

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: My older sister moved in with me after she was placed on furlough because of the pandemic. I was resistant to her moving in because she likes to run the show, has taken financial advantage of every family member, never admits she's wrong ... and I was worried she'd take over. But I wanted to help her save money, so I said yes.

Now it's like I'm walking on eggshells. Every time I make a simple request, she accuses me of trying to act like her mother! After six months she asked if I'd prefer she move in with our parents, and I said yes. Now she's upset, and my parents are begging me to let her stay because they don't want to deal with her. I just want my peace back. What should I do?

— *Tired Little Sister*

Dear Tired: I'll tell you what NOT to do. Do not relent. She asked if you'd prefer she move in with your parents, and you answered her honestly. Set a date for her to be out and stick to it. It will save your sanity.

Dear Abby: I'm a very hands-on person, recently retired, and I would like to do volunteer work. Sounds simple, right? Well, it seems no one needs volunteers. I have been looking for something, preferably ecological in nature, for two years. But whenever I inquire, I'm flooded with appeals for money. I was hoping you might give me some more ideas.

— *Broke but Available*

Dear Broke: You describe yourself as hands-on with an interest in things that are ecological. Because your efforts are not needed at the organizations you contacted, mod-

ify your search.

Would you be interested in helping to keep your neighborhood clean and free of trash, starting a vegetable garden to feed the needy, performing yard and gardening chores for elderly members of your community who can no longer do it themselves? How about teaching a class in ecology at a community center?

If that is not to your liking, would you deliver meals to shut-ins for a while? An animal hospital or pet rescue group may be able to use a willing hand in exercising the animals in their care. The options are there. Sample them until you find something to your liking.

Dear Abby: I am a 40-something woman and have been with my partner for four years. I am the mother of three boys; he's a father of two girls. We live at my house.

Whenever his youngest comes to visit (she's 16), she insists on his every second of attention. He eats it up. It's so frustrating. They both ignore the fact that I am here. It's very upsetting and, I don't think it's normal. What about you?

— *Miffed in Michigan*

Dear Miffed: Have you discussed this with your partner? I don't know how often the girl comes to visit, but clearly she is starved for her father's attention. I don't think you should begrudge it unless her visits last for an extended period. Of course, your partner and his daughter should be respectful and not treat you like an old piece of furniture or a servant, but you might be less upset if you use some of that time to pursue interests or relationships of your own.

Sweet 16**Continued from A5**

"We just said keep our foot on the gas," Duarte said. "We did and it was a lot of fun."

The Ducks' sweet offensive movements left the Hawkeyes (22-9) flailing, one game short of the Sweet 16 for the fourth time under Fran McCaffery.

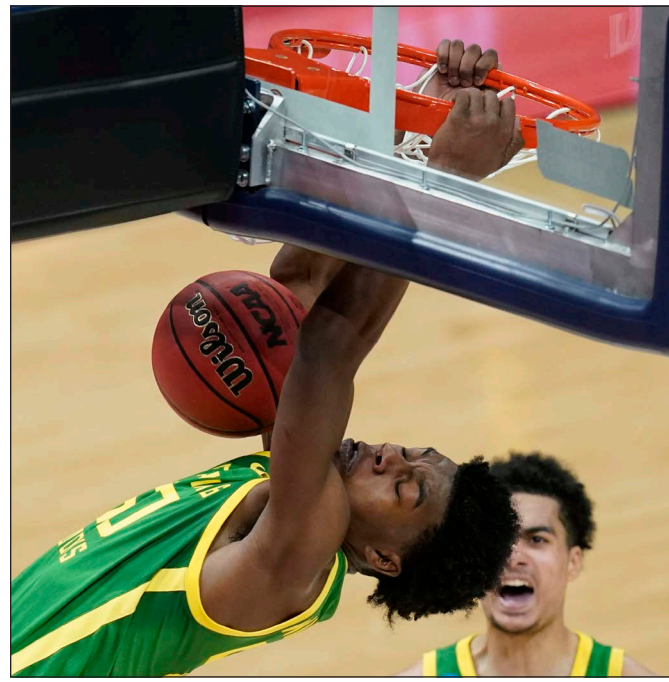
Luka Garza played like a two-time All-American, bullying in for three-point plays, hitting mid-range jumpers and dropping in the occasional 3. He capped his stellar college career by tying the Iowa NCAA Tournament record with 36 points and grabbing nine rebounds before receiving a nice ovation from the limited crowd allowed in Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Joe Wieskamp added 17 points, but the rest of the Hawkeyes weren't of much help to the big fella, sending them out of the bracket early with other top seeds Illinois, Ohio State and Texas.

"It's heartbreaking, so surreal, it kind of hit me all at once that this is the last time I'll put on this jersey and that hurts a lot," Garza said. "I feel bad that I wasn't able to lead this team to where it needs to go."

The Ducks managed to navigate a difficult season full of pauses and injuries to win their second straight Pac-12 regular-season title.

Oregon earned a No. 7 seed in Indianapolis and faced what was expected to be a difficult



Darron Cummings/AP

Oregon's Eric Williams Jr. (50) dunks in the game against Iowa Monday.

opener against VCU and its Havoc defense. But the Ducks learned during their pregame meal that they would advance without playing a game, leaving them with a huge break before facing the No. 2 team in the region.

Nerves? Rusty? Nope. The Ducks went on the attack from Richardson's opening layup and used quick ball movement to set up open looks throughout the first half.

Oregon hit seven 3s — two by Figueroa late — made 22 of 37 shots and used a 10-0 run to lead 56-46 at halftime despite having three players in foul

trouble.

"The shots were falling, the energy was going," Altman said. "Our guys were making plays for each other and we were getting a lot of good looks because the ball was moving."

The biggest problem was stopping Iowa's best player.

Garza had 12 points in the first seven minutes, even with Oregon shading a defender toward him in the post, and 20 by halftime. He shook off the smaller Ducks bouncing off him as he hit 8 of 10 shots and the lone 3 he attempted.

The Ducks kept soaring on offense and swarmed Garza

with double teams in the second half, stretching the lead to 76-57 to all but put it out of reach.

"It's a hard team to cover in so many different ways," McCaffery said. "We tried man, zone, press with moderate success — not enough."

Big picture

Oregon was considered one of the bracket's most dangerous middle seeds and sure showed why against Iowa. The Ducks will be tough to oust the rest of the tournament if they keep playing like this.

Iowa had one of the best players in college basketball but still found itself short of the Sweet 16. Garza will have his No. 55 retired after the season, but he will be missing a 16 on his resume.

Omoruyi's lift

Every team needs a player who does a little bit of everything and isn't afraid to do the dirty work.

Eugene Omoruyi is that player for Oregon.

The physical 6-foot-6 Canadian had a superb all-around game, finishing with 17 points, six rebounds, five assists, two steals, two blocked shots and lots of grit.

"Eugene's our most physical player," Altman said. "He battled his tail off in there despite giving up 5, 6 inches and 20-something pounds."

Soccer**Continued from A5**

"It can be a challenge when you're playing the same opponents," Grignon said. "But we can't become complacent. We've just got to keep moving, even if we're playing Mountain View and Bend every game. Since there's no postseason, it's tough to have an important goal. But winning every game, and conceding a small amount of goals are big goals of ours."

Ian Emry had the lone goal for Bend, off a penalty kick in the 52nd minute that made

the score 5-1. But Barker then scored his two goals within about 2 minutes to quickly put the Storm ahead 7-1.

"The boys came out and created some good opportunities," Kidder said. "It's a pretty new team. It's a young group. For a lot of these guys, it's their first significant varsity minutes. They're doing good, for what this season's lacked."

Kidder said the main focuses this season are to prepare the underclassmen for the season next fall, and to make sure the seniors enjoy their last year of high school soccer.

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— *Alex Grignon, Summit High junior*

Bend (2-2) also plays Mountain View and then Summit twice more.

"Playing the same team more than twice is never that much fun, but we're keeping the season going and giving the kids a chance to play, and giving them an outlet," said Bend coach Nils Eriksson. "Our kids did pretty well."

The Lava Bears host Mountain View on Friday, and Summit hosts Mountain View on March 31.

The Bears and Storm play again on April 3 at Summit, and then match up for the third time in the season finale on April 5 at Bend.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021: Competitive, forceful and passionate, an opportunity may be within reach. This year, you may apply for a new position that you are qualified to hold. If it does not come through, something else will appear. Make time to connect with friends for creative purposes. If single, join a team or group sport effort. If attached, renew your vows or revisit a place that has lasting memories. TAURUS calms you down.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Get in touch with a family member you have been meaning to contact. Exciting news may await you. Shop online for an item to brighten your home. You may find the perfect bargain you cannot resist. Tonight: Mood music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You may run into someone you admire from afar. Muster the confidence to strike up a conversation. You never know where it leads. Check emails and texts. There may be a message that will make you smile. Tonight: Crossword puzzle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Today, purchase an upgrade for an electronic device. Bring along a tech savvy friend. You will be able to get the best product to suit your needs. Enjoy a meal together to celebrate your acquisition. Tonight: Practice a musical instrument.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Someone will tell you how wonderful you look, so enjoy the flattery. Use your charm and persuasion to wrap that person around your finger. Speak from your heart, and you will get the response you're looking for. Tonight: Weekly meeting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Nostalgic memories may overwhelm you. Search for a classmate with whom you lost touch. Think twice before reconnecting. You might discover you have nothing in common. Donate clothes and books you no longer need. Tonight: A pot of herbal tea.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Join a group that appeals to your ideals. Its benefits include forming lifelong friendships with like-minded people. Help a friend get through a crisis. If it involves lending money, set up installments for paying it back. Tonight: Blast from the past.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Be attentive to your deadline, and you may even wrap up a project ahead of schedule. The extra effort and dedication will get you noticed by those who matter. Hold off on expressing strong opinions. Tonight: Indulge your sweet tooth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Ideas for a writing project will get activated. Once you start, your brain will overflow. Remember to come up for air every now and then. Get your body moving and replenish your energy. Tonight: Sign up for a fitness class.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ A conversation with a friend or colleague may pique your interest in a business opportunity. Offer your skills but avoid making a financial investment. Start selling things online and see how it goes. Set aside sentimental items. Tonight: Review documents.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You may be pulled in different directions by members of your team. Negotiate between two factions and practice the art of compromise. Give someone you love quality time, even if it is just a quiet dinner at home. Tonight: Soothing music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Looking your best and feeling physically fit will boost your confidence. Start an exercise regimen that you can manage, and follow it through. With an array of online videos, choose the one that works for you. Tonight: Friendly gossip.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Follow your creative instincts. Make time for an artistic project you want to begin. Family members will give you the time and space to work on your own. Do something thoughtful for them in return. Tonight: Write down your aspirations.

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OSU**Continued from A5**

Who's going to stop Oregon State? Who's going to tell the Beavers they don't belong today? Those have become questions to ask. OSU has devoured those kinds of doubts in the last two weeks. The Beavers are on a mission. They'll be the first to tell you they were a dumpster fire on the court in December.

January was an improvement. February was a little better. Then, came March, and OSU has suddenly morphed into something unmistakably dangerous on the court — a team that believes it belongs in this bracket.

Oregon State disposed of a No. 5 seed and a No. 4 seed in a span of a few days. It also has wins earlier this month over Oregon, UCLA and Colorado. We've all seen outrageous things happen in sports, but I challenge you to examine Oregon State's story and not come away grinning.

That's what great runs in sports do, isn't it? They make you immerse yourself in joyful and ridiculous outcomes. They make you question all that you know and wonder what you overlooked. I know I am doing just that. But nobody could have imagined any of this happening to Tinkle and Co. this season. Especially not those who had front-row seats for OSU's shaky beginning.

My column written in the wake of Oregon State's opening-round victory over Tennessee was about Tinkle's family, who is always there. His wife and three kids were wringing their hands and watching the clock bleed out on Friday during that opening-round win. It struck me as I observed the scene that none of us really knows how difficult it is to get to the NCAA Tournament, let alone win a single game here. But Tinkle's family knows and maybe now yours does, too.

OSU went 39 years without a victory in the NCAA Tournament. Tinkle had qualified for the big dance four other

times in his coaching career, and was 0-4. Closest he'd ever been to an NCAA Tournament win is a five-point loss. Think about this, too: Oregon State was 25-to-1 to win the Pac-12 Tournament. But here they are in Indianapolis, clutching two tournament wins and still playing basketball while Duke, North Carolina and Kentucky are home.

Think about the wonderful absurdity of it all.

Tinkle read that column about his family and shot me a note, "I really don't like it when your columns bring tears to my eyes."

Family. Team. Resilience.

Oregon State has caught lightning in a bottle.

Said Tinkle: "Don't dare tell us 'no.'"

No. 8-seed Loyola Chicago is not to be trifled with. The pro-

gram is playing with a pile of house money, too. This Sweet 16 match-up is sort of like Rudy meeting Cinderella. It's Rocky Balboa against Seabiscuit. I'm not sure how America is going to root should it be close down the stretch. But anyone who understands where Tinkle's team started its journey has to be pulling for another Beavers' upset.

Tinkle shed a few more tears after Sunday's win. He's coaching with a pair of glassy eyes these days. The season, and the pandemic, has been especially taxing. Coaches everywhere preach things such as resilience and work ethic. But it's a beautiful thing to actually see those things put to work.

So yeah, a men's basketball team from Corvallis, coached by a man named Tinkle, advanced to the Sweet 16 of the

NCAA Tournament on Sunday. The Beavers are having a blast. I hope you are, too.

Someone alert the studio heads and get Ray Liotta some lifts. Hollywood screenwriter Mike Rich is an Oregon State alum and booster. Rich wrote Seabiscuit and Miracle and Finding Forrester. He falls out of bed and lands on comeback stories. He'll know just what to do with this Oregon State outfit.

I adore the images of Tinkle hugging his players after the wins on the court. I love the confidence on display during games. And I think it's brilliant that someone in the program thought to bring a tape measure to shoot around on Sunday.

"10 feet," a voice cried.

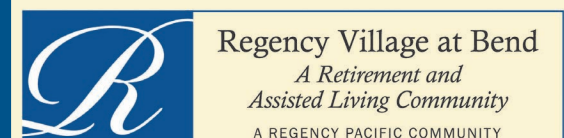
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