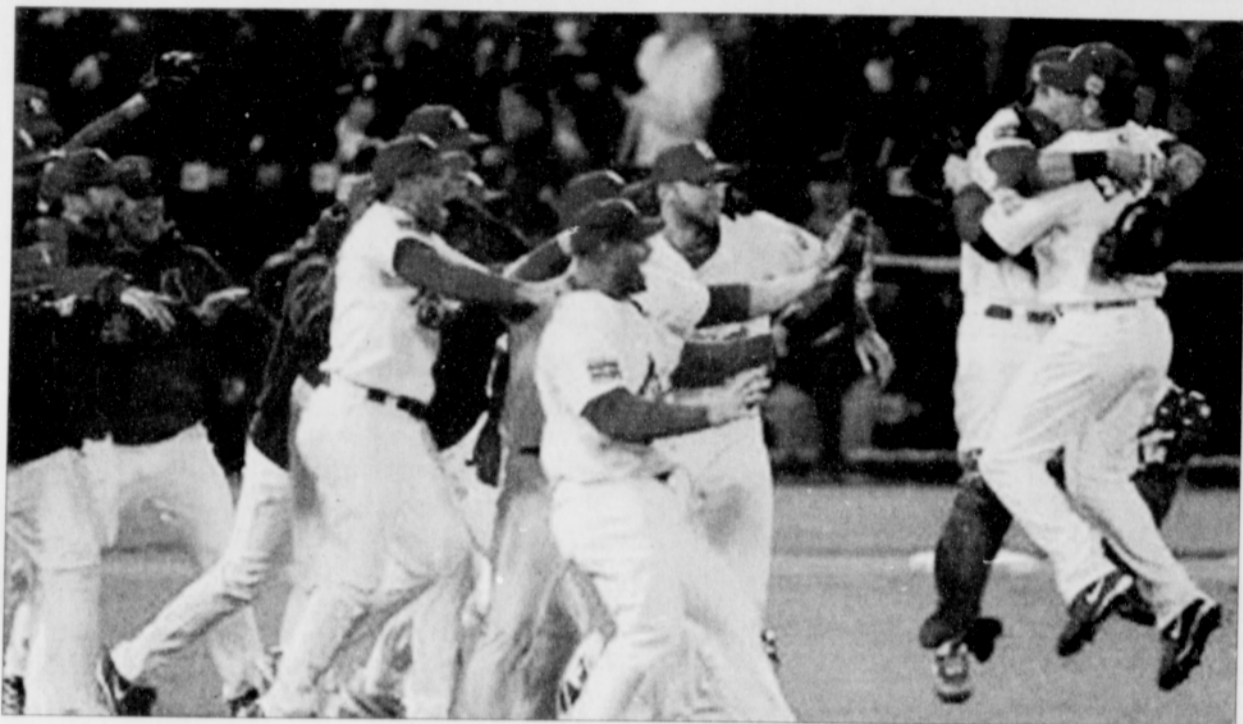


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Vikings Back to Big Sky

The Portland State University Vikings return to their Big Sky Conference schedule with a game at Northern Arizona on Saturday. PSU is smarting from a 55-12 non-conference defeat last weekend against Oregon in Eugene. The Ducks entered the game leading the Pac-10 and ranking fourth in the nation in total offense. PSU will need victories against Northern Arizona and Nov. 11 against Sacramento State for serious consideration for a NCAA I-AA playoff berth.



The St. Louis Cardinals celebrate a World Series Championship after defeating the Detroit Lions in five games.

Cardinals, Fans Celebrate Championship

First series win since 1982

(AP) -- Thousands of fans lined downtown St. Louis, Mo. for a parade Sunday celebrating the Cardinals' first World Series title since 1982. The ballpark was packed, too, just like the regular season, for a rally capped by a daylight fireworks display. "Awesome," Albert Pujols said. "I've been dreaming of this since I was a little boy."

The Cardinals sold out the first year at new Busch with total attendance of 3.4 million. General manager Walt Jocketty said at the rally that it looked as if all of them were at the parade. The team estimated the crowd at between 300,000 and 500,000. "It's out of control," ace pitcher Chris Carpenter said. "I don't think I'd ever have this feeling. I can't describe it."

The Cardinals received a prolonged standing ovation after walking from the dugout to a podium at second base. Two days earlier, they won their 10th championship, second in the majors to the Yankees' 26 titles. Manager Tony La Russa had a place of honor in the parade, with his family getting a ride on the Anheuser-Busch beer wagon led by a team of eight Clydesdales. The players were still digesting their improbable run to the championship. They lost nine of the last 12 in the regular season, avoiding perhaps the worst September collapse in major league history, be-

fore taking off in postseason. The Padres were flicked aside in four games, and the Cardinals outlasted the Mets in seven games before eliminating the favored Tigers in five games with a 4-2 victory Friday night.

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Legendary Celtics Coach Remembered

Cigar-smoking icon guided Boston to 16 titles

(AP) -- His genius was building a basketball dynasty in Boston, his gift was straight talk, his signature was the pungent cigar he lit up and savored after every victory.

Red Auerbach, the Hall of Famer who guided the Celtics to 16 championships — first as a coach and later as general manager — died Saturday. He was 89.

"He was relentless and produced the greatest basketball dynasty so



Red Auerbach

far that this country has ever seen and certainly that the NBA has ever seen," said Bob Cousy, the point guard for many of Auerbach's

championship teams, who referred to his coach by his given name. "This is a personal loss for me. Arnold and I have been together since 1950."

Auerbach's 938 victories made him the winningest coach in NBA history until Lenny Wilkens overtook him during the 1994-95 season.

Auerbach's nine titles as a coach came in the 1950s and 1960s — including eight straight from 1959 through 1966 — and then through shrewd deals and foresight he became the architect of Celtics teams that won seven more championships in the 1970s and 1980s.

He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1969. The jersey No. 2 was retired by the Celtics in his honor during the 1984-85 season.

With the Celtics, he made deals that brought Bill Russell, Robert Parish and Kevin McHale to Boston. He drafted Larry Bird a year early when the Indiana State star was a junior to make sure Bird would come to Boston.

Auerbach coached championship teams that featured players such as Russell, Cousy, Tom Heinsohn, Bill Sharman, K.C. Jones and Sam Jones, all inducted into the Hall of Fame.

OSU Savors Upset

USC winning streak snapped at 27

(AP) -- Until Oregon State's fans descended onto the field in droves, the third-ranked USC Trojans believed they were headed for another victory.

Southern California couldn't find a way to win this close game.

Oregon State capitalized on four turnovers to upset the Trojans 33-31 on Saturday, snapping USC's 27-game Pac-10 winning streak and breaking the national championship race wide open. USC (6-1, 4-1) had also won 18

straight road games. But the mighty Trojans had shown cracks in their last three games, each a victory by seven points or less.

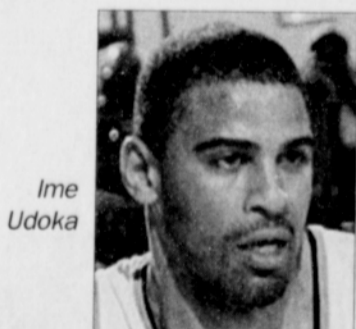
Against the Beavers, they couldn't escape, falling behind early and coming up one play short in the end.

"I loved the comeback, but we aren't patting ourselves on the back," coach Pete Carroll said. "We thought we were going to win all the way until we didn't."



Oregon State's Dennis Christopher celebrates on the shoulders of fans after they beat Southern California 33-31 Saturday during college football action in Corvallis. (AP photo)

Local Champion Lands on Blazer Team



Ime Udoka

Former Jefferson High School and Portland State University standout Ime Udoka has been named to the Portland Trail Blazers team roster after four exhibition games where he averaged 13.5 points, 3.0 rebounds and 2.8 assists.

Udoka was attending the funeral of his father, Vitalis, who suddenly passed away on Oct. 17, when his addition to the team was announced.

The 6-foot-5 small forward earned his spot by playing what Coach McMillan said was the

best perimeter defense on the team.

Udoka played four games with the Los Angeles Lakers in the 2003-04 season and saw action in eight games last season with the New York Knicks. He is a native of Nigeria.

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