

Kiki's Corner

Dear Kiki,

Why does everyone have to be labeled? I'm called a stoner, but I don't want to be a stoner and labeled one. I want to be everyone's friend. I hang around with stoners most of the time and the rest of the time with everyone else. I'm not a stoner. I'm an everybody! I want to be me: a 14-year-old girl everyone likes. How can I become myself?

From,
T.L.R.

Dear T.L.R.,

Sometimes people are labeled just because they hang around certain people. If you are seen everyday with bank robbers, pretty soon everybody will think you are a bank robber. I don't say it is fair, but it is an easy mistake to make. That is why parents can be so picky about friends. My best advice is to relax and do what you feel is right. Don't try to compare yourself with others. There will always be greater and lesser people than yourself. If in your heart you feel you are the best person you can be, then I think you're doing great and so will everybody else.

Your fan,
Kiki



Kiki Vandeweghe

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Tech wrecks Auburn

TACOMA, WA — With the quickness of Ricochet Rabbit, guard Teresa Weatherspoon ignited her Louisiana Tech team in a second half rally to beat Auburn 56-54 for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Final Four victory.



Teresa Weatherspoon



Erica Westbrooks

Fifth-ranked Louisiana Tech, winning their third national title in eight years, played a sluggish first half and went to the locker room down 31-19. Number three ranked Auburn's Ruthie Bolton led the Tigers with 16 first-half points but went scoreless in the second.

Weatherspoon teamed with six-foot-three-inch forward Erica Westbrooks to clamp down Auburn. Weatherspoon netted just five points but finished with a game-high eight assists. Westbrooks, who blocked a key shot with eight seconds left in the game, finished with 25 points, seven rebounds, six steals and four blocked shots. Westbrooks was named the Final Four outstanding player, scoring 43 points in the two games.

In the semi-finals, #1 ranked Tennessee couldn't keep up with Louisiana Tech, and Auburn downed seventh-ranked California State University Long Beach.

Spectacular sports

Tyler Bushnell won the bantam division (ages 10 and younger) at the Junior Olympics national cross-country championships in Raleigh, North Carolina. Tyler, a fifth grader at Philomath (Oregon) Middle School, ran the 3-kilometer course in 10 minutes, 56 seconds.

Freshman **Christina McInness** from Seldovia-Susan B. English High in Fairbanks, Alaska, won five gold medals and a silver in the junior women's snowshoeing events at the 10th Arctic Winter Games.

Keith Holley of Bayside High School in Virginia Beach, Virginia, broke the high school indoor triple jump record with a jump of 52 feet, 7 1/2 inches.

Swimmer **Kristin Stoudt**, a senior at Wheeling (Illinois) High School, became the state's first swimmer to win consecutive state titles in the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard freestyle events.

Six-foot-10-inch center **Alonzo Mourning** from Indian River High School in Chesapeake, Virginia, was named the Gatorade Circle of Champions' National High School Basketball Player of the Year. Alonzo scored more than 2,000 points during his prep career. He will play at Georgetown University next season.



Junior Olympic champ Tyler Bushnell

Jayhawks fly away with title

KANSAS CITY, MO—Senior Danny Manning decided to pass up the pros to play another year of basketball at the University of Kansas. It was definitely the right choice.

Kansas, the unranked team, upset Oklahoma 83-79 for the NCAA men's championship. Manning, named tournament MVP, finished his last college game with good numbers: 31 points, 18 rebounds and five steals.

The Kansas Jayhawks, the first championship team with 11 losses, ran

with the Sooners' fast tempo to leave at halftime tied at 50. Then Manning and his mates returned to play at their own speed and controlled the game during the last five minutes with Manning hitting key free throws.

Oklahoma was 2-0 against Kansas this season and favored to take home the NCAA basketball title. Known for scoring 100 points in their games, the Sooners had defeated Arizona in the semi-finals. Kansas, clearly on an upset mission, defeated Duke in the semis.

Teams take home basketball title trophies

Basketball season is over and the winning high school teams have made room for a state championship trophy in the trophy case.

In girls' West Coast action #2 nationally-ranked Oregon City (Oregon) was upset by Tigard in the state championship game. Oregon City finished the year ranked eighth in the nation and Tigard received an honorable mention by *USA Today*. Also finishing in *USA Today's* girls' top 25 were #13 Morningside of Inglewood, California, and #16 Lynwood (California). Santa Barbara (California) received honorable mention.

In boys' West Coast Basketball action two California teams finished in the nation's top 25. Crenshaw (Los Angeles) finished at #4 and Manual Arts (Los Angeles) was ranked #16. The West Coast winners were:

CALIFORNIA

Boys — I: Manual Arts (Los Angeles); II: Foothill (Bakersfield); III: Jefferson (Daly City); IV: Washington (Easton); V: Ripon Christian.

Girls — I: Fremont (Oakland); II: Grant (Sacramento); III: Burlingame; IV: Willows; V: Ripon Christian.

OREGON

Boys — AAA: Grant (Portland); AA: Central (Independence); A: Knappa (Astoria); B: Eddyville.

Girls — AAA: Tigard; AA: Siuslaw (Florence); A: Gervais; B: Cove.

WASHINGTON

Boys — AAA: Redmond; AA: Rainier Beach (Seattle); A: Cowiche; B: Morton.

Girls — AAA: Sandle Park (Spokane); AA: Bainbridge Island; A: Cascade (Leavenworth); B: Reardan.