#### Sports brief

#### **UAB stuns Marquette**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Speed kills. That was confirmed constantly in this second-round game of the Conference USA tournament. Ninthseeded UAB (18-11) used its plentiful speed to pull off a stunning 83-76 upset of top-seeded and eighth-ranked Marquette (23-5) and advance to a Friday semifinal against St. Louis.

"We're not a huge basketball team," said coach Mike Anderson, a former Arkansas assistant who has taught UAB the frenetic style that earned the Razorbacks the 1994 national title. "So we have to create chaos. Some of the words I wrote on the blackboard (before the game) were, 'Attack, attack, attack.'

They attacked. They made 20 steals and forced 30 turnovers.

Their guards, Finley and Eric Bush, penetrated constantly and finished with 23 and 17 points, respectively. They totally frustrated Wade, who committed 10 turnovers and scored only 11 points while going 3-of-12.

Marquette coach Tom Crean thought the pressure got to his team. "We just gave the ball away," he said. "We flat-out handed the ball to them at times.

His Golden Eagles certainly did that after rushing off to a quick 9-2 lead. Over the next nine minutes, they went 1-of-12 from the field, committed nine turnovers (five by Wade) and fell behind by eight. They

pulled to within four at halftime, but then went down 10 at 11:18 after committing three more turnovers.

'We never got a great flow because of the way we turned it over," Crean said

Yet somehow his team stayed close and actually took the lead at 2:21 on a Diener three-pointer. They were still up one after a pair of Robert Jackson (18 points) free throws at 1:36, but Finley answered with two of his own as UAB regained the lead.

Then Marquette made its critical

error. Jackson was on the end line as he accepted an entry pass from Terry Sanders, a turnover that led to Bush's 6-foot floater at: 28.4.

Two more Finley free throws that put UAB up five with :20.7 seconds left. Then Jackson, after grabbing an offensive rebound, was stripped by Finley, who put the exclamation point on his team's victory with a last pair of free throws.

> -Skip Myslenski, Chicago Tribune (KRT)

## **Faith**

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players on matters of faith, life and basketball

"I give them a different voice than the coaches, because I'm coming from a different perspective," Jenkins said. "I'm not yelling at them like Coach (Ernie) Kent. I don't control playing time, I'm not checking grades, I'm an out. You can tell Pastor Keith.'

Jenkins, who has been a good friend to Kent since the coach came to Eugene five years ago, calls himself the "court jester" of the basketball team. Since he's an "outsider," he can lighten a situation the Ducks treat as too melodramatic.

He told a story about Oregon's bus trip to Sacramento for the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season.

"Coach Kent is tense. You could just feel the tension in the air,' Jenkins recounted. "So I proceed to sit behind Coach Kent and pluck him in his ear. I'm just flicking his ear, and he's like, 'Will you please stop.' And I just keep pluckin' him, and a few minutes later I give him a Walkman with some music on.

"And his whole countenance changes from, 'We got to win the game,' to - you just see his huge afro movin' back and forth. And it changes his approach.

Jenkins has personally counseled athletes from Akili Smith to A.D. Smith to Freddie Jones. And the athletes themselves notice it when he is or isn't around.

"Pastor Keith brings that aspect where he's like, 'Yeah, this is business and this is basketball, but there's life outside of that, there's an eternal life that you're working toward at the same time," Marcus Kent, son of coach Ernie Kent, said. "So be joyous in what you're doing.' It brings that sense of peace to the team."

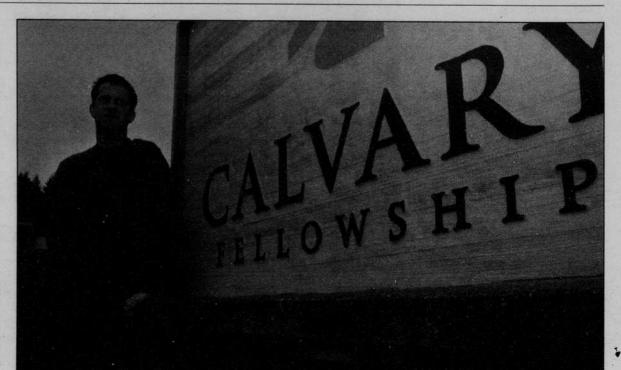
Both pastors warn their pupils about the dangers of devoting their lives solely to sports. Jenkins said when he first met with Akili Smith, he asked the Duck quarterback what he would do without his right arm, what would happen if he lost his passing cannon in a car accident. Smith pondered the answer for a long time before Jenkins pointed to a football on his desk and made the point that an athlete's entire life can't be consumed by his sport.

O'Neil said he wrestled with that very concept when he was the Ducks' starter.

"The outcome of a football game should not determine my character," O'Neil said, remembering the feeling of being an Oregon athlete. "If I won, I shouldn't be walking around town like I'm special because I won. I think winning and losing should be part of sports because that's part of the game. But I don't think they should be part of the fabric of your being."

O'Neil said that for many athletes, it comes down to motivation.

"When you give your heart to Christ, the benefits of success which include money, fame, fortune



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Danny O'Neil, a former Oregon quarterback, started a church from scratch after returning to Eugene more than two years ago.

- aren't as appealing to you as before you found Christ," O'Neil said. "So now the prize of success isn't as valuable. But you're able to deal with the pressure better because you're trusting God rather than yourself and the outcome.'

They sit across town from each other, but both pastors head relatively young churches. O'Neil heads the Calvary Fellowship while Jenkins leads Jubilee World Outreach. They both work closely with athletes. They both have similar messages as they pertain to those athletes. And they both hope to continue their relationships with Oregon in the future.

"My purpose to come up here is to share what God has placed on my heart," O'Neil said. "And if people respond to that, and people enjoy that message then, well, I'm willing to keep on doing that. And that goes for the athletes. If they enjoy it and think what I'm saying is true, then

I'm more than willing to talk about it."

"Ultimately the mission is about the young men," Jenkins said. "I would definitely want to pursue

Ultimately, the mission for both pastors is about the athletes. It's about faith, it's about wisdom, and mostly, it's about life.

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friends ASAP. This year, you get to eat dessert first.

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 7\_Continue to rest and recuperate. You don't have to be Mr. or Ms. Macho all the time. You have permission to avoid a potential conflict. Schedule if for the 23rd or 24th.

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problem you've encountered is more like a challenge. How much is too much? When it comes to money or food, there's no such these State it services.

thing. Store it carefully.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \_Today is a 7 \_ The more you complete the things on your lists, the more energetic you'll get. You may have more enthusiasm when the day's through than you did when it started. Go dancing!

Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 14). Relax as VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \_ Today is a 7



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so that everyone knows what to do. Later, you can go your separate ways. You'll make sure it all gets done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \_ Today is a 7 \_

Recent career advances move you into a new social circle. New friends can help you solve new problems. Let them know what you

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \_ Today is a 7 Curtail all emotional outbursts when an older person is watching. You want to appear self-controlled. It'll be better for business.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \_ Today is a 7 \_ The adventure you seek is possible, but will take a little work. You'll have to be frugal

and study not necessarily in that order.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a
7 \_ Consult your financial advisor to get your
expected costs. The trick is to get the very
best thing without going far into debt. You

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \_ Today is a 7

Your recent accomplishments could put old fears to rest. You're almost ready for bigger

challenges. But first, relax with a friend.

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