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Oregon's Freddie Jones Drafted 14th

Oregon guard Freddie Jones was a surprising 14th pick in last week's NBA draft, going to the Indiana Pacers.

Jones, at 6-foot-4, 210 pounds, averaged 18.6 points per game and helped lead the Ducks to the final eight of the NCAA tournament.

Jones went to Barlow High School in Gresham.

He did not live up to his potential during his first three years at Oregon, but he came on strong as a senior. He started all but two



Freddie Jones

games, when he was benched after a slow start. He responded to the message sent by coach Ernie Kent and helped the Ducks win their first outright conference title in 57 years.

He also hit his first game-winning basket, with one second left at USC in a 67-65 victory. The Ducks clinched the Pac-10 title outright two days later, when Jones hit the clinching basket in a 65-62 victory over UCLA.

With the Pacers, Jones will join ex-Trail Blazer Jermaine O'Neal.

Venus Williams Sails Into Semifinals

(AP)—Venus Williams swept to another easy straight-set victory Tuesday as she moved into the semifinals and closer to her third straight Wimbledon title.

The top-seeded Williams, who has dropped one set in five matches, crushed 48th-ranked Elena Likhovtseva 6-2, 6-0 in 44 minutes in the day's opening match on Centre Court.

It was Williams' eighth consecutive win over the Russian, all in straight sets.

Likhovtseva, the only unseeded player to reach the women's quarters, was helpless against the American's relentless power game and won only seven points in the second set.

"I'm just trying to play more solid every round, garner each point for myself," Williams said. "When it happens like it did today, it's very nice I think. I don't think she gave me a lot of errors. I had to produce most of the shots and put a lot of pressure on her."

Williams has spent only 4½ hours on court in her run to the semifinals and remains a strong favorite to become the first woman to win three straight titles since Steffi Graf in 1991-93.

"Now I expect for myself to be almost perfect," she said. "When I first started, first getting to the quarterfinals, it was all new. But now I expect to be there."

Williams will next face the winner of the quarterfinal between No. 4 Monica Seles and No. 6 Justine Henin, whom she beat in last year's final.

No. 3 Jennifer Capriati was to resume her fourth-round match against Eleni Daniilidou after splitting the first two sets Monday.

Williams' sister, Serena, is scheduled to play Daniela Hantuchova in a quarterfinal Wednesday. The Williams sisters are on course to meet in their third Grand Slam final in 10 months.



Two-time defending Wimbledon champion Venus Williams returns the ball during her 6-2, 6-0 victory over Russia's Elena Likhovtseva. (AP photo)

Preseason Poll Likes PSU Football

The Portland State football team has been receiving good grades from preseason prognosticators for the 2002 season. The Vikings have been ranked in the top 10 by two prominent football publications and anticipate more good reviews over the summer as preseason polls are released.

The Vikings finished 2001 with a 7-4 record and ranked 25th in the nation in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll for

NCAA I-AA football.

PSU will seek its first Big Sky Conference championship in 2002, but will have to go through the nation's best team to get it. Montana, the 2001 NCAA I-AA National Champion, is a consensus number one in preseason polls. The Vikings host the Grizzlies on Oct. 26 at PGE Park.

PSU opens the season Aug. 31 at home against Stephen F. Austin.

Haskins Leads Team to Bronze Medal

Jefferson High School basketball coach Marshall Haskins coached a West division all-star team to two wins and three losses as his team captured the bronze medal at the USA Basketball Men's Youth Development Festival, held last weekend at Colorado Springs, Colo.

The West team made 14 of 14 free throws in the fourth period of Sunday's bronze medal game in route to beating the North division team by a score of 149-138.

Thomas Gardner of Jefferson High School also participated in the tournament.

Gardner had a chance to play a wing position and get extended minutes in the deciding contest, scoring a tournament high 29 points. He scored 7, 4, 20, and 5 points in the other games.

The South division team won the gold medal, winning the championship game against the East division team by a score of 118-110. The south won three games against two losses.

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