

SPORTS

DUCKS LOSE AT NCAA ON FREE THROWS

BY DANNY BELL

Friday was St Patrick's Day, but the luck of the Irish wasn't with the Duck's as they lost to Louisville in a closely contested game in the last seconds, when Leatrice Scott, a 65 percent freethrow shooter nailed two from the charity stripe with 3.7 seconds left to lift the Cardinals to a 67-65 win.

This was the Duck's second appearance in as many years for the second year coach Jody Runge in the NCAA tournament. They had accumulative 18-10 win lost record coming into the tournament. "We've had lapses like this before, had games where people didn't score" Runge said. "You can't win basketball games like that."

The game teeter-totered with each team gaining a ten point lead, Oregon in the first half 25-15 with 14:12 played and Louisville gaining the advantaged in the second.

"We should have put them away then." We let them run all over us offensively and defensively. I thought we were resting. Oregon's first half lead dwindled to 34-31 by intermission, then Louisville came out with a vengeance taking a 54-44 lead midway through the second period. Louisville 3-point shots disseminated Oregon as they were 10 for 20 from 3 point range.

The Ducks came back to run off nine consecutive points in the space of 2:01, and then it was touch and go from there. Twice down the stretch the Ducks turned over the ball. Trailing 65-64 with 1:34 to play. Sally Crowe's pass to an open Arianne Boyer on the base line sailed through Boyer's hands out of bounds.

Thirty-five seconds later the

Ducks were in possession of the ball and trailed by one. This time, Renae Fegent was called for an offensive foul.

"If we had scored on either one of those possessions we probable would have won the game." Runge said.

The Cardinals weren't exactly twiddling their thumbs as Oregon was misfiring. The 25-7 Louisville Cardinals capitalized on their outside game benefitting from their 3 point shooting, while Oregon only managed 3 for 10 from 3 point range.

"We were getting 2s and they were getting 3s" Crowe said "No way you're going to win in a exchange like that."

The main gun for the Cardinals was sophomore Marla Inman a transfer from Indiana University who was named Miss Indiana Basketball when she was a senior in highschool.

She was treacherous against Oregon making 5 of 6 3 point shots.

"We thought we could come out and take this game," said Inman. "We just didn't adjust to things" said Crowe, whose one-season career at Oregon is over as she returns to Australia to try for a spot on her country's Olympic team. "We just kept letting them do it. We were always getting there a second or two too late."

Scott who drove the final nail in the coffin, gave them a glimmer of hope earlier, with the score 65-64 and the Cardinals leading, she missed the front end of a one and one with 48 seconds left. The Ducks tied it when Boyer hit the second of two freethrows. There was no more scoring until Scott finished it off in the final seconds.

Louisville second half shooting forced Oregon to switch from a trapping zone to a man to man



Sally Crowe, University of Oregon Womens Basketball

defense.

"Then they started driving on us" Fegent said "and we didn't have the help there."

Coach Runge hoped for another out come. She thought the Ducks had not stepped up to the challenge of tournament play.

"Its a very disappointing way to end the season," she said, not because we lost, but because of the way that we performed.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BASEBALL

While players and owners put off negotiations until Tuesday, the general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board has asked the five member panel for permission to seek an injunction that could end the strike.

Players say they will end their seven-month strike if the NLRB obtains and injunction restoring salary arbitration, free agent bidding and anti-collusion rules.

FOOTBALL

Eagles Sign Watters:

Ricky Watters, who's running game helped lead the San Francisco 49ers to its fifth Super Bowl title has signed an offer sheet to play for the Philadelphia Eagles.

The 49ers have seven days to match the offer, a front loaded three-year deal worth a guaranteed 3.6 million in its first year.

Allen Signs With Saints:

Eric Allen a pro-bowl cornerback has signed a five year offer sheet, estimated at 14 million dollars with the New Orleans Saints.

As a result Allen could wind up as the second highest paid member on the squad. Allen's lawyer does not expect Philadelphia to match the Saints offer.

Basketball College Launches Probe:

The president of Northeastern University announced that a panel has been formed to explore the possible drug-use of former stand-out player Reggie Lewis.

The issue at question was that if Lewis tested positive for cocaine in 1987, when he was a senior and star basketball player at the school. Lewis died in 1993.

John Curry said a former athletic director told him that Lewis tested positive, but the doctor in charge of the test told him the test was negative.

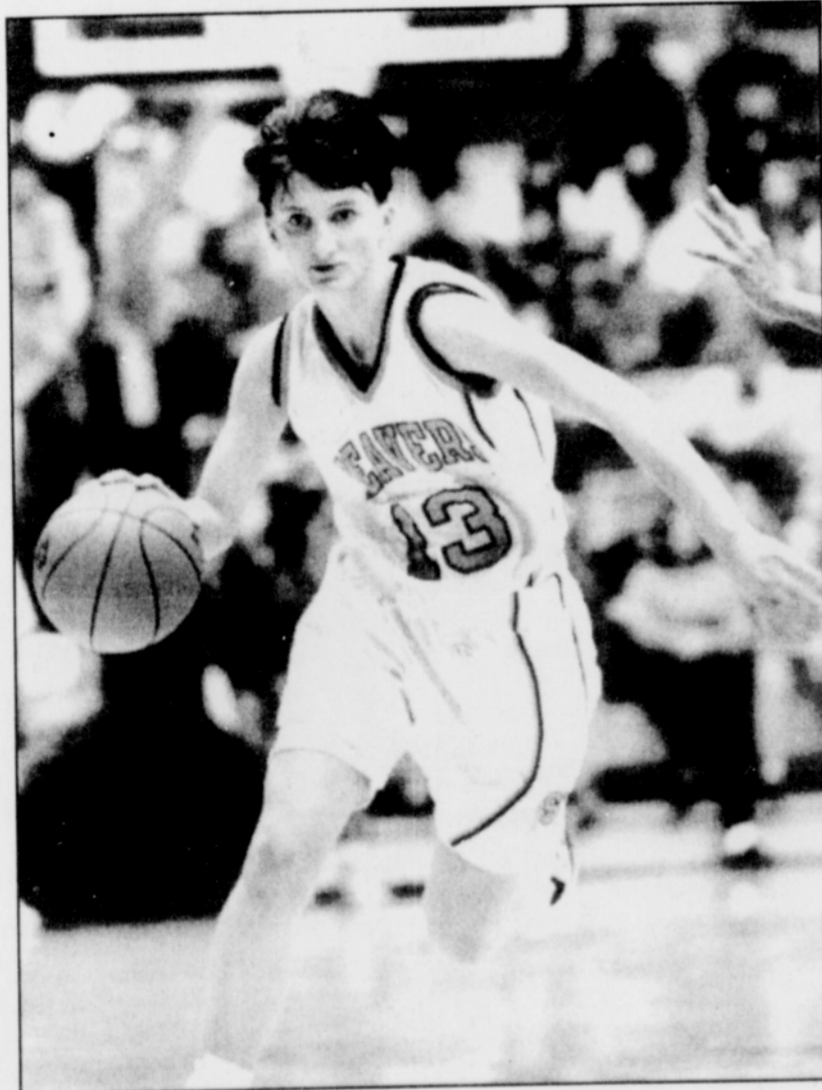
Curry said what he had learned was "both disturbing and contradictory" and he could no longer with certainty say the Reggie Lewis was free from drugs while he played basketball for us.

Lewis collapsed during a play-off game in April of 1993, three months later while casually shooting baskets he collapsed again and died.

Rodman Cleared:

The San Antonio Spurs elected not to take action against Dennis Rodman for showing up late to Thursday nights game against the Philadelphia 76ers. They accepted his excuse that he overslept because his alarm clock failed to go off, calling it an innocent mistake.

O.S.U. WOMEN K.O. TENNESSEE STATE



Boxy Vidic, Oregon Sate University

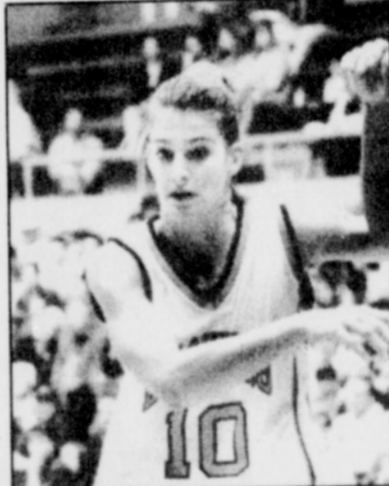
BY DANNY BELL

In Friday night's game against Tennessee State Annette Mollerstrom stepped up with some last minute heroics and averted disaster with a 3-point shot in the last 36 seconds of regulation to tie the game. Oregon State went on to win 88-75 in overtime.

Early on the prognosis did not look good as though O.S.U. would be making an early exit from the women's NCAA tournament along with Oregon and University of Portland.

Mollerstrom a player accustomed to playing most the game missed all but 17 minutes as she sat out with foul trouble. Prior to hitting the crucial 3-point shot she had scored only four points. "It wasn't bad until we went down by five points" said Mollerstrom whose full-contact defense didn't sit well with the game's officials. "I didn't mind sitting on the bench as long as the team was doing ok."

I hadn't played well. I kind of owed it to the team to make Mollerstrom's shot knocked some of the wind out the sails of the 12th



Tanja Kostic, OSU Beavers

seeded Tigers, who had rallied from a 14 point deficit in the first half and led by as many as five in the second.

After battling the Beavers for 40 minutes of regulation, Tennessee state had little gas left to keep up with the taller O.S.U. and the Tigers were outscored 19-6 in the five minute overtime.

Tennessee state did not go down without a fight. With Oregon State focusing its attention on star guard Carolyn Aldridge, forward Connie Swift scored a career high 38 points - ninth highest in tournament history - and she was a perfect 14 from the freethrow line. T.S.U. forced the Beavers into 24 turnovers and out rebounded O.S.U. 49-46 but on the other side of the coin forward Tanja Kostic was able to effectively shut down the high scoring Aldrich who has been averaging 22.6 points a game. Kostic played superb defense on Aldridge limiting her to 5 of 30 from the field, and 18 points.

Kostic and Tina Leias scored 25 points apiece. Leias only pulled down one rebound in the first half but she grabbed 14 in the second.

Both teams entered the game jittery and stiff, with intentions of avoiding an early exit that had been their experience in the 1994 tourna-

ment. With 18:20 in the first half the Beavers had only scored one field goal and Mollerstrom had already picked up two fouls.

The Beavers built a lead of 14 points with 5:39 left in the first, but had by no means taken control of the game. Oregon State was flat footed on rebounds and were incurring fouls going over their smaller opponents for the ball.

Oregon State took 41-34 lead into the locker room at half-time.

"I appreciated that the team wanted it-too badly." Oregon State coach Aki Hill said. "The emotion was there. The judgement wasn't until overtime."

The Tigers made their move with 8:26 remaining in regulation. Swift took a pass from Aldridge stepped back and made a "3" igniting a 10-0 run that put Tennessee state 65-60.

Things looked dim until Mollerstrom stepped up with her shot and changed the momentum of the whole game.

WORKOUT FOR HOPE



Leading the Portland Workout for Hope on Saturday, April 15, 1995, is Chair Kim R. Jones of Lloyds Athletic Club (above). The Three-hour Workout will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Portland State University Gym, 930 SW Hall Blvd. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Fitness experts from around the city leading all styles of exercise programs for participants at all levels of fitness. Proceeds will benefit HIV/AIDS and related cancer research at the City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research, Institute. To register call 800/934-9196.