



# SPORTS/METRO

## Franklin Girls Swamp Roosevelt



Franklin's Jennifer Speakmon shoots over Roosevelt's Terri Robinson in a girls PFL basketball game Friday on the Quakers home court. Franklin made an easy game of it by scoring a 69 to 25 victory.

PHOTO BY DAVID GIEZYNG/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

## Jordan Erratic in All Star Defeat

(AP)—The one thing missing in Michael Jordan's second comeback has been the spectacular, highlight-reel dunk. Given a chance to do one on the ultimate showboat stage he made the blooper tape instead.

On a solo breakaway late in the first quarter of the All-Star game, with no player within 20 feet of him, Jordan's one-hander rattled off the back rim and out of bounds like a rookie's bad do-over candidate at the slam dunk contest.

Players, fans and everyone else gasped in disbelief while Jordan



Michael Jordan got a lot of media attention in the NBA All-Star game Sunday, but it was Laker Kobe Bryant (far left) who won the game MVP award. (AP photo)

laughed at himself — what else could he do? — and he took a lot of playful grief from anyone who went near him during the next five minutes.

The flub was the climax to a sometimes spirited, sometimes passive Jordan performance in his 13th All-Star game. Unable to suppress his competitive juices, he played 23 minutes — nearly double what he vowed he would play in the name of needed rest — and scored eight points on 4-for-13 shooting Sunday in the East's 135-120 loss to the West.

## Injury Gives Venus Williams Title

Venus Williams claimed her second title of 2002 when Jelena Dokic withdrew from Sunday's final of the Gaz de France tournament with a strained right thigh.

"It's not really like you've won. But I suppose you're the last one standing," Williams said.

It was her 23rd career WTA Tour title.

The fourth-seeded Dokic said she was hurt during Saturday's 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 semifinal victory over Monica Seles and aggravated the injury in a doubles match later that day.

"I wasn't able to move this morning," Dokic said Sunday. "It seems to be a lot more serious



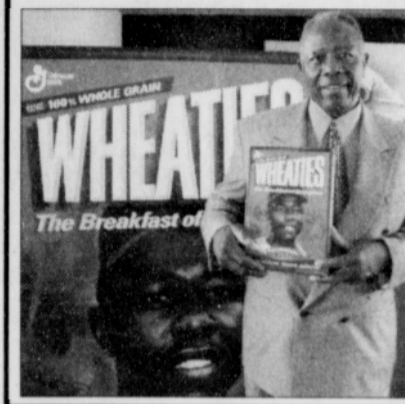
Venus Williams returns a backhand in this AP photo.

than we originally thought."

Williams, who has won both the U.S. Open and Wimbledon each of the last two years, beat Justine Henin at the Gold Coast tournament in January for her first title in 2002.

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## Overtime Not Kind for Oregon

(AP) - In a game so close, Amit Tamir said the basket never looked quite so large.

California's 6-foot-10 freshman forward came off the bench and made 14 of 19 shots for a career-high 39 points as the Bears handed No. 13 Oregon its second straight overtime loss, 107-103 in double-overtime Saturday night.

Tamir, a 22-year-old from Jerusalem, scored six of his points in the second extra period, helping California, which fought back from a 19-point first-half deficit and registered its biggest comeback victory since 1994 and third straight win overall.

Tamir made 5-of-6 3-pointers in the fifth-highest individual scoring total in school history.

The Ducks (17-7, 9-4), who lost 90-87 in overtime to No. 20 Stanford on Thursday, got a career-high 29 points from Luke Jackson, while Frederick Jones added 23, Luke Ridnour 15 and Anthony Lever 14.

Oregon made 55 percent of its shots including 10-for-14 by Jackson, but the Ducks committed 21 turnovers and just couldn't slow Tamir or the Bears, who scored 72 points after intermission.

"The question was whether we could come back from that loss to Stanford," Oregon coach Ernie Kent said. "We played hard, but the ball just didn't go our way. That's life on the road in the Pac-10."

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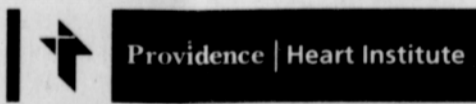


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