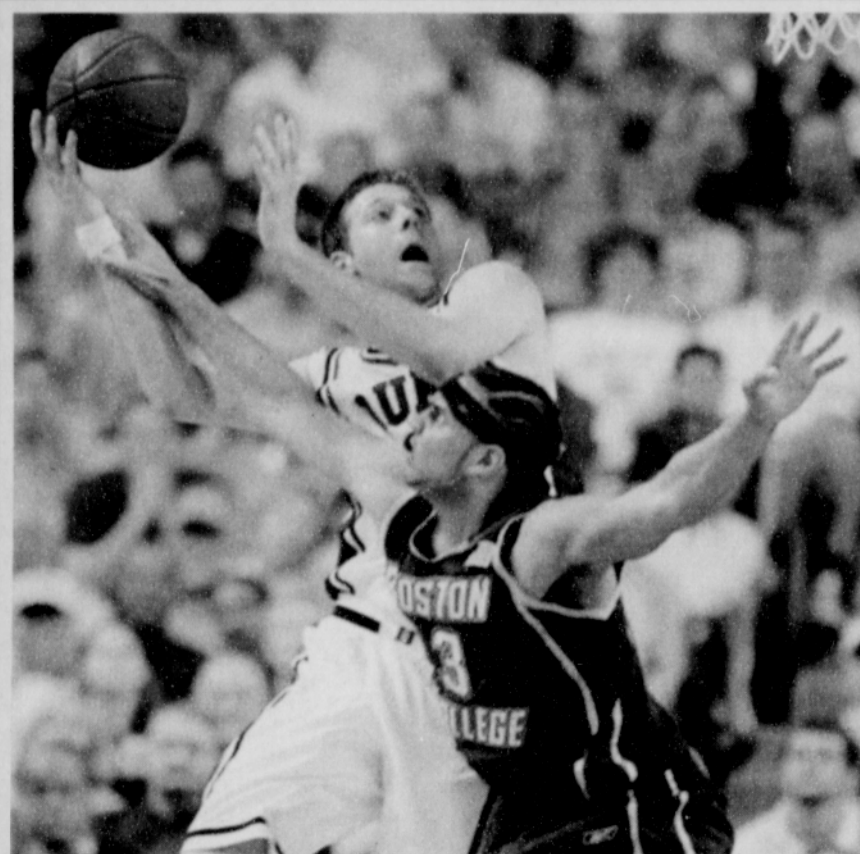


SPORTS



Duke's Josh McRoberts shoots over Boston College's Jared Dudley in Sunday's Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship basketball game in Greensboro, N.C. Duke has the No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament beginning Thursday. (AP photo)

NCAA Tourney Begins Thursday

Duke No. 1 seed

(AP) — No. 1 seed Duke opens the NCAA tournament Thursday in Greensboro, N.C., against Southern University.

The Blue Devils (30-3) break a record as the top seed in the men's Division I tournament for a 10th time. Top seeds with Duke are Connecticut, Villanova and Memphis, followed by a 65-team lineup.

Memphis (30-3), which lost one game in Conference USA this season, leads the Oakland Regional and plays Oral Roberts. UCLA, the No. 2 seed and Pac-10 champions, face tournament newcomer Belmont at San Diego. At Salt Lake City, third-seeded Gonzaga goes against Atlantic-10 champion Xavier.

Connecticut is the top seed in the

Washington Regional. The Huskies (27-3), who were beaten by Syracuse in the Big East quarterfinals, play Albany, which is making its first appearance, in Philadelphia. At Dayton, defending champion North Carolina is the third seed against Murray State.

Villanova (24-4) is the top seed in the Minneapolis Regional. The Wildcats will open in their home city of Philadelphia against the winner of Tuesday night's opening-round game between Monmouth and Hampton. The other game in that doubleheader has eighth-seeded Arizona against No. 9 Wisconsin.

First round games begin Thursday and continue all weekend. The Final Four is April 1 and the championship April 3 in Indianapolis.

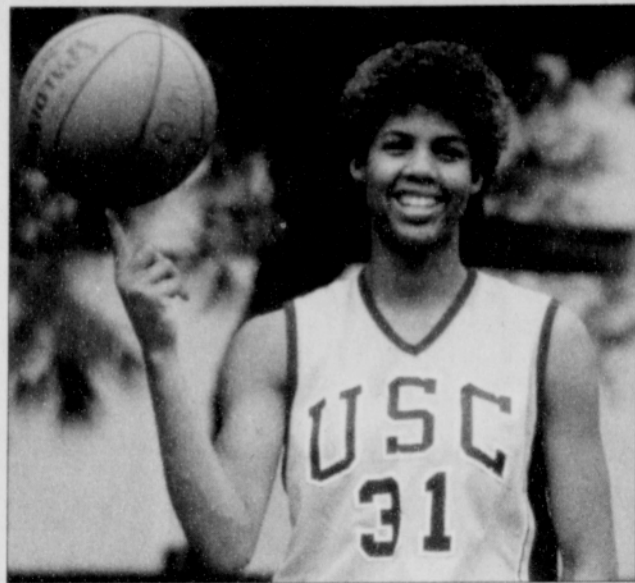
Celebrating Women's History Month

Cheryl Miller sent game to new heights

Many basketball followers say that Cheryl Miller did for women's basketball what Julius Erving did for men's basketball: she took the game off the court and put it into the air. With tremendous grace and athletic ability, Miller established a legacy throughout her high school and college career that may never be equaled.

As a scholastic standout at Riverside (Calif.) Poly High School, Miller averaged 32.8 points and 15.0 rebounds through 90 games, dished out 368 assists and once scored an incredible 105 points in a game.

In guiding Poly High to a four-year mark of 132-4, Miller became the first male or



Cheryl Miller led USC to NCAA titles in 1983 and 1984

female named a Parade All-America four straight years. As a collegiate forward at Southern California from 1982-86, Miller helped to bring women's basketball to the forefront of American sports.

She led the Trojans to a 112-20 record and NCAA titles in 1983 and 1984. At the international level, Miller guided the United States to a gold medal in the 1984 Olympic Games, and gold medals at the 1983 Pan American and 1986 Goodwill Games.



Youth Basketball Team Looks Great

The Open Meadow basketball team from north Portland wears new uniforms donated by Nike's Portland Factory Store. The uniforms were part of the NikeGO program, awarding \$100,000 in grants to neighborhood non-profits.

Olympic Hopefuls Faceoff

Olympic-style amateur boxing featuring up and coming northwest amateur boxer takes place Saturday, March 18 starting at 7 p.m. at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City.

Sanctioned by USA Boxing, the fight card is set for 10 bouts of three to four rounds, with each round lasting one or two minutes. A few of the exciting matches include Jonte

Willis against national champion Mike Wilson of Medford; third ranked Troy Wohosky from Medford against Juan Ibanez of Hillsboro; and the light heavyweight bout featuring Pete Rodriguez from Bend against Javier Torres of Medford.

For more information or to obtain tickets, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228).

Hall of Fame Coach Retires

(AP) — John Chaney retired Monday after 24 seasons as Temple's basketball coach, ending a Hall of Fame career.

The 74-year-old Chaney, a fiery sideline presence admired as much for his mentoring as his success on the court, guided

Temple to five NCAA regional finals and 17 NCAA tournament appearances and was twice the national coach of the year.

This season, Temple (17-14) made the NIT for the fifth straight season, a dramatic decline from when it was an NCAA tourna-



Temple coach John Chaney is retiring after 24 seasons with the school. (AP photo)

ment regular.

"I have said all along that I would know when it would be time to step down and now is that time," Chaney said in a state-

ment. "I want to thank Temple University, its fans and community for allowing me to do what I love for so long. It has never been a job for me, but a passion."

The Academy of Character and Ethics

ACE will be holding an informational night for parents and students at: Mt. Olivet Baptist Church 8501 N. Chautauqua Blvd Worship Center Conference Rooms March 20, 2006 -- 6:30pm

ACE will be located on the Jefferson Campus and will open September 2006 with limited space for 9th grade students only. ACE is completely autonomous from the Jefferson Design Team's selection of small schools. The Academy of Character and Ethics is a non-faith based community option school. Student applications will be available at the informational night or by contacting Elysa Simone at 503.224.7729x1789.

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Lake Oswego Takes 4A Title

One year after finishing the championship game in tears, Lake Oswego used near-perfect free throw shooting in the fourth quarter to hold off top-ranked South Medford and win its first OSAA Class 4A boys basketball championship Saturday in Eugene.

The final score was 59-57.

Junior Kevin Love scored 24 points and had nine rebounds and three blocked shots but he needed big help from his teammates to pull out the victory. Transfer Michael McLaughlin had an up-and-down season at Lake Oswego, but saved one of his best games for the finals, scoring 14 points to go with six rebounds.

Lake Oswego, which squandered a lead to Jesuit in the fourth quarter of last year's final game, made the most of its opportunities this time. The Lakers made 11 of 12 free throws in the fourth quarter.