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Tennis: KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — For Venus Williams, 19 could be retirement age.

Williams, who has yet to play a match this year, might give up tennis to focus on her education and investments, her father said Tuesday.

"She's considering that very seriously," Richard Williams said. "On a scale of 10, I'd say she's a 7 or a 7 1/2 [to retire]."

Williams said he advised his daughter to take at least the rest of this year off. She has been sidelined since November, citing tendinitis in both wrists.

"She has been playing a long time now, and she needs time off to rest," Richard Williams said. "She needs to get more education."

NBA: Two members of the Seattle SuperSonics, including starting center Horace Grant, were hurt when trying to break up a brawl between teammates Gary Payton and Vernon Maxwell.

The scrap happened during practice Sunday when Payton and Maxwell started exchanging barbs. It escalated into a fight, which Grant and Chuck Person helped to end by pulling their teammates away from each other.

Grant sat out Monday night's game against San Antonio with a bruised shoulder and Person, who was already on the injured list, aggravated his surgically repaired left knee.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported Tuesday that the scene became so intense in the locker room after practice Sunday that Payton picked up a chair and Maxwell went to find a free weight, presumably to use as a weapon. Both men had to be restrained again and were escorted from the locker room separately.

The Seattle Times reported Tuesday that Grant's shoulder injury was a result of a weight that was thrown. Grant did not comment, except to tell the Times, "I was a victim of circumstance."

NCAA basketball:

Mateen Cleaves and Morris Peterson of Michigan State are among the 10 players selected to the 24th annual John R. Wooden All-American team, it was announced Tuesday.

Cleaves, a 6-foot-2 guard, is the only member of the team similarly honored last year, and he and Peterson are the only two Wooden All-Americans playing in the Final Four this weekend.

Others on the team are Shane Battier and Chris Carrawell of Duke; Marcus Fizer of Iowa State; A.J. Guyton of Indiana; Mark Madsen of Stanford; Kenyon Martin of Cincinnati; Chris Mihm of Texas, and Troy Murphy of Notre Dame.



Best Bet

High school basketball
McDonald's All-American Game
5 p.m., ESPN

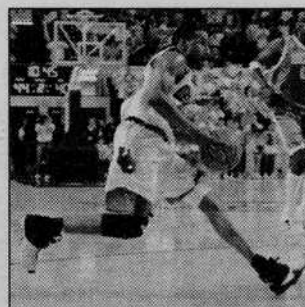
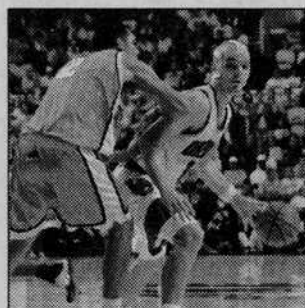
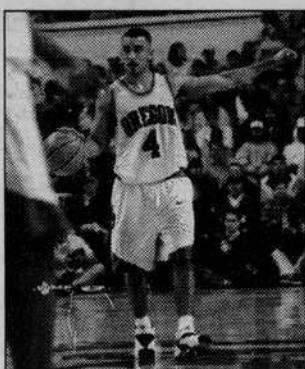
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Season recap: Three hard-to-replace seniors depart, but head coach Ernie Kent expects his team to be in good shape with those who return along with four incoming recruits



By Jeff Smith
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All season long, the Oregon players talked about making some noise at the Big Dance.

They knew this was a special year. The chemistry was right on. The talent was there. The Pacific-10 Conference wins were being recorded one after another.

All that was left for them to do was step up in the national spotlight in the month of March, play their game ... and, of course, win.

The opportunity to do such was there for them. On a silver platter nonetheless.

The Ducks simply had to make one defensive stop when it mattered most and a NCAA Tournament win would have been theirs for the first time since 1960.

But alas, Seton Hall's Shaheen Holloway drove the length of the court and completed the game-winning bucket in the final seconds of over-

time. Oregon's season abruptly came to a halt.

"We've been on both sides of those shots before," senior point guard Darius Wright said. "It's not a good feeling. Your stomach kind of sinks just like when you're on a roller coaster."

Almost two weeks have passed since that fateful drive to the hoop, but the memory figures to linger for quite some time.

Head coach Ernie Kent knows how much a win in the NAAs would have meant to his program, but he doesn't want the devastating defeat to diminish what his team achieved.

Which was the most wins since 1945 (22), the most Pac-10 wins ever (13) and the first time since the mid-70s that the Ducks have reached the postseason in back-to-back seasons.

"It's been a big year for Oregon basketball, and I'm extremely, extremely proud of my guys," Kent said. "We've got to stop and reflect back at what this team has been able to accomplish, and not dwell on what got away from us against Seton Hall."

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(clockwise from right) Big things are expected from high-flying guard Freddie Jones, who knows he must carry most of the leadership load left by Oregon's three terrific seniors. Alex Scales, A.D. Smith and Darius Wright all helped 'raise the bar for Oregon basketball' and will be sorely missed.

Ducks win second straight in California

Pam Sowden leads the Oregon women's golf team to victory in San Diego by sharing her third individual title

By Peter Hockaday
for the Emerald

One extra birdie and a little help from the California Golden Bears gave the Oregon women's golf team its second straight win Tuesday at the Executive Women's Golf Association/ Lady Aztec Invitational in San Diego.

Oregon won the tournament by four strokes over the Golden Bears. The Ducks bettered their first round score by a stroke Tuesday, while California did nine strokes worse in their second-round effort.

The win was the second for the Ducks in two weeks, and their third victory of the year. Oregon won the Colby/Santa

Clara Invitational in Carmel, Calif. during March 20-21.

Oregon senior Pam Sowden won a share of the individual title, tying Brigham Young's Carrie Summerhays with a

one-over par 145. Summerhays was three-over par on her final round, while Sowden shot an even-par 72. California's Vikki Laing finished a stroke behind Sowden.

Sowden's victory was her second of the year, yet she remains unranked nationally. Sowden won the Nittany Lion

Fall Invitational in October. The Auckland, New Zealand native has been the Ducks' top finisher in five of their eight tournaments so far this year.

Four of Oregon's five starters finished in the top 15. Junior Jerilyn White improved on her first round performance by three strokes, shooting a final round one-over par to finish in a tie for sixth.

Senior Kylie Wilson, the winner at the Colby/Santa Clara Invitational a week ago, shot consistent golf and finished in ninth place. Senior Angie Rizzo rounded out the Ducks' top-15 finishers, shooting a 151 and ending up in a

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Tourney leaders

1. Oregon
298-297 — 595
2. California
295-304 — 599
3. Baylor
306-296 — 602
4. San Francisco
301-310 — 611
5. Kent
305-307 — 612

