in 14 years

By Brett Williams
Oregon Daily Emerald

It may be the best start Oregon has experienced in 61 years, but don't be fooled. There is a blemish on the Ducks' conference record that has them seeking redemption.

In Oregon's second conference game of the season,

Stanford fought off the McArthur Court demons and pulled off a hard-fought 85-71 win. Now at the halfway point of the season, it is still the Ducks' only conference loss at the Pit.

Oregon (16-4 overall, 7-2 Pacific-10 Conference) has a chance to get that one back when it takes on the Cardi-

nal today in Palo Alto, Calif. Stanford's Maples Pavilion has been one of the most difficult arenas to play at the last few years, but the Ducks' futility there is unparalleled. The last time Oregon won on the Cardinal's home floor was in

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Best Bet

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Oregon vs. Stanford
7:30 p.m. KVAL
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