SPORTS

Jeff, Benson Finish With OSAA Wins

Schools Earn Third and Fourth Place Trophies

Jefferson and Benson added wins to their final games of the season at the OSAA Class 4A boys basketball tournament in Eugene.

Jefferson bounced back from a semifinals loss the day before against Lake Oswego and beat Westview, 77 to 64, Saturday, to capture the Third Place trophy. The Democrats entered the tournament trying to win their first state title since 2000.

Benson won both consolation games in route to a Fourth Place finish with a 59-57 win against South Medford. Benson won their last title in1990.

Illinois' Deron Williams directs his teammates in the second half against Wisconsin during the championship game of the Big Ten tournament Sunday in Chicago. (AP photo)

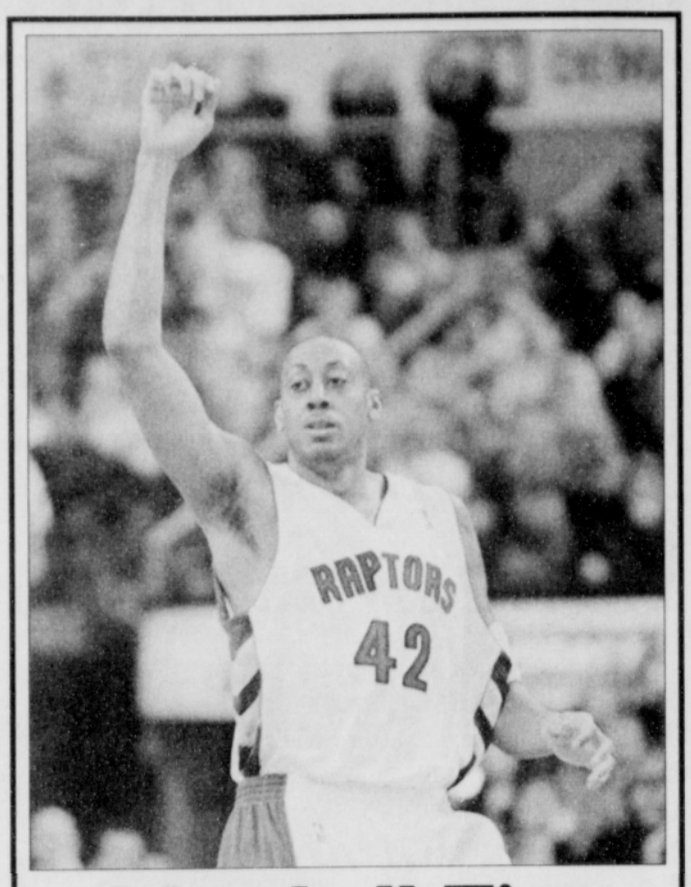
Illinois Starts Tourney No. 1

(AP) — Illinois was No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll for the 15th straight week Monday, and the Illini were back to being a unanimous choice.

Illinois, North Carolina and Duke were the top three seeds in the NCAA tournament announced Sunday, and they held the same spots in the final poll of the season. Washington was the fourth No. 1 seed, but the Huskies were eighth in the final poll.

That is the lowest a No. 1 seed has been ranked since the field expanded to 64 in 1985. The previous low for a No. 1 seed was Duke, which was ranked sixth in the final poll last season.

Illinois' run to close the season on top of the rankings was the longest since Kansas was also No. 1 for the last 15 weeks in 1996-97. Those Jayhawks were also the last team to be a unanimous No. 1 in the final poll of the season.



Marshall Ties NBA Record

Toronto forward Donyell Marshall celebrates one of his NBA record-tying 12 three pointers against the Philadelphia 76ers in Toronto on Sunday. In the same game he tied the record set by Kobe Bryant, his Raptors hit a league-record 21 three pointers in the 128-110 victory over the 76ers. (AP photo)

Jesuit Basks in State Championship

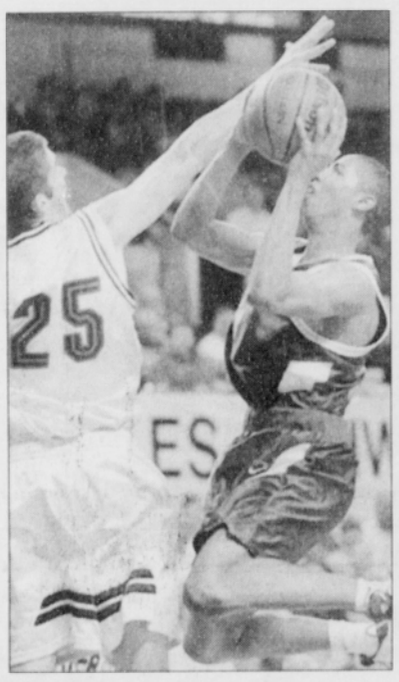
Tarver brothers named to all-tourney team

(AP) — Top-ranked Jesuit rallied back from a 17-point deficit to beat Lake Oswego 57-53 Saturday night in the championship game of the OSAA Class 4A boys basketball tournament at McArthur Court in Eugene.

With 49 seconds left in the game, Jesuit's Steve Jones missed on a jump shot, the rebound was tipped by Tarver to Grodahl who laid it up and in to give the Crusaders a 54-53 advantage - their first lead of the game.

Grodahl then hustled down to the other end and blocked a lay up by Bill Slade with 29 seconds left, giving the ball back to Jesuit.

Josh Tarver made three free throws in the final seconds to give the Crusaders (28-1) their improbable victory.



Josh Tarver shoots around Nick Lomax in the final game of the OSAA Class 4A boys basketball tournament in Eugene. (AP photo)

Kevin Love recorded 24 points and 23 rebounds for the Lakers (21-7), who led 29-12 at halftime but had 17 turnovers in the second half and struggled to fend off Jesuit's pressure defense.

Tarver and his brother, Seth, were named to the first all-tournament team, the first brothers to make the team together since 1926. The Tarvers are from northeast Portland's Trinity Lutheran School where three Tarver brothers played on championship teams in grade school.

Portland Interscholastic League players named to the all-tourney teams, were Benson senior Jeremy Lathan, a first team selection; and Jefferson senior Mac Hopson and Jefferson junior Lathen Wallace, second team selections.

Randolph Out for Rest of Season

Trail Blazers Forward Zach Randolph received a second opinion on his knee injury Monday from Dr. John Bergfeld of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Health System.

Dr. Bergfeld confirmed a bone contusion to the articular surface of the right femur, first diagnosed last week by team physician Dr. Don Roberts. Randolph will undergo an arthroscopic procedure next week in Portland by Dr. Roberts. He will be out for the remainder of the 2004-05 season.

The Trail Blazers return to the Rose Garden this Saturday, March 19 to take on the Orlando Magic. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.

Gambling Treatment Available

More women suffer addictions

A new 30-second ad designed to persuade women with gambling problems to seek free treatment will begin airing this week on television stations across the state.

The ad, paid for by the Oregon Lottery, was prompted by new data showing that fewer women than expected are seeking help for gambling addictions.

In Oregon, women with gambling problems outnumber men, according to Jeffrey Marotta, problem gambling services manager in the Oregon Department of Human Service.

He said of an estimated 2.3 percent of Oregon adults who are problem gamblers, about 32,000 are women and 29,000 are men.

Marotta said a key to understanding the greater share of female problem gamblers is ready access to video poker and slots.

"Eighty-nine percent of women in treatment reported being hooked to electronic machine games," Marotta said, "and women were significantly more likely than men to report slot machines as their game of choice."

There are also environmental factors.

Free and confidential treatment is paid for by the Oregon Lottery. Marotta said about 4,000 people a year call the toll-free problem gambling helpline (1 877 2-STOP-NOW), where certified gambling counselors provide information and assist callers with choosing a resource to help them quit or reduce their gambling.

Local Label Hits It BIG

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Truth Hurts, Cool Nutz and Maniac Lok.

He said the messages on the recording are varied.

"It's kind of split. This record is split between Bosko as an artist and Bosko as a producer," Bosko said. "Some of the rappers that are on there are giving you more their message and I'm bringing the music. It's about stuff like relationships, situations, telling stories. It's between that and trying to communicate about parties, stuff that people want to do that's exciting, sitting down with a homie telling them 'We'll go hang out at this spot and meet some girls' or whatever. Just guy talk. We feel like this record is going to break open a lot of doors. To show that talent is not defined by your location."

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Franklin Senior on State Panel

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cluding the Franklin band, newspaper, an abstinence group, and several school clubs and organizations. She works in the school cafeteria, volunteers at the Oregon Food Bank and helps out at Red Cross events.

She has served on the Multnomah Youth Commission for four years.

"I think the most important issue facing students at my school and in the state of Oregon is teen pregnancy," she said. "So many young people do not look ahead to their future and plan. They only see the immediate and fall in and out of relationships. Low expectations and minimal adult support and supervision help make this a crisis."

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