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Anything short of a national championship would have been a disappointment.

"We made some promises," Izzo said. "We answered the promises."

Cleaves certainly didn't beat Florida by himself.

Peterson finished with 21 points on 7-for-14 shooting and Granger had 19 and was 7-for-11 from the field.

Cleaves was 7-for-11 from the field — all the shots coming before he was injured — and had 18 points and four assists.

Cleaves returned for his senior year after many thought he

would go to the NBA.

"This is what I came back here for," he said.

"This is as storybook as it gets for Mateen," Izzo said. "He gave up a lot of money, a lot of things to be back here."

The Spartans (32-7), the only top-seeded team to reach the Final Four, finished 33-for-59 from the field (56 percent), the best against Florida's frantic pace by far in the tournament. The previous best was 43 percent by top-ranked Duke in the regional semifinals.

Michigan State never seemed fazed by the pressure, beating it early with long passes. The Spartans were their usual efficient selves when they did run their halfcourt game, getting good looks and crashing the boards

when they missed.

The Michigan State bench was considered a key to any chance the Spartans had. Florida's re-

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serves had outscored their opponents' benches 175-45 in the tournament, but Jason Richardson had nine points as the Spartans' backups came up big.

Udonis Haslem had a season-high 27 points for the fifth-seed-

ed Gators (29-9), while Brent Wright added 13.

The 1979 final is still the highest-rated telecast of an NCAA basketball game — the one that hooked the nation on the NCAA tournament.

"I knew they were going to win, especially when Mateen came back this year," Johnson said on the court as the Spartans cut down the nets.

"It's been tough waiting these 21 years, but they've been great the last couple of years, and I knew they were going to win it all."

Michigan State, which beat Wisconsin 53-41 in an ugly all-Big Ten national semifinal, won all six games on its title run by at least 11 points.

The Spartans closed the season with 11 straight wins and are the first Big Ten team to win it all since Michigan in 1989.

Florida, looking to become the fourth straight Southeastern Conference team to win the national championship in an even-numbered year, was making its first appearance in a championship game.

The Gators had a total of seven freshmen and sophomores in their 10-man rotation, and this was the first game in the tournament that their lack of experience showed.

Cleaves had two 3-pointers in the 14-3 run that gave the Spartans a 33-20 lead with 6:51 to play in the first half. But a three-point play by Haslem and a basket by Donnell Harvey got the Gators within 35-29.

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rest."

"Right now, they are playing at the top of their game because they are prepared and focused," Lea said proudly. "I have high hopes that we will qualify for the wild card spot in Arizona."

Baseball sweeps Southern Oregon

Finally, after seeing four games get washed away by the rain, the Oregon Club Sports baseball team got to play under bright sun

and a slight breeze.

After winning the first game 9-4, the Ducks finished their double-header sweep of Southern Oregon on Saturday by winning the second game 4-1.

The Ducks had two solid performances from their left-handed starters, Regan Shaller and Kurt Langworthy. Both pitchers threw complete games.

Oregon coach Rich Fay said he couldn't say enough about the pitchers' performances. Shaller started the first game instead of injured Zach Ross and struck out 12 of the Raiders' batters. Shaller came out strong, striking out six of the first seven

batters.

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Oregon shortstop

out the batters," Shaller said. "I just concentrated on getting the batters out. I did not change anything."

Ty Cademartori hit a solo home run in the first inning, but the Raiders responded by scoring two runs in the third.

Oregon shortstop Anthony Reshwel, who played brilliant defense in both games, performed one of his many diving catches against Southern Oregon's lead-off man in the fourth inning, helping Shaller get back into the rhythm.

"I just felt comfortable on the field," Reshwel said. "I was able to get a head start on the balls because I anticipated well."

The Ducks had three home runs in the two games, but Fay said they were not trying to hit it

out of the park. Fay said the home runs helped the team win the game but good base running, defense and pitching were more important factors.

Langworthy said he was successful because he came into the game rested.

"I had a bad outing in the exhibition game [last month] because I was tired coming into the game," Langworthy said. "I tried not to throw too much before the game and it worked."

The Ducks play against Southern Oregon again this weekend.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 4). You have the power of 10 ordinary mortals this year. Use it wisely! You're awesome in April, if a tad impetuous. Watch where you're going in May. An accident could be expensive. Advice given in secret could help you win in August. Expect surprises around September and October, especially from an opposite type friend. Travel in early December to miss confusion later. Pass on a get-rich-quick scheme around February. It works better for the other person. Keep a female friend's secret in March.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — You are powerful and probably quite intense. The outcome looks good, so launch into new projects. Take on more than you can handle. Be creative, dynamic and outspoken. In romance, be warm, cuddly and sensitive. Do all this, and you're unstoppable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Secrets, dreams and fantasies are of top importance now. You're being pushed to take action, but it's not quite time yet. You need to do more planning. You can take a trial run, but don't launch on your cruise. Wait until the end of the month for that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Teams, groups and organizations are important now. Others are so gang-ho, you may have to shout to be heard. Don't get too pushy in love, however. Take that slow and easy for best results.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — You could feel agitated, if you have a good team, and it looks like you do, you'll find all the answers you need. Take a risk. You might not get it, but even if you don't, the exercise will be good practice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — You could be inspired to travel, especially if there's a good game in the neighborhood. You'd rather be a participant than a spectator, of course. You're pretty lucky in love, too. Maybe the two of these concepts could go together. Hmmm. Very interesting!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 —

Investments, insurance policies and loans require your attention. If you want to travel next month, you'd better plan ahead. If you start now, you might be able to pull it off. Assess what you have and figure out how to make the most of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 7 — This could be an exciting day for you. Somebody wants to dominate your life, and you could be interested. You're smart, and the benefits could outweigh the costs. Sometimes you can get what you want more easily through another, and this could be one of those days.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Too much work needs to be done. The tension is intense. You may be racing from morning to night, with hardly enough time for lunch. Eat a good breakfast and take along something that will keep you calm. Conditions ease tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — This should be another lively, fun and romantic day for you. It is possible to have an interlude on a Tuesday, so give it some thought. Start with a meaningful conversation at your house tonight. Get all the chores done first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — You may have put up with something at your house just about long enough. No point in pretending; might as well come out and say it. If this means your slacker friend has to find another place to stay, so be it. You'll both be better off as a result.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You are smart today. A friend of yours may come up with an unusual scheme, and you love it when that happens. The solution may require an expenditure of money. If so, don't offer to pay it. Let your friends spend their own money. Only give your ideas for free.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — You might be able to make a lot of money today. Call up a person who owes you. Then, talk to the boss about a raise or a better job. If that doesn't work, look through the want ads. If you need to learn a new skill, no problem. You can.

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