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Junior debut kind of dreary

CINCINNATI (AP) — Junior came home to Cincinnati, and it was as if he never left ... Seattle.

A steady rain spoiled Ken Griffey Jr.'s eagerly awaited homecoming Monday, letting up just long enough for the slugging center fielder to get a pregame ovation and two empty at-bats.

Then, it returned to wash away one of the most closely watched games of Griffey's life. The Cincinnati Reds blew a three-run lead and wound up tied with the Milwaukee Brewers 3-3 in the sixth inning.

After a three-hour delay, the game was called because of rain and a foreboding forecast. It will be replayed Tuesday night, starting over from the first inning.

Childs, Bryant suspended, fined

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Childs of the New York Knicks and Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers were fined and suspended by the NBA on Monday for fighting.

Childs was suspended without pay for two games and fined \$15,000. Bryant was suspended without pay for one game and fined \$5,000.

NBA vice president Rod Thorn said Childs instigated the fight and threw punches during Sunday's nationally televised game. Bryant was disciplined for responding with a punch.

"Everyone knows Kobe is a clean-cut kid," Shaquille O'Neal said. "He was protecting himself."

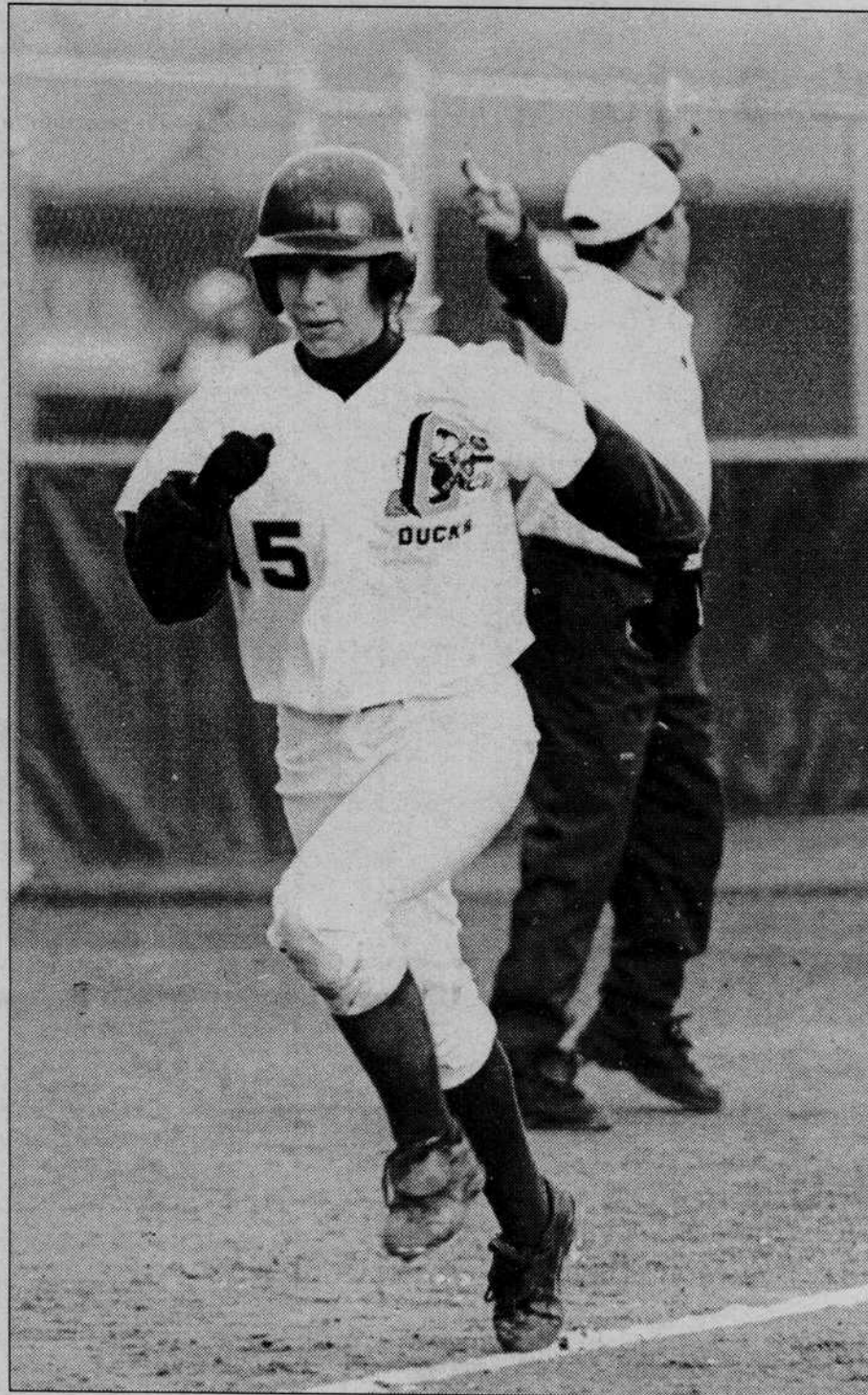
Second malpractice trial begins

BOSTON (AP) — The second malpractice trial against Reggie Lewis' doctor began Monday with accusations of cocaine use threatening to dominate just as they did in the deadlocked trial last year.

The attorney for Dr. Gilbert Mudge said the doctor was unable to diagnose Lewis at first because the former Boston Celtics star hid his history of cocaine use. According to William Dailey, Mudge said Lewis admitted on July 12, 1993, to using cocaine two months after he first sought Mudge's care and two weeks before he dropped dead while shooting baskets.

Attorneys for Lewis' widow, Donna Harris-Lewis, denied that Lewis used drugs.

Oregon knows it can't overlook PSU



Sophomore catcher Missy Coe reaches base nearly 40 percent of the time.

■ After losing the last time it met Portland State, the Ducks know they can't expect the Vikings to come with anything less than their best game

By Mirjam Swanson
Oregon Daily Emerald

Their coach said he believes they've learned that they need to get up for every game — including those with opponents who seem way overmatched. And especially for Portland State.

The No. 23 Oregon softball team faces the Vikings (15-15 overall, 2-2 Western Athletic Conference) today in Portland.

And if the Ducks (24-13, 1-2 Pacific-10 Conference) don't go into the affair focused and fired up, they could be in for another scare — or worse, a loss.

It happened last season, when a 17th-ranked Oregon team lost the second game of a double header in Portland, 5-4, in extra-innings.

"A valuable lesson," head coach Rick Gamez said a year later. "It's a reminder: If you don't go out and play, these teams can come out and beat you."

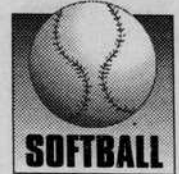
And in their other meeting last season, Oregon had to fight for a couple of close wins 8-4, 5-3, for Gamez's 400th and 401st career wins.

And then again a week and a half ago in its home opener against a scrappy-but-less-talented Simon Fraser team that the Ducks needed a late-inning rally to beat.

Clearly, the not-so-great teams have a tendency to show up against the Ducks.

"Obviously [Portland

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Spartans run past Florida for the title

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■ Michigan State wins the NCAA convincingly, 89-76, behind the heroic play of its star seniors Mateen Cleaves and Morris Peterson

By Jim O'Connell
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — This time there was no Magic, just Mateen.

Michigan State, with Magic Johnson cheering in the stands, won its second national championship as Mateen Cleaves led the Spartans to an 89-76 victory over Florida on Monday night.

It was 21 years ago that the championship game between Michigan State and Indiana State — Magic vs. Bird — changed the landscape of college basketball.

This one may not have had the magnitude, but it had the drama thanks to Cleaves, the

Spartans' limping leader, who needed crutches for his injured ankle after celebrating with his teammates.

"He has the heart of a lion," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "He has done it for four years, not just one. That's why you love him. He's what our program embodies."

Cleaves rolled his ankle early in the second half and had to go to the locker room. Earlier, he helped the Spartans build a 43-32 halftime lead by scoring 13 points, including going 3-for-3 from 3-point range, and negated Florida's vaunted full-court pressure with his ballhandling and passing.

"I told them he'll be back.

Let's not get our heads down," Izzo said. "I just knew."

When Cleaves left with 16:18 to play the Spartans led 50-44. His teammates got the lead to 58-50 by the time he returned 4:29 later. But the senior guard who missed the first 13 games of the season while recovering from a stress fracture in his right foot, was again the team's emotional leader.

His long pass to Morris Peterson for a layup made it 60-50. He was leveled while setting a screen a few minutes later, but it was enough to spring A.J. Granger for a 3-pointer that started a 16-6 run that made it 84-66 and put the game away.

Michigan State had been on a mission since losing to Duke in the Final Four last season.

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Leaders

Scoring
(MSU) Peterson 21
(UF) Haslem 27
Assists
(MSU) Peterson, Bell 5
(UF) Wright 4
Rebounds
(MSU) Granger 9
(UF) Wright 10



Best Bet

MLB: Boston vs. Seattle
5 p.m., ESPN