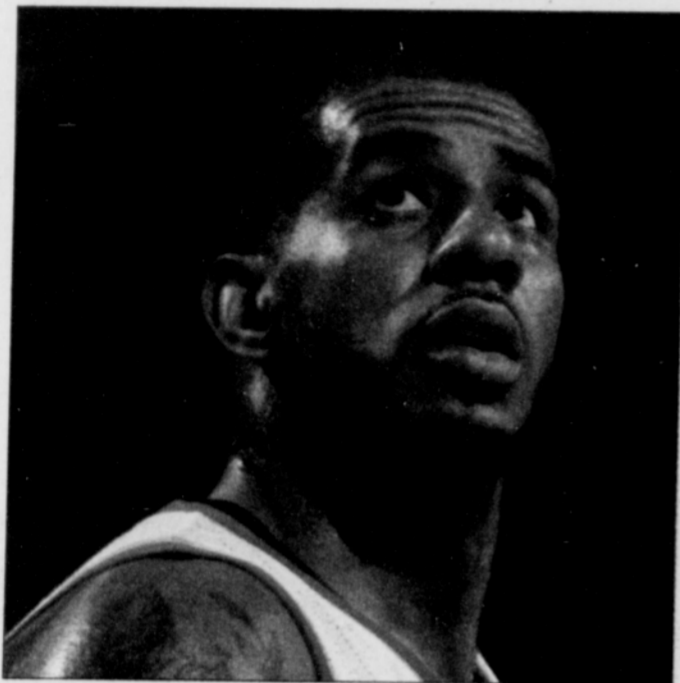


SPORTS

Aldridge Dominates Early NBA Season

The NBA has named Portland Trail Blazers forward LaMarcus Aldridge Western Conference Player of the Week for the week ending Dec. 7.

In wins at Denver, vs. Indiana and at New York, Aldridge averaged 27 points (45.7 percent field goal shooting), 11.7 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.33 blocked shots. His 24 points and 11 rebounds at New York marked a career-best eight consecutive games of 10-plus rebounds, and his fifth straight double-double. He has seven double-



LaMarcus Aldridge

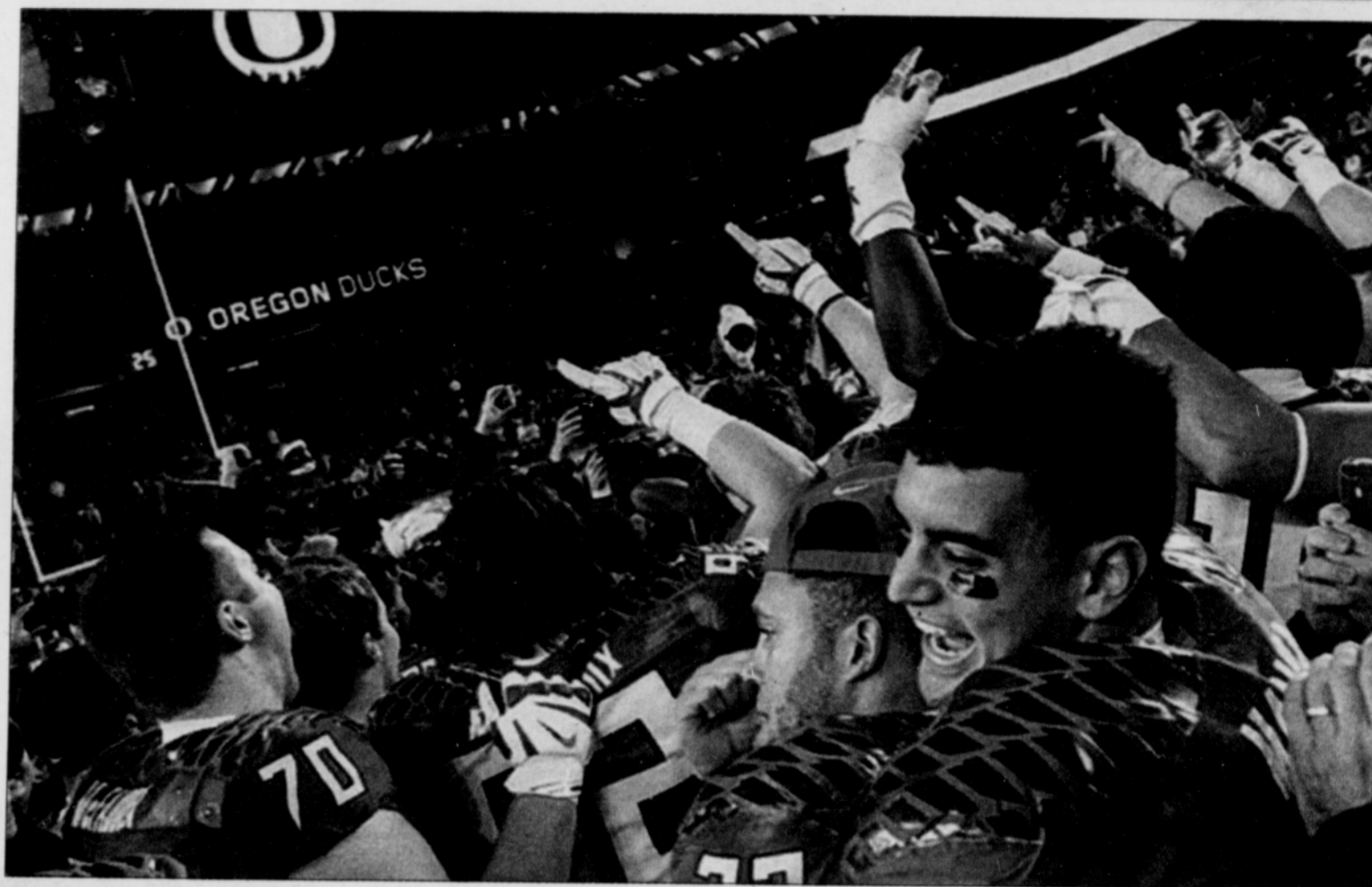
doubles in his last eight games. Aldridge scored 26 points in the first half at Denver, en route to a 39-point, 11-rebound outing.

With 4,896 career rebounds, Aldridge passed both Buck Will-

iams and Mychal Thompson this week for third on Portland's all-time rebounding ledger, and is six points from tying Terry Porter for

second in all-time scoring (11,330).

This is the seventh NBA Player of the Week honor for Aldridge, who was an NBA All-Star and All-NBA Third Team member last season.



Oregon Ducks quarterback Marcus Mariota (#8) celebrates with teammate Tyson Coleman (#33) after winning the Pac 12 Championship game Friday against the Arizona Wildcats Friday in Santa Clara, Calif. The Ducks defeated the Wildcats 51-13.

Ducks Win Pac 12 and No. 2 Seed

(AP) - Alabama, Oregon, Florida State and Ohio State have been selected to play in the first College Football Playoff.

Alabama is the top seed and will

play No. 4 Ohio State in one semifinal at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. Oregon is the second seed and will play third-seeded Florida State in the other semifinal at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. Both games will be played New Year's Day.

The winners will advance to the national championship game to be

played Jan. 12 at the home of the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas.

A 12-member selection committee set the field, revealing its selections Sunday morning. The College Football Playoff is replacing the Bowl Championship Series this season. The BCS matched the top two teams in the country in a national championship game.



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Holly Muara and Rigel Scott were married on August 2, 2014 in Portland, Oregon. The bride is a public relations coordinator for Providence Portland Medical Center in Portland and graduated from Oregon State University. The groom is a reporter for the Associated Press in Portland. Parents of the bride are Elizabeth and Scott Muara of Arlington, Texas, and Shahnaz and Ranjan Scott of Bend, Oregon.

The wedding took place at Grey Gables in Milwaukie, Oregon, with attendance by a host of family and friends. The couple would like to thank all that came for their wishes and love.

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Porter Back as Blazers Ambassador

NBA All-Star and Portland fan favorite Terry Porter has rejoined the Portland Trail Blazers as an ambassador. The former Trail Blazers point guard and NBA head coach previously served as a team ambassador from 2009-11.

Porter will make appearances throughout the year to support the community, ticket holders, and corporate partners both on game days and during events in the community. He joins current Blazers ambassadors Jerome Kersey, Harry Glickman, Brian Grant, Bob Gross and Bill Schonely.

One of the greatest players in team history, Porter played 10 seasons for the Trail Blazers during which he twice helped Portland to the NBA Finals (1990, 1992) and was twice named an NBA All-Star (1991, 1993). He remains the franchise's leader in assists (5,319) and 3-pointers (773), and ranks second on Portland's all-time scoring list (11,330). His No. 30 jersey was retired by the organization in 2008.

Porter was also a star in the community during his playing days. He earned the J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award for meritorious service in 1992-93.



Terry Porter