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NBA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With a weekend sweep in Portland, the Los Angeles Lakers have erased most of the doubts.

"I think we matured a little bit more, kicked it up a level as far as execution goes," guard Kobe Bryant said. "If we get in a tight situation, we're going to remember those games we pulled out. It's good for your confidence."

The Lakers lead the Trail Blazers 3-1 in the Western Conference finals. They can make their 18th appearance in the NBA Finals, but their first since 1991, with a homecourt victory Tuesday night.

WNBA

HOUSTON (AP) — First, the Houston Comets took a moment to remember a late teammate and raise another WNBA championship banner. Then they made the New York Liberty forget about "the shot."

Cynthia Cooper became the first player in league history to break the 2,000-point mark and Sheryl Swoopes had 27 points Monday as the three-time champion Comets defeated New York 84-68 in the season opener.

In a tearful pre-game ceremony, the Comets raised their third straight WNBA championship banner inscribed "No. 3 for No. 10" in honor of Comets point guard Kim Perrot, who lost her fight with cancer last Aug. 19.

Cooper entered the game with 1,987 career points. A 3-pointer with 13:25 to play put her over 2,000 for her career. She finished with 19 and has 2,006.

NHL

VOORHEES, N.J. (AP) — Tired, drained and pained by headaches, Eric Lindros is not sure if he will play hockey again.

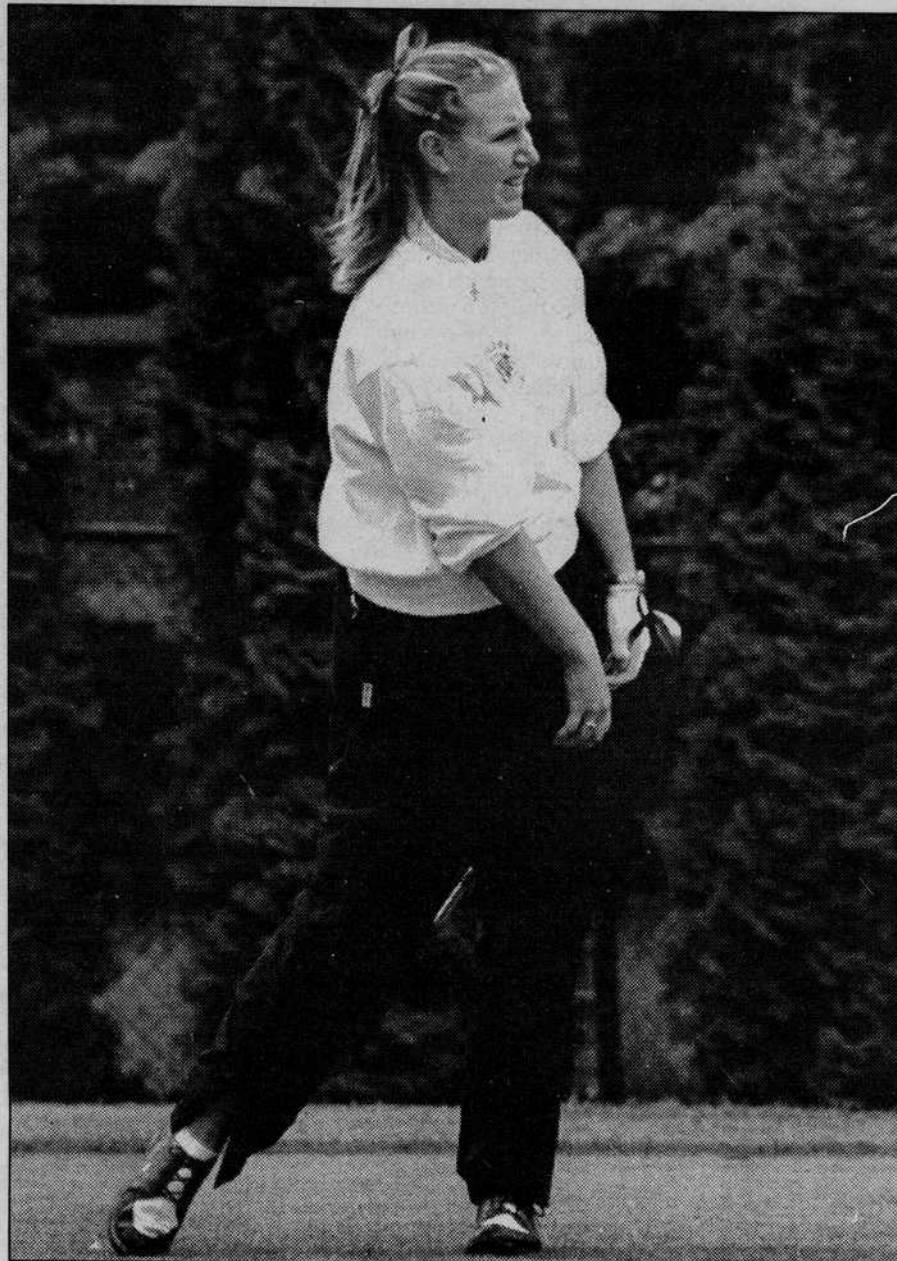
The former captain of the Philadelphia Flyers has had six concussions in slightly more than two years. He is considering retirement or sitting out up to a full season.

The 27-year-old star center doesn't regret returning to the Flyers after a 10-week absence because of postconcussion syndrome.

Lindros was playing in his second game after a long layoff when Scott Stevens took him out early in the New Jersey Devils' 2-1 victory Friday that wrapped up the Eastern Conference finals.



Best Bet
NBA Playoffs Game 5
Blazers vs. Lakers 6 p.m., NBC



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Oregon's Jerilyn White had the Ducks' lowest score at the NCAA Championships. She finished 13th.

Mother Nature ruins Ducks' last day of play



Jeff Smith

SUNRIVER — It was the type of nasty rain that heads directly toward you in sideways formation, leaving your eyes in a constant squint and your clothes completely drenched.

It was the type of adverse wind that makes everyone look as if they were strolling directly under a swirling helicopter, with their walking

speed slowed to slow-motion.

It was the type of day where golfing under such conditions just didn't seem to be the most logical activity.

Clearly, this was not the type of setting that Oregon women's golf head coach Renee Baumgartner envisioned as her final day as head coach.

But it was. On a Saturday afternoon in a city named

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Wind, rain cause Ducks' fall at NAAs

Arizona claims the national golf championship Saturday, while Oregon finishes the season by dropping from third down to 11th in the standings

By Peter Hockaday
for the Emerald

SUNRIVER — The storm clouds came out Saturday at the NCAA Women's Golf Championships and washed away the hopes of the Oregon women's golf team for what could have been a storybook ending to the careers of five team members.

The Ducks were tied for third going into the last round, but rainy and windy conditions contributed to Oregon's final-round score of 322, the second highest single round of the tournament by any team, and dropped them to 11th.

Top-ranked Arizona won the tournament by 21 strokes over No. 5 Stanford. The Wildcats capped one of the most dominating seasons in NCAA history with their eighth straight tournament victory and their ninth in 11 tournaments this year. The 21-stroke Arizona win was the third-largest margin of victory in the history of the championships.

"We dreamed of this," Arizona head coach Todd McCorkle said.

The Ducks didn't dream that they could lead at the NCAA Championships, stay around for two rounds and then lose to Mother Nature on the final day of the tournament.

"This is the worst weather I've ever played

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"This is the worst weather I've ever played in. The wind got to me the last couple of holes."

Jerilyn White
UO golfer

Carter's NCAA run ends with 6-1, 6-2 loss

Senior tennis player Guillermo Carter finishes his career as Oregon's second NCAA qualifier and only All-American

By Robbie McCallum
for the Emerald

Guillermo Carter's incredible run in the postseason ended Friday. After two unexpected upsets at the NCAA tournament in Athens, Ga., the senior tennis player's career at Oregon came to a close.

Virginia's fourth-ranked Brian Vahaly eliminated Carter from the third round of singles play in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1.

"Memo played a very tough opponent who made him work hard for every point," head coach Chris Russell said. "He got outplayed that day, but

Memo wasn't shy on fight."

Carter, the second lowest seed in the third round, previously defeated Texas' Michael Blue and Georgia's Matias Boeker to advance past the first two rounds. The All-

American faced hostile hometown crowds when playing Blue and Vahaly, both Atlanta natives, and played Boeker on his home court.

Vahaly, the second seed in the

tournament, went on to lose to eventual champion Alex Kim of Stanford in the quarterfinals.

Carter finished the season with a 17-11 season record and a 48-55 career mark. A native of Guadalajara, Mexico, he is eighth on the career wins list and is only the second Oregon player to qualify for the NCAA tournament. Erwan Kergroach, a former teammate of Carter, was the first individual qualifier for the Ducks. He also comes away with All-American status and a first team All-Pacific-10 conference honors.

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"Memo's run really lends a lot of credibility to the program."

Chris Russell
head coach