

Local wrestler dies in wreck

by Gina Wood

Last Saturday, the University of Oregon wrestling team was traveling to Washington State University in Pullman, when their van, carrying ten members and two coaches, crashed down an embankment off an icy highway near Pomeroy, Washington. Two have died from this tragic event, one being from Portland—Lorenzo West.

How would you describe Lorenzo West to someone who did not know him? "An extremely religious person—and he lived by those principles," answered Wayne Lindquist, College Coordinator and Activities Director at Roosevelt High School.

Lindquist was the wrestling coach during the time Lorenzo attended and wrestled at Roosevelt.

While attending Roosevelt High School for his senior year, Lorenzo had become very popular. He was a multi-talented student involved in many activities including music, sports, school plays and talent shows. Of all Lorenzo's school activities sports was his favorite. Two years prior to attending Roosevelt he had been the district champion in wrestling and his senior year he placed third in his division at the State championship.

Lorenzo was considered a leader on the wrestling team. He motivated the other wrestlers by always being supportive when the team was down. He was voted by the team as outstanding wrestler.

Outside of high school wrestling Lorenzo was involved with the Peninsula Park wrestling program. Roy Pittman, Recreation Instructor and Wrestling Coach recruited Lorenzo and his brother, Paul West, into his program after he saw them in a tournament at Benson High School. Pittman stated that when he saw Lorenzo in the match he knew he had a gift. When Lorenzo started participating in the program he brought his two younger brothers Travis and Trenton West, who were also very talented wrestlers.

Traditionally the West brothers are known for their wrestling talent. Lorenzo was influenced by his older

brothers who wrestled and also by a brother who is involved in the Peace Corps.

After graduation from Roosevelt High School, Lorenzo attended the University of Oregon in Eugene where he continued his wrestling career. Lindquist stated that Lorenzo received many offers from colleges and universities to wrestle but his final decision was made based on what school offered the best academic program suitable to his needs.

Lorenzo was a self-achiever and an inspiration to those around him. He knew life was full of challenges and he was not afraid because he knew God would stand behind him.

Pittman stated that Lorenzo's faith was monumental to him and so was his mother. He was very conscientious about helping his mother and wanting her to have the best.

"Pit, I've got it together," was the last conversation shared by the two friends. Everything was happening just the way Lorenzo wanted. Academically he was doing very well and also his wrestling career was on the rise. Tim Clod-

jeaux, Assistant Sports Information Director, said, "West was doing all right here at the University. He just needed improving and he was doing just that."

Last year he won the Pac-10 championship in his division and ended his year with statistics of 29-32-1. This year he was a high senior and his record stands at 11-6-1.

"I believe that Lorenzo enjoyed the best part of his life, because everything was flowing at the right pace for him and when he called home from school he always had good news to tell about how everything was going his way," related his brother, Paul. "He died a winner."

The other wrestler killed was Jed Kesy, who died Monday night. Others injured include Larry Topliff of Sandy, and Travis Hancock of Pendleton, both in serious condition at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane. In addition, Damon Knight of Pistol River and Garrett Clayton of Felton, California, are both in good condition in St. Joseph Hospital in Lewiston, Idaho.



Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes, Sports Editor

The Los Angeles Raiders showed a national television audience of 100 million plus that they are a good football team and not just street fighters. In disposing of the Washington Redskins 38-9, the widest margin of victory ever in a Super Bowl, the Raiders are the indisputed kings of the hill. And this was no off day by the Redskins that contributed to their humiliating defeat, but just a superior effort by the Black and Silver coaching staff and players.

Raider Coach Tom Flores was to say, "We knew everything they were trying to do and had the personnel to stop it." And that they (Raiders) did. The Raiders defensive preparation stymied a Washington team that established a league record with 541 total points during the 1983 season. This was no fluke by the Raiders, no bad day for the Skins. What happened, happened early. The Raiders asked their secondary back ends Lester Hayes and Mike Haynes to establish the tempo of the game. They wanted Haynes and Hayes, both all-pro corners, to blanket the Redskins receivers, often called the Smurfs. The Raiders employed a tight man-to-man cover that took the Smurfs right out of the game.

With this completed the attention turned then to the other weapon in the Skins arsenal—Long John Riggins. Jeff Barnes, Greg Townsend and Lyle Alzado then commenced to stop almost every running effort that Riggins attempted. The Raider game plan worked to perfection. And when that happens, and you have a good plan...then victory is almost assured. The plan was to stop Joe Theismann by shutting down his first and second options.

This was achieved by blanketing the usually reliable Art Monk and Charlie Brown.

The Raider plan was to ease up on the third option, that being the 6-5, 240-pound tight end Clint Didier. The belief was that they couldn't be beaten by Didier.

Didier, out of Portland State University, finished the game as the leading Redskin receiver with 5 for 65 yards. Art Monk would have been shut out if Hayes hadn't slipped down early in the third quarter, which allowed Monk his lone reception for a 26-yard gain. Raider owner Al Davis deserves much of the credit for the success of this Raider team.

Remember, it was Davis that pulled off the coup that brought all-pro Mike Haynes from New England to Los Angeles. That's about the equivalent of having Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, and Hank Aaron in the same outfield.

When the dust had cleared and the line on John Riggins read, "26 carries and 64 yards," it was clear to all that the day of the Hog was over. The Raiders are Kings for year.

Basketball

And what's these strange rumblings up North. The 20-ranked Huskies, leading the PAC-10 with a perfect 4-0 record, are now talking final four talk. Marv Harshman's team is in the driver's seat after beating both Oregon and Oregon State last week.

The Huskies aren't home free but one must admit at 13-3 on the season they're certainly in the driver's seat. The Huskies rely heavily on their West German connection. In Schrempp and Welp they have al-

most half of the West German national team. Welp, 7-0, and Schrempp, at 6-10, add tremendous power to the Husky offense. The Huskies so overpowered OSU in Seattle that one has to wonder if the Beavers aren't over-rated. OSU in losing to both Washington schools must now think about making some changes, some significant changes. And merely flip-flopping the guards won't do the job. OSU center Steve Woodside must prove he can be effective with the good big men in the PAC-10 if OSU is going to go anywhere. We know Woodside can be good against the likes of Stanford, whose biggest man is John Ravelli at 6-7. Believe me you won't see any 6-7 post men in post-season play. And one has to believe that Charlie Sittion will come around. Sure, Charlie disappeared somewhere in the North of Washington. The tall senior from McMinnville arrived back home wondering what it would take to grab a rebound. Charlie garnered zero boards in two nights against the Washington schools. Some could lay the blame on Coach Ralph Miller.

Ralph has let it be known to one and all that he's going to pull Charlie whenever he gets his first personal foul. And that he (Sittion) will sit out the rest of the half.

"Charlie's just going to have to understand that he's going to have to stay out of foul trouble if he's to help us," Miller says.

Now, does that help to build confidence? Ralph Miller's programs have been successful in the past, and one must understand you can't argue with success. But, really, how far could another coach take OSU with the same talent?

Miller's system seems to fit only at a certain level. And until Ralph finally understands that the game has changed, then OSU can only expect to reach the first plateau of post-season play, never the final four.

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No recovery

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9) The budgets of the various civil rights enforcement agencies and offices within the executive branch of government should be restored to levels that will allow effective and adequate enforcement.

10. Congress should amend the Fair Housing Act to provide enforcement power, and to extend the act's coverage to include families with children.

11) The principles of affirmative action should continue to be applied at both the state and federal levels, and there should be no retrenchment in their enforcement. This means that qualified minority applicants should be actively sought for job openings in every sector of the economy.

12) Congress should approve a major new investment in math and science education in order to respond to the needs of a high technology society. Such legislation should make the special needs of low-income and minority students a priority.

French resigns

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tiated for the Administration during the controversy over the makeup of the Civil Rights Commission and was blamed by civil rights advocates as responsible for the White House "betrayal" in its appointments to the new commission.

Meese is close to the president and in internal White House squabbles, he is the chief proponent of conservatism. His current duties include heading the Office of Policy Development and the Office of Cabinet Affairs, which help Reagan develop domestic policies. He is expected to carry out Smith's policies with even more vigor.

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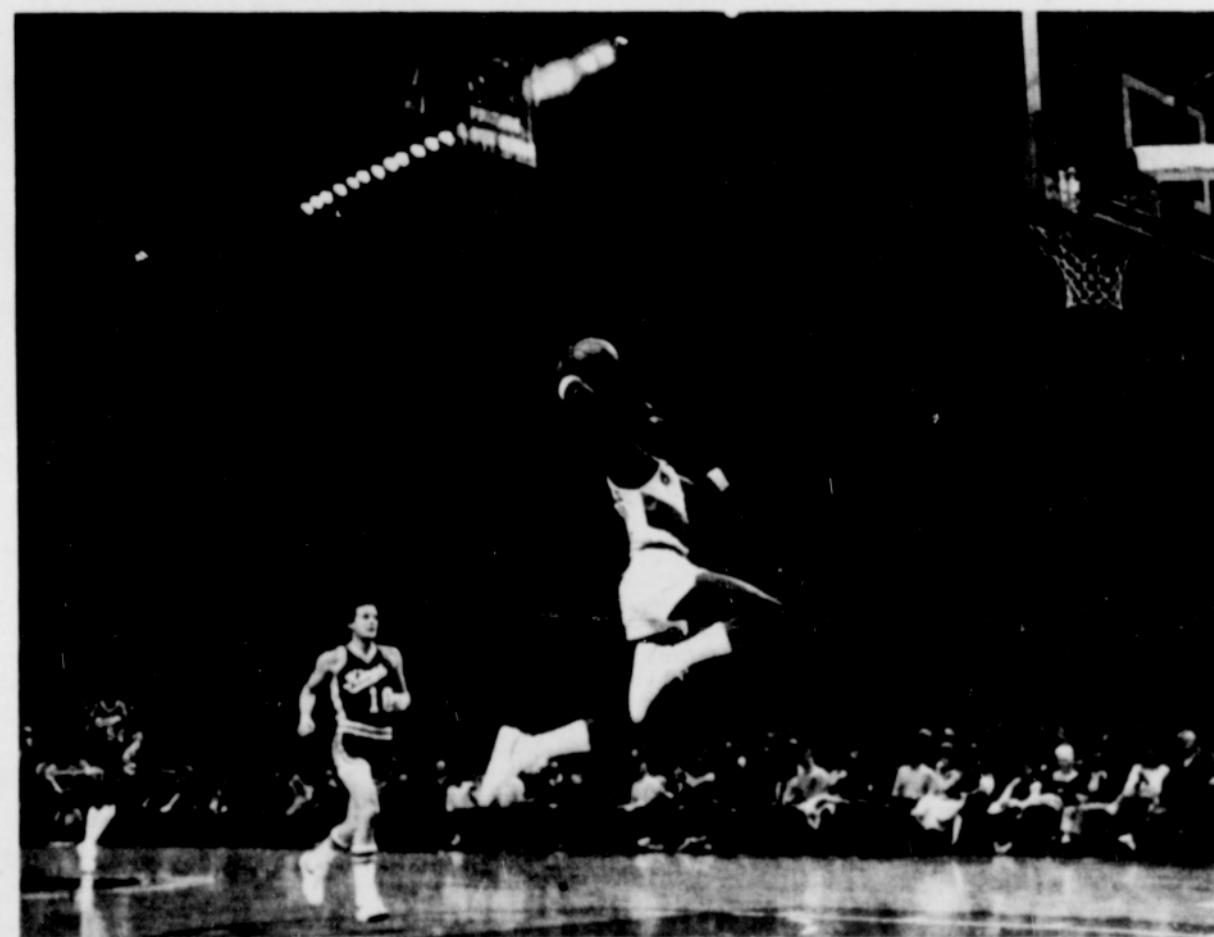
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Clyde Drexler goes for 2 points. Score: Blazers 114, Kings 94.

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