

Athletics through the years



1968-1969
Cross country,
men's basketball,
wrestling and
men's track start.



1976-1977
Women's
basketball
starts.

1980-1981
Women's golf starts.
End date unknown.

1968

1973

1978

1983

1971-1972
Football team starts ... and loses
every game, with a record of 0-7.
Men's golf also starts.



1972
Title IX, the
Sexual Equality Act,
passed.

1977-1978
The vol-
leyball team,
men's and
women's
tennis and
women's
track starts.
Unfortunately,
football dis-
bands.



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March Madness brings fever to fans old and new this season

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Well, it's finally March again, and for many that means one thing ... college basketball.

March Madness may be the most pure version of a clear winner and loser that has ever been introduced into the sports world. This competition is a do-or-die scenario for all teams — any loss and you are out of it. Unlike college football, which comes down to how people vote in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) poll and a Bowl game.

Teams like UCLA, North Carolina and Duke are always powerhouses in the tournament, but don't let that fool you — since the beginning of the seeding process, only seven ranked-number-one teams have gone on to win the championship, going back to 1978, when Kentucky won.

The tournament works like this:

A total of 65 teams are invited. I know, 65 doesn't evenly divide by two, but there is an "opening" game that gives the ranked 64 and 65 teams a game to decide who will be allowed into the competition.

From there, teams play until there is only one — kind of like the movie "Highlander," except less heads are cut off. Once the final 16 have been determined, the games get cool names like the Sweet Sixteen, Elite Eight, the Final Four and then the championship game, but fans should call it the Tremendous Two from now on.

Why should people care about this sporting

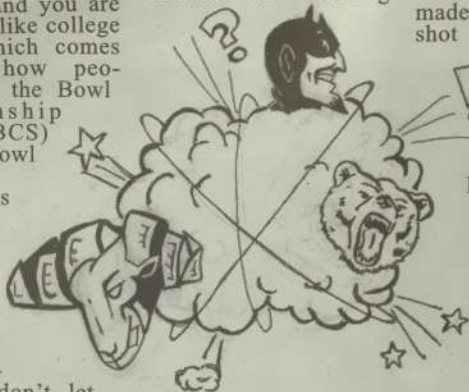
decided.

In fact, the finals have come down to so many buzzer beaters and second-half heroics — college plays in two halves instead of four quarters like in the NBA — that multiple game moments have made lists for the greatest ones in sports history.

During the 1982 championship game, a little-known player named Michael Jordan from North Carolina made the game-winning shot and later became Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls. In the 1992 final game between Duke and Kentucky, Duke player Christian Laettner made what many consider the greatest shot in college basketball history. Laettner, unlike Jordan, didn't do much in the NBA, though.

When the tournament comes to a close, the winner is just that. There is no real controversy because he or she has had to win a handful of games in different parts of the country in unbiased arenas. The women's tournament is played nearly the same way, and it's often more exciting than the men's.

And if you do feel your team was wronged during the tournament in any way, simply do what everyone else does and remember it's the stupid referee's fault.



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event?

Maybe because it includes some of the most exciting basketball televised each year.

Every game is a new beginning for the individual teams; scores and skills are usually close, and 18-to-22-year-old players put everything they have on the line to win the big games. Unlike in the National Basketball Association (NBA), their finals are 3 to 7 games between the two teams in each round before a winner is

Games This Week

Baseball

March 15 against Green River CC
Tacoma, Wash., at noon

March 16 against George Fox JV
Home at noon

Softball

March 12 against Linfield JV
Home at 2 p.m.

March 15 against Northwest Christian College
Eugene at noon

March 16 against Southern Oregon University
Ashland at noon

Track and Field

March 14 Mt. Hood Multi-event
Mt. Hood CC

March 15 Linfield Invite
Linfield College

Sports Scores

Baseball

3-5-08 — Linfield 4, Clackamas 1
Linfield 12, Clackamas 3
3-8-08 — Clackamas 7, Centralia 1
Clackamas 11, Centralia 2
3-9-08 — Clackamas 4, Shoreline 2
Clackamas 3, Shoreline 2

Softball

3-5-08 — Concordia 2, Clackamas 0