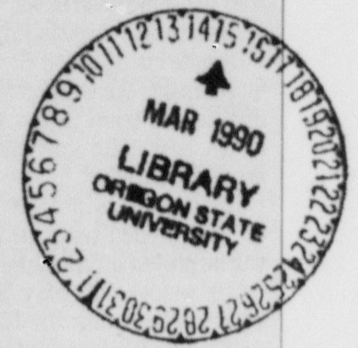
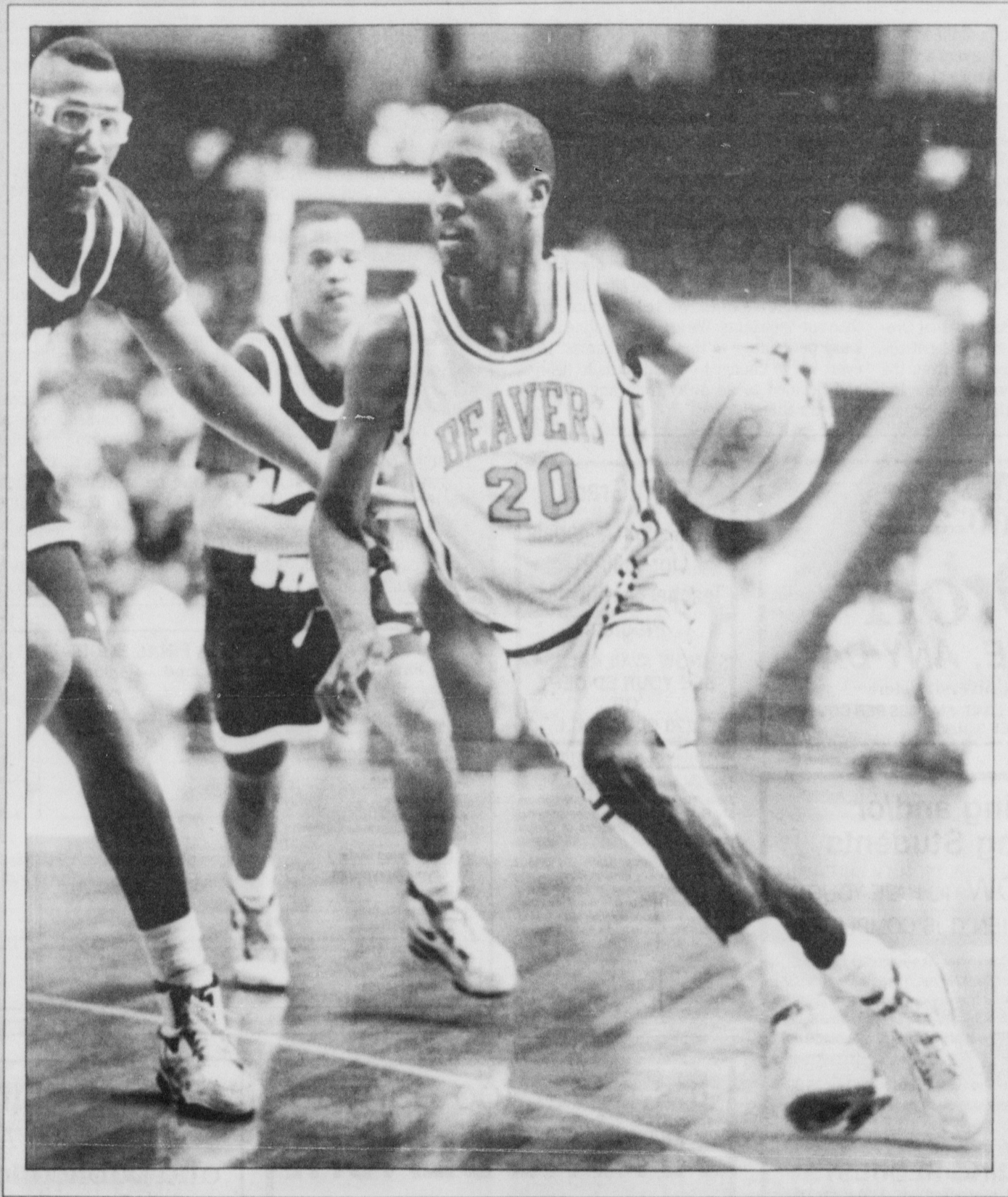


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**Player of the Year
Gary Payton**

1989-1990 YEAR IN REVIEW

Beavers face Ball State in round one

By BILL BRADFORD
of the Daily Barometer

Sunday afternoon, after three days of speculation and pessimism about the upcoming NCAA tournament, the Oregon State coaching staff got some good news.

The Beavers are staying west. Despite losing in the first round of the Pac-10 tournament, the Oregon State Beavers are the fifth-seeded team in the West Regional of the NCAA basketball tournament, which gets underway on Thursday.

The Beavers will meet Indiana's Ball State, the top-seeded team in the West. The game will be played in Salt Lake City.

The winner will play Saturday against the winner of the Louisville-Idaho game.

"We like the fact that we're able to stay on the West Coast," Oregon State coach Jim Anderson said Sunday after the announcement of the pairings.

Numerous people were speculating that Oregon State would play in any regional but the West following its quick departure from the conference tournament. It almost seems the selection committee ignored the Beavers' last

outing. "I think this is about the best we could hope for at this point," Anderson said of the team's seeding. "I think we're in a tough bracket."

The Beavers find themselves in the same bracket with UNLV, a team their coach, Jerry Tarkanian, calls his best ever.

"But as you look down the line in all the different regions there's a lot of good teams in every bracket," Anderson said. "When it starts getting to the end there's some good teams everywhere."

Anderson said he knows very little about Ball State, and is frantically trying to find films of their games.

The big question going into Thursday's game is whether the Beavers can rebound from their shocking Pac-10 tournament loss to ASU.

"Anytime you lose you have some concern," Anderson said. "But most of our concerns have been shooting concerns that we have developed in the last few games. We've taken more shots than our opponents. We are just shooting a very lousy percentage in the last few games. However, we've changed our emphasis to defense and decided to go away from any offensive concentration."

Connecticut gets top seed in NCAA's

By JOHN HENDEL
United Press International

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Connecticut and Michigan State, surprise winners of their conferences' automatic berths, Sunday received No. 1 seedings for the NCAA's three-week, 64-team basketball tournament.

The Division I Men's Basketball Committee gave No. 1 Oklahoma the top seed in the Midwest Region while No. 3 Nevada-Las Vegas, the Big West champ, was left at home in the West.

Connecticut, a 19-game loser just three seasons ago, and Michigan State, which lost 18 times two years ago, capitalized on victories Sunday to assure themselves spots in college basketball's postseason bonanza.

The Huskies will take the favored spot in the East Region and will play close to home in Hartford, Conn. Michigan State heads to the Southeast as the No. 1 seed.

No. 7 Connecticut upset No. 4 Syracuse 78-75 in the final of the Big East Tournament while the No. 8 Spartans stopped No. 9 Purdue 72-70 to win the Big Ten title.

Loyola Marymount, which considered turning down an automatic berth after the death of star player Hank Gathers, was given the 11th seed in the West. A committee member said Sunday that Gathers' death caused officials to drop the Lions in the seedings despite a 23-5 record.

Had the Lions canceled the rest of their season, the West Coast Athletic Conference would have been without a representative, since none of the other seven members were deemed worthy of an at-large berth.

Maryland was among some 20 other teams considered for the tournament, but was left out. The Terrapins are barred from the NAAs until at least 1993 because they are under probation after this year's tournament.

California returns to the field for the first time since 1960, as basketball continues to rise in the Pac-10. The conference again placed four teams in the tournament, including 10-time champion UCLA, No. 16 Arizona and Oregon State.

Virginia coach Terry Holland has announced this tournament will mark the end of his 21-year coaching career, and the Cavaliers will be looking to deliver the same farewell present Marquette gave Al McGuire in 1977 — an NCAA title.

The field includes 13 former titlists, with the champions from the past six tournaments and nine of the last 10 entered. North Carolina State, the 1983 champion, is banned from the tournament because of NCAA probation.

There are five ranked teams in each region but the Midwest, which has four, led by No. 1 Oklahoma. Joining the Sooners in that region are No. 6 Georgetown, No. 9 Purdue and No. 10 Arkansas.

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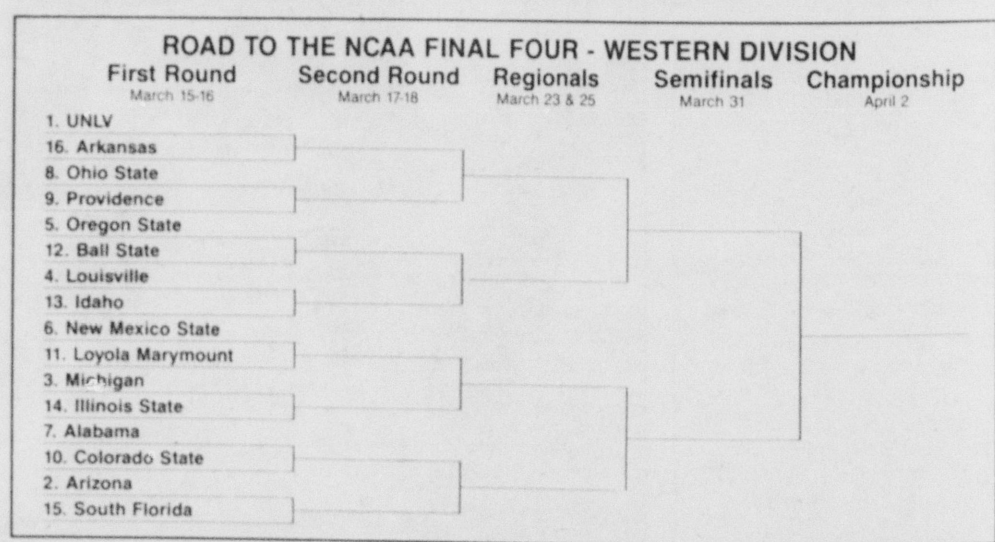
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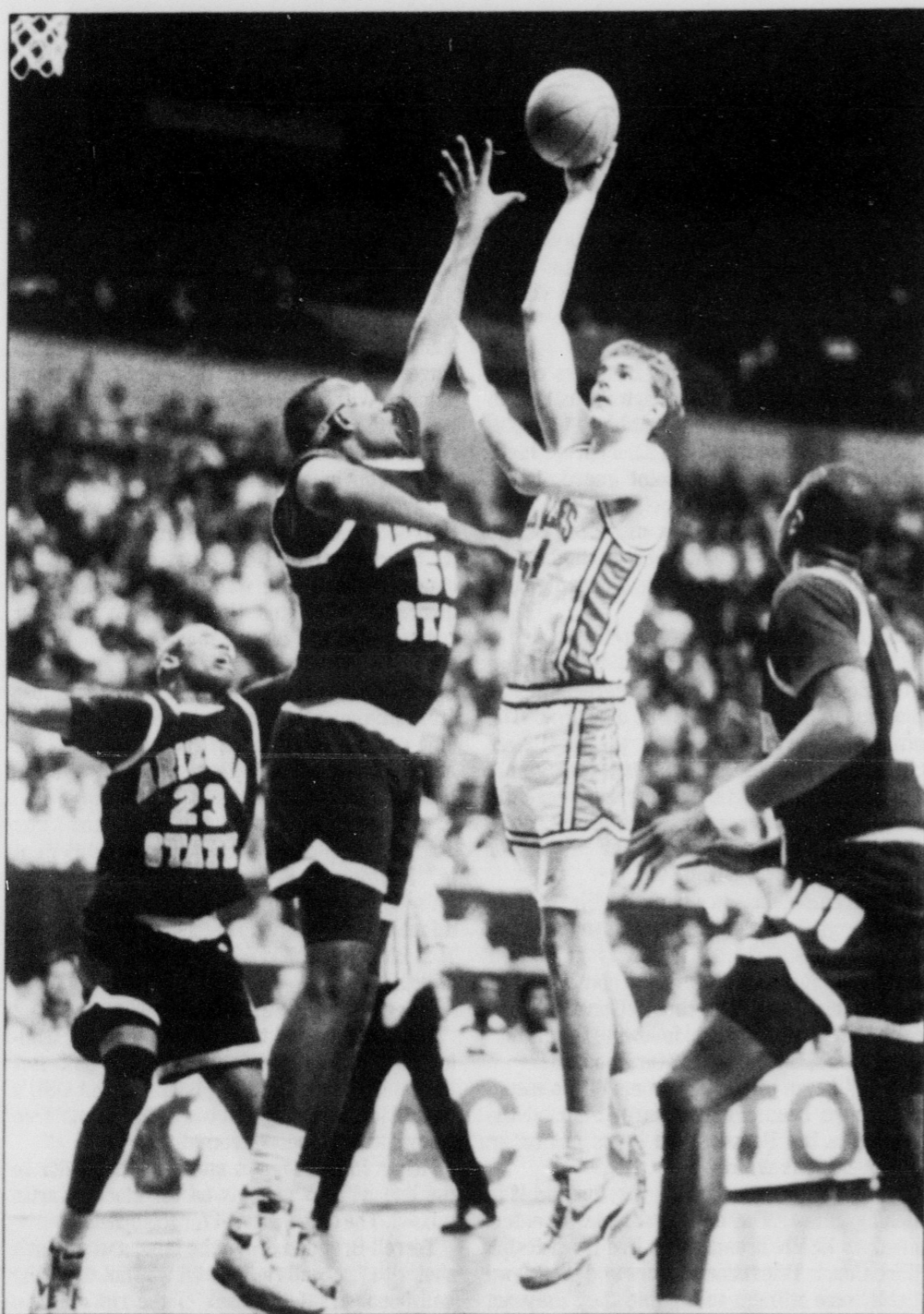
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Oregon State center Scott Haskin tries a short jumper over ASU center Issac Austin. The Sun Devils stunned OSU with an 83-75 win in the opening round of the Pac-10 tourney.

OSU loses first game

ASU stuns Beavers in Pac-10 tourney

By BILL BRADFORD
of the Daily Barometer

TEMPE, Ariz. — With five seconds remaining in the fourth game of the Pac-10 Tournament and Oregon State trailing Arizona State 83-75, a frustrated Gary Payton drove the lane and attempted a monstrous one-handed jam.

He missed, and that was pretty much the story of the game.

The Orange Express, with their No. 1 seed in the tourney, a share of the Pac-10 crown and the conference Player of the Year, couldn't overcome the hot shooting of the Sun Devils.

Paced by the Austin brothers, Alex and Issac, Arizona State shot a blistering 66.7 percent from the field — their highest shooting percentage of the year. Issac finished with 19 points and Alex had 17.

OSU, on the other hand, couldn't shoot any better than 42.3 percent, despite the fact that Payton had 31 points on 12 of 24 shooting, and freshman Charles McKinney had 18 points on 7 of 11 shooting.

"We felt that we stayed organized, but we did not shoot the ball very well in clutch situations, right down when it got nitty-gritty time and when we needed some key hoops," said head coach Jim Anderson. "We got a lead and couldn't preserve. A lot of it, I would say, had to do with our shooting. If we don't shoot well, we don't play well."

Forward Earl Martin, who has been in a shooting slump as of late, went 0-for-5 from the field. Combined with Haskin's 1-for-7 and Brantley's 5-for-12, the Beavers went home on the earliest flight out of Arizona.

But the real story had to be the sea of red and blue-clad fans, all from nearby Tucson, screaming wildly for the Sun Devils.

"I think the home crowd advantage had a big key today," Anderson said. "When it came time for us to rally, you could very definitely see the tempo go with the crowd and the home court advantage."

Payton, whose chance to break the NCAA record for assists — he needs 26 more — was put in jeopardy with the early loss, denied that the

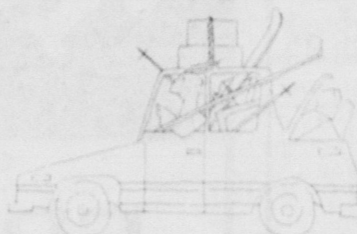
missed dunk was typical of the game.

"That typified nothing. We just didn't shoot well. That dunk doesn't mean anything. If we had made it, it still wouldn't have made no difference in the game," Payton said. "It was just one of those mishaps."

The Beavers started out cold, missing their first two shots, and found themselves down 8-5 early in the game. But McKinney, in for Celestine, rallied the Orange Express, nailing some key three-pointers to give the Beavers a 38-33 halftime lead.

In the second half, OSU extended the lead to seven points; 44-37 at the 16:56 mark of the game, and then jumped out to a nine-point lead, 60-51

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The year in review

Anderson's inaugural season ends with top honors

By ROD PORSCHE
of the Daily Barometer

Gary Payton walked away with player of the year honors and made the cover of Sports Illustrated.

First year head coach Jim Anderson led the Beavers to a 22-5 record during the regular season. He also earned Pac-10 coach of the year honors.

It was a great year for Beaver basketball fans, and with the NCAA tournament on the horizon, the best may be yet to come.

What follows is a review of the regular season, the highs and the lows and everything in between.

Nov. 24: OSU 71, Marquette 57.

Will Brantley scored 18 points and Earl Mar-

tin added 17 as the Beavers won their 13th straight home opener. OSU forced the Warriors into 24 turnovers and coach Jim Anderson's pressure basketball system proved effective.

"It was a defensive game for us. Our full-court pressure was the difference," Anderson said.

Nov. 30: OSU 87, Arizona State 64

Welcome to the Pac-10, Bill Frieder. The Beavers scored 10 straight points to lead ASU 21-8 after six minutes. Payton had a school record 15 assists.

Dec. 2: OSU 84, Arizona 61

Arizona invaded Gill Coliseum ranked second nationally. The Wildcats left with its worst loss since Lute Olson took over the program in 1983. OSU got another quick jump and led 16-7 after five minutes of action. The final score

was 84-61, and it wasn't that close. Payton had 25 points, seven assists and six steals.

"In Payton, Oregon State's got maybe the best point guard in America," Olson said.

Payton's best performances were yet to come.

Dec. 8: OSU 72, Memphis State 78

The Beavers suffered their first loss of the season on the road to MSU. Payton was held to only 10 points, a season low, but had 13 assists. Brantley led all scorers with 22, a career high. Another highly-regarded point guard, Elliot Perry, led MSU with 16 points. Perry and Payton were roommates as members of the USA national basketball team in the Men's World Championship qualifying tournament, in Mexico City last June.

Dec. 10: OSU 96, Tennessee 90 OT

Payton scored 39 points and his running mate, Brantley, scored another career-high 24 points as the Beavers won in overtime. The combined total of 63 points is the most ever scored by a pair of OSU guards in one game. (Payton's 58 point effort against USC recently did not break the record, as Allan Celestine scored only 2 points.)

Dec. 16: OSU 82, Gonzaga 61

Payton came close to a triple double, scoring 29 points, grabbing eight rebounds and dishing off nine assists.

"He is by far the best talent to come into our building in a long, long time," Gonzaga head coach Dan Fitzgerald said following the game.

Dec. 19: OSU 113, Loyola Marymount 117

If you like an offensive game, Gill Coliseum would have been a great place to spend the evening as the Beavers and Lions put on an offensive extravaganza.

Bo Kimble scored 53 points. Payton had 48 in a losing cause. The entire nation was entertained as ESPN broadcasted live from Ralph Miller Court. Television viewers and the crowd at Gill were witness to a game they may not soon forget.

One Beaver said following the game, "Even though we lost, that was the best game I've

ever seen."

Dec. 22: OSU 76, Boise State 42

Coach Anderson was able to clear his entire bench. Enough said.

The Classic in Portland, Oregon. The Fred Meyer Far West Classic got under way in Portland, Dec. 27. Fred Meyer announced it was no longer going to sponsor the eight-team tournament. Without Freddy's, the tournament will be cut to just four teams next season. This classic marked the end of an era and the Beavers went out with a bang.

Payton grabbed his third MVP award and OSU defeated Oregon in the final, 71-68, to win its third straight title. Just getting to the championship game was no easy task. After disposing of Boston University in the first round, 86-66, OSU faced a tough Louisiana Tech squad.

The Beavers trailed by nine, 77-68, with just 4:04 remaining, but came storming back. With nine seconds left, Payton spun down the lane and hit a three foot jumper, which put the Beavers on top 82-81.

"As it happened, they left me open and I was able to get up a little three footer and it went in," Payton said.

Payton scored eight points in the final two minutes as the Beavers outscored the Bulldogs, 11-2. Payton finished with 35 points and 12 assists.

Classic Final: OSU 71, Oregon 68

The Beavers had the game in the bag, leading 57-42 with 11:19 left in the second half. But the Ducks came storming back and cut OSU's lead to just one, 69-68, on two Mike Helms' free throws with 44 seconds remaining.

Helms fouled Martin and sent the senior to the line with 35 seconds on the clock. Martin missed. The stage was set for the upset.

Terrell Brandon drove the lane, and put up a shot with 7 seconds left. But it was not to be, the ball bounced off the back of the rim. Martin grabbed the board along with Lucas for the


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Ducks, a jump ball was called and the arrow pointed the Beavers way. (The same final scenario took place on Feb. 11 in Corvallis, with the Beavers winning 57-55.)

Payton, who finished with 30 points and 13 assists, iced the game with two free throws and Oregon State pulled out the nail biter, 71-68.

Jan. 5: OSU 77, Stanford 76 OT

Oregon State hit the road to take on the Bay area schools. Stanford played tough at Maples Pavilion, but the Beavers pulled out a 77-76 overtime win. Payton led the Beavers with 36 points. He also added eight assists, seven rebounds and five steals.

Jan. 7: OSU 64, California 58

An off-night for Payton, who scored only 20 points, allowed for Scott Haskin to shine. The sophomore center scored a career high 16 points to help the Beavers sweep on the road.

Jan. 13: OSU 69, Oregon 67

It took a Scott Haskin layup on a pass from Allan Celestine with just seconds remaining, for Oregon State to get out of Mac Court with the win. Payton had 30 points and Haskin grabbed 12 rebounds.

Jan. 18: OSU 79, Washington State 64

If there was a boring home game of the season, this would be it. The Beavers were never really challenged by the hapless Cougars but never really put it in full gear.

Jan. 20: OSU 70, Washington 63

The Huskies should write a book on how to contain Gary Payton. They held him to just 15 points in Corvallis and then later forced him into six first half turnovers and only 13 points in a game played in Seattle. In Corvallis, OSU played just good enough to win.

Jan. 25: OSU 92, USC 82

The Beavers got back to the pressure basketball that makes them a great team. Harold Miner scored 37 points for the Trojans but it wasn't enough.

"The USC game was a very pivotal one for us. We needed that win badly," Anderson said.

Jan. 27: OSU 80, UCLA 94

After leading at halftime, the Beavers went 12 minutes where they couldn't hit a bucket to save their lives. The Bruins got their act together defensively, and for the first time, Oregon State was blown out.

"We quit running our offense to any degree of effectiveness and they got a run on us that was the difference in the game," Anderson said.

Feb. 1: OSU 98, California 81

A game that figured to be a battle was over at halftime. Earl Martin led the Beavers with 17 points. Payton had 16 points and 10 assists.

Feb. 3: OSU 84, Stanford 70

Payton again had 10 assists but doubled his point total, compared to the Cal game, with 32. Martin had another solid game scoring 22 points.

"I thought our defense in the first half was the difference in the Stanford game," Anderson said.

Feb. 11: OSU 57, Oregon 55

The Ducks came close again. OSU and U of O have battled three times and the Beavers have won by a combined total of

seven points. Payton scored 30 points again, as he did in the two previous games. It was indeed a night of deja vu. In the final of the Far West Classic and in this game, Martin and Richard Lucas grabbed for a rebound off a Terrell Brandon miss. Each time they called a jump ball with the arrow pointing to the Beavers. A break here, a break there, and the Ducks could have won all three games.

Feb. 15: OSU 57, Washington 66

It seemed as if the entire team was out of sync. Payton had only 13 points and 4 assists, Will Brantley played but was not 100 percent due to an ankle injury. Eldridge Recasner had the best game of the season, scoring 28.

"We played probably our worst game of the season," Anderson said. "It seemed that no one had the proper energy level to get a win on the road."

Feb. 18: OSU 83, Washington State 63

The loss to the Huskies acted as a wake-up call for OSU, and they ate the Cougars for breakfast. Payton has never had two bad games in a row and scored 26 in Pullman.

"We played excellent defense, ran our offense and our passing was crisp," Anderson said. "I was proud of our team for the way they rebounded from the loss at Washington."

Feb. 22: OSU 98, USC 94 OT

A game that Beaver fans will never forget. It was Payton's night in a building called Payton's Place, the do-everything guard scored an amazing 58 points. In 1967, Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul Jabbar) scored 61 points and is the only Pac-10 player to score more points in a single game.

"(Payton's game) was one of the greatest performances in the history of college basketball," USC head coach George Raveling said.

Feb. 24: OSU 83, UCLA 74

The Bruins came into Corvallis with a four-game losing skid and the beating continued on Ralph Miller Court.

"That was a very hard-fought game and both teams played very well," Anderson said. "We were able to pull it out at the end of the game once again."

March 1: OSU 73, Arizona State 59

The Beavers clinched a share of the Pac-10 title on the road in Tempe, Ariz. Payton had a solid game leading the Beavers with 22 points, and five assists.

March 3: OSU 60, Arizona 87

After beating the Wildcats by 23 in December, the Beavers were blown out by 27 in Tucson. The victory was the 47th straight home win for U of A, and made them co-champions of the Pac-10.

They call it the *Sports Illustrated* jinx. The theory is that if you grace the cover of America's finest sports magazine, you'll have a bad game. Payton was jinxed against the Wildcats. It had been 51 games since he had not scored in double figures. He scored five points on Saturday, the lowest output since his sophomore season when he scored four. That was 66 games ago. He's still the best player in the nation, but on this day, he was human.

OSU finished the regular season with a record of 22-5 overall, 15-3 in the Pac-10. Many experts picked UCLA and Arizona to be by far and away the best team in the conference, but the Beavers played well for much of the season and won the close ball games.

Pac-10 teams receive NIT bids

United Press International

NEW YORK — Maryland, which will be making its final postseason appearance until 1993, and last season's runner-up St. Louis headed the list of 32 teams selected Sunday night for the National Invitation Tournament.

Because of the lateness of the Southwest Athletic Conference championship game between Texas Southern and Southern, NIT officials were working late into the night to complete pairings. Games begin Wednesday at home sites to be determined.

The complete list of NIT teams is:

Arizona State, Baylor, Bowling Green, Cincinnati, Creighton, DePaul, Fordham, Hawaii, Holy Cross, James Madison, Kent State, Louisiana Tech, Long Beach State, Marquette, Maryland and Massachusetts.

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Gary Payton heads list of All-Conference team

By ROD PORSCHE
of the Daily Barometer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Gary Payton added another Player of the Year honor to his collection. After recently being named as *Sports Illustrated's* Player of the Year, the Pac-10 Conference honored him at the Pac-10 Tournament Kick-Off Luncheon with its Player of the Year Award.

Payton averaged 26.1 points, 8.4 assists and 3.5 steals per game, leading the conference in all marks. His scoring average is the highest by a Pac-10 player since Oregon's Stan Love averaged 27.3 points during the 1970-71 season.

To date, Payton has scored 735 points this season, making him second on OSU's all-time season scoring list behind Mel Counts (775). His high output has him fourth on the career page scoring list with 2,161 points.

He owns the Pac-10 record for steals in a single season and career. He ranks second nationally in assists. He's simply done it all.

Payton credits Ralph Miller and coach Jim Anderson for the great success he has had.

Anderson was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year, surprising many people. The Beavers were supposed to be good, but teams like California, Berkeley and Oregon did much better than expected. Lou Campanelli and Don Monson deserve recognition for making their team the best it could be.

Coach Anderson deserved credit too, after waiting 27 years as an assistant at Oregon State. He finally got his chance at head

coach. And he made the most of it, finishing with a 15-3 Pac-10 record and a co-championship. Under Anderson's direction, the Beavers lost just one game at home (Loyola-Marymount, Dec. 17) and posted an impressive 22-6 record. Although they made an early departure from the Pac-10 Tournament, OSU made it to the "Big Dance" and plays Ball State in the first round of the NCAA.

Going 15-3 in the Pac-10 is not easy to do when you consider the competition. UCLA and Arizona, as well as the Beavers, have been ranked nationally, and nearly every team has proven it is capable of winning.

One team that came on late in the season was USC. The Trojans were led by Harold Miner, who made an instant impact around the league and was named Pac-10 Freshman of the Year. Miner averaged 20.7 points per game this season with his Jordan-like moves and broke the all-time freshman season scoring record last season with 577.

"I feel it was a pretty successful season, but you can't rest on your laurels," Miner said. "You have to go out and work on your deficiencies. I (want to) come back strong next year."

Both Payton and Miner made the All-Conference Team, which featured five guards. There were five seniors, no juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen named to the All-Conference Team.

Payton — The best in the Pac-10 and maybe the nation. He was simply awesome and makes his third appearance on the All-Conference Team.

Miner — Payton's replacement as the Pac-10's closest thing to

Jordan. Miner is capable of dominating games like only the superstars can.

Don MacLean — Averaged 20.8 points and 8.9 rebounds per game as a sophomore. Last year's Freshman of the Year seems ready to take Payton's place as the best player in the Pac-10.

Trevor Wilson — UCLA's one-two punch of MacLean and Wilson was the best forward matchup in the Pac-10. Wilson averaged 16.9 points and 9.0 rebounds per game.

Terrell Brandon — He came from out of nowhere to lead the Ducks to a surprising fifth-place finish in the Pac-10. Brandon, a sophomore in his first year of competition (he sat out last season as a Proposition 48 student), led the Ducks with 18.1 points and 6 assists per game.

Adam Keefe — Stanford's Mr. Consistency, likely to challenge MacLean as next season's Pac-10 player of the year, led the Cardinal with a 19.2 scoring average. He also ranked first in the Pac-10 in rebounding (9.2) and field goal percentage (61.8 percent).

Jud Buechler — He does it all for Arizona. Buechler can score, rebound and pass the ball very well. On a team chock-full of superstars, he's the only one to make the All-Conference Team.

Kieth Smith — A very talented player who attended Wilson High School (same as Charles McKinney) in Portland, he led the conference in three-point shooting (47.1) while averaging 16.7 points for the Bears and broke Kevin Johnson's (now with NBA's Phoenix Suns) school mark in assists.

Brian Hendrick — While only a freshman, Hendrick showed he can play with the best Pac-10 inside. He averaged 15.2 points per game and grabbed a team-high 7.4 rebounds, was second in the conference in field-goal percentage (60.2 percent).

Eldridge Recasner — Makes the All-Conference Team for the third-straight year. He averaged 16.2 points this season for the Huskies and is one of the nation's top free-throw shooters (88.4 percent). Recasner did not play in the Pac-10 Tournament, due to the death of his grandfather and traveled to his hometown of New Orleans, La., for the funeral.

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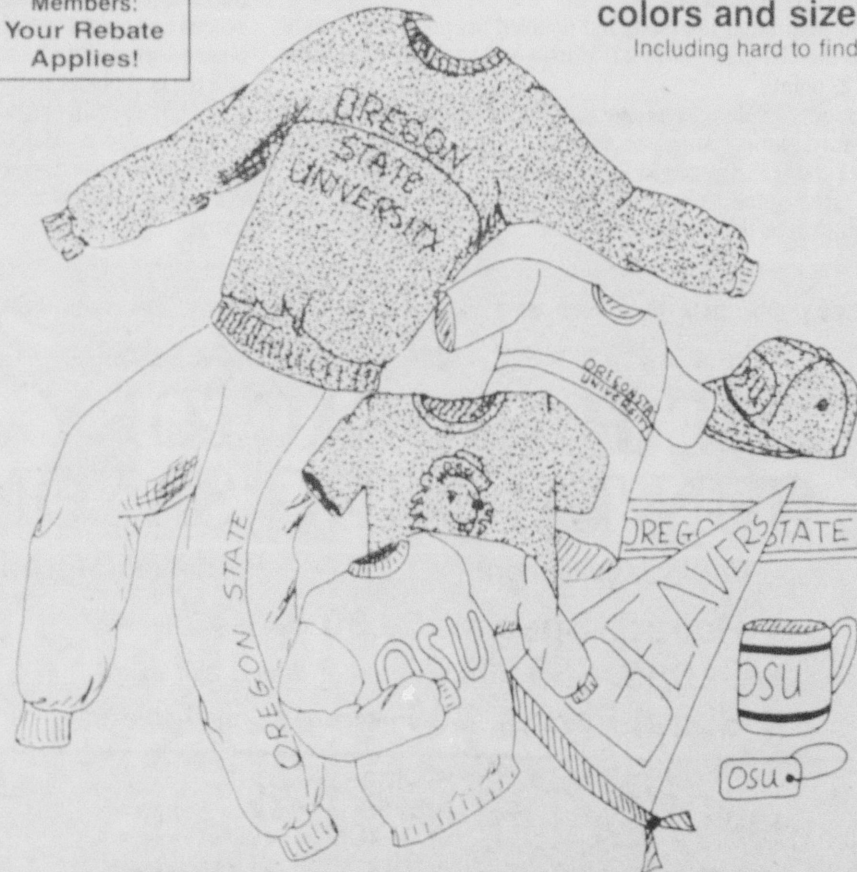
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Interview: Gary Payton

Talkin' trash with the nation's best

Some say he's cocky. Others say he talks a lot of trash.

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He graced the cover of *Sports Illustrated* as their choice for player of the year, and picked up the same honor from *NBC Sports*. In Tempe last Thursday, he was named *Pac-10 Player-of-the-Year*.

The man is Gary Payton.

Barometer sports writer, Dennis Nelson, got the opportunity to ask Payton a few questions that aren't often brought up. Questions that students may think of, but an AP writer might not.

Nelson spoke to Payton just prior to his departure for the *Pac-10* tournament.

Barometer: On the court some people think you are cocky. How do you feel about that?

Gary Payton: I don't care how people feel. I'm productive playing that way. That's just the way I play.

Off the court, are you the same as on the court?

GP: I'm more fun and I joke around a lot. Off the court is fun time; it's a time to get basketball off your mind.

Away from basketball, what is your favorite thing to do?

GP: (Smiling) Sleep and play video games.

What type of video games?

GP: Any challenging video game.

What is the strength of your game?

GP: Defense.

The weakness?

GP: Probably free-throw shooting.

Outside shooting is not one of the strongest points of your game. Isn't it interesting that the first shot you hit in a Beaver uniform was a three-pointer against UTEP?

GP: When you are a player like me, you consider yourself a scorer not a shooter. I go in the off season and work on my shooting. It just shows the kind of competitor I am. But I don't think the jump shot is a weak part of my game. I just score anyway I have to.

How do you feel about not getting a chance to play in the Olympics?

GP: It hurt me because they didn't let me come back after I found out that everything was okay. It made me come back and want to play more, and prove that I could have played with any of those guys.

Your freshman year you were held scoreless by Arizona, the only time in your career in which you didn't score. What happened?

GP: It was one of those games. It just happens that way sometimes.

You are known for your defense and passing. In the NBA, who do you want to guard most?

GP: Nobody in particular. I think about the great guards I will get to guard, but I don't think about any one player. I'm anxious to guard all of the top players so I can learn from them and play at their level.

If you could say one thing to your younger fans, what would it be?

GP: I love them all for supporting me. I hope someone else is supported as well as me after I leave.

What does it feel like to make the cover of *Sports Illustrated*?

GP: (Looking up from a photocopy of the article.) Great. Once you see that, you have to put it into perspective. You think about who made it happen, the players and the coaches. I just have to look forward to the rest of the season.

How close to getting your degree are you?

GP: Since I can't go to summer school, I will graduate in the spring of 1991. At the end of this term I will be 27 hours away.

Fredy Boyd has worked with you on your shooting. Who would win if you played one-on-one?

GP: Right now, I would win because he is older and has bad knees. In his day, I think he probably would have gotten me.

Of all the great matchups between you and other guards over the years, who was the toughest to defend?

GP: Kevin Johnson. He was so quick and he could do a lot of things. He could pull up on a dime and shoot a jumper, or he could drive around you and score.

Who was the best player you played against, but didn't defend?

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But the Sun Devils never gave up.

Two jump shots by Matt Anderson, a pair of free throws by Mike Redhair, and powerful put-back by Issac Austin brought the Sun Devils into a tie at the 8:40 mark. The two teams battled back and forth for the next seven minutes, but despite some heroic three-pointers by Payton, ASU pulled away in the stretch to win the game.

"We talked about the fact that the kids had to shoot better," said ASU head coach Bill Frieder. "We finally completed some plays to the basket."

Frieder, whose squad has struggled with shooting all year said the home crowd advantage gave his team a lift.

"These kids have not quit all year. I'm so happy for these kids," Frieder said. "They haven't experienced a win like this in a long time, maybe never. It's nice to win at home."

Anderson also gave credit to the Sun Devils.

"I'd like to congratulate Arizona State for playing an excellent game, they played hard from start to finish and shot the ball very well," he said.

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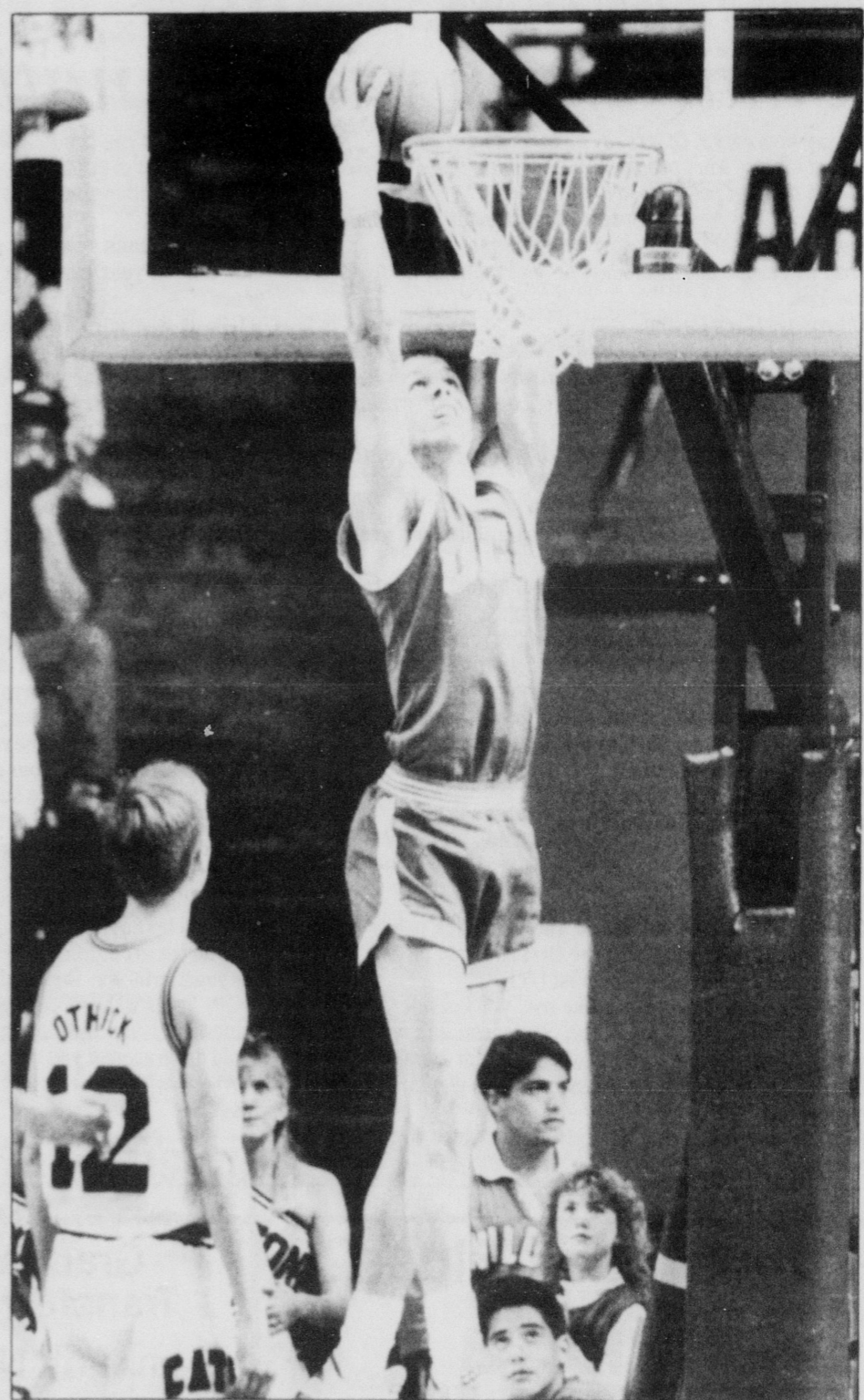
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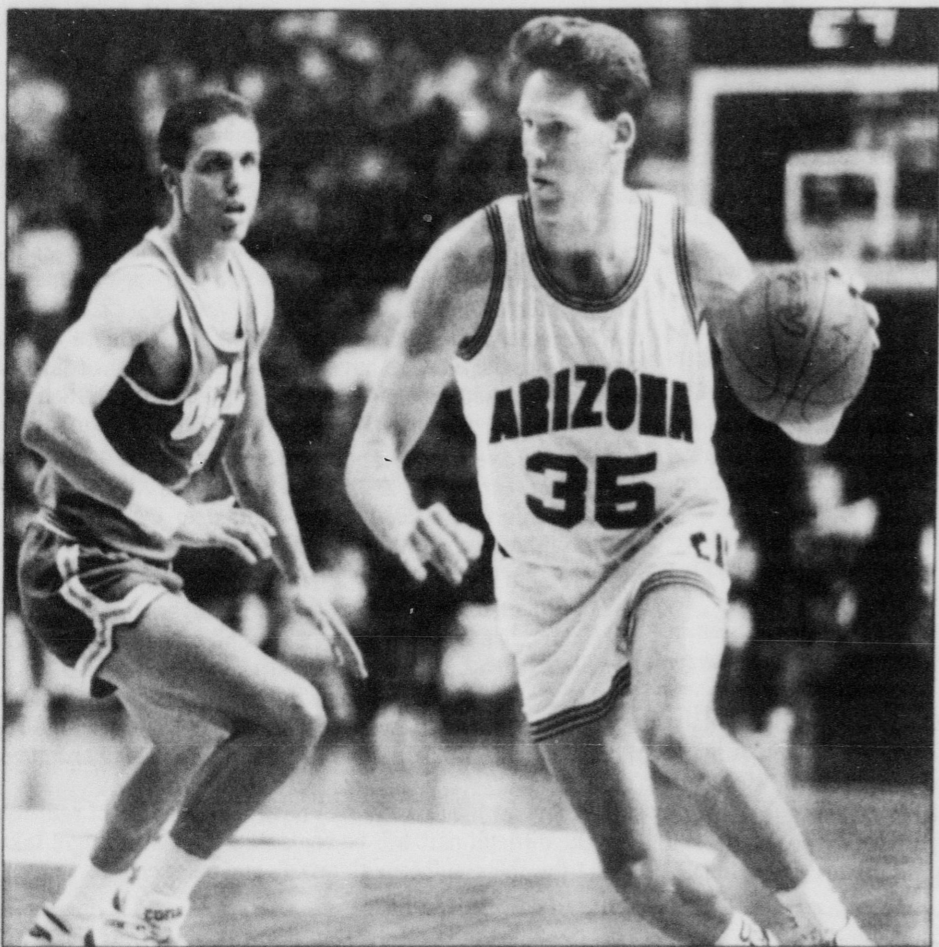
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Another All-Conference forward, Arizona's Jud Buechler, drives the ball around Trevor Wilson. Buechler was named Co-Most Valuable Player of the tournament, along with teammate Matt Muehlebach, for his efforts in taking the championship trophy.

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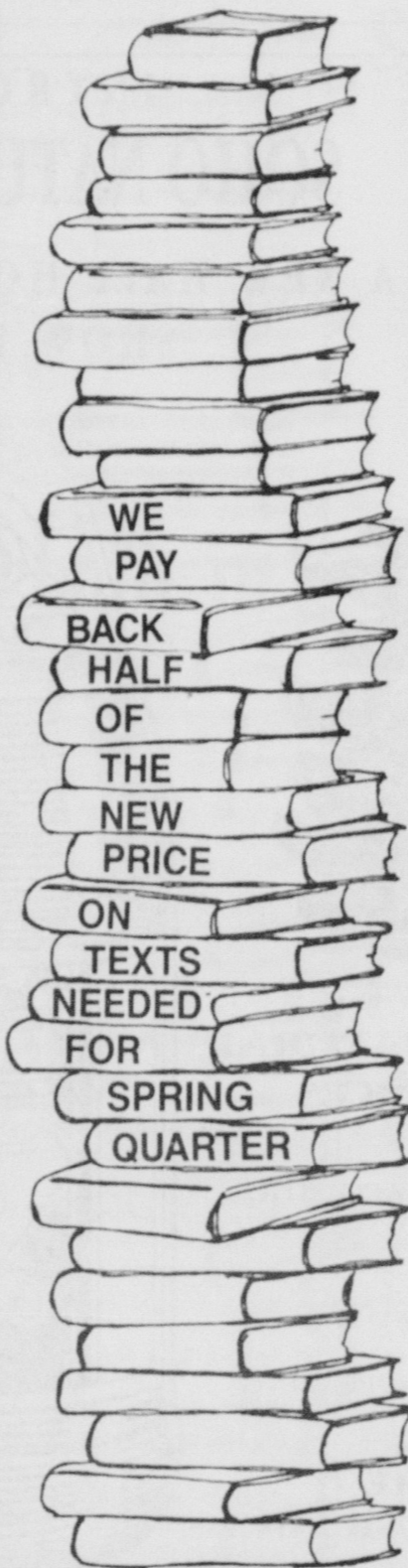
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Is there life after Gary Payton? Wait until next year

By SHAWN SCHOEFLER
of the Daily Barometer

A common question heard around the Oregon State campus is, "Is there life after Gary Payton?"

The loss of Payton will undoubtedly affect the Orange Express a great deal. The 6-4 guard did everything throughout his four seasons as the floor leader for the Beavers, and capped his OSU career with an incredible senior season.

To replace Payton is something that might take a long time. Payton averaged more than 26 points and eight assists a game, which accounted for about 55 percent of the Beavers' offense.

After compiling a 22-6 record heading into the NCAA Tournament and winning their first Pac-10 title since 1984, the Beavers will have to rely on someone other than Payton to continue to rack up the victories.

Four players, who all started games during the 1989-90 season, along with freshman Charles McKinney return to fill the gigantic shoes left by Payton.

Will Brantley, Teo Alibegovic, Scott Haskin and Allan Celestine all return for the Orange Express, and each saw several minutes of playing time. However, none of the four players were consistent every game, which will definitely be needed next year.

Haskin improved greatly his sophomore year, but will need to continue to develop a better inside game so the Beavers can compete with the other Pac-10 teams. The Beavers will need a

solid season from Haskin next year.

Brantley started off this season red-hot, but after spraining his ankle in the Far West Classic, his game hasn't been consistent since. He will probably take over the leadership role vacated by Payton, and will also have to penetrate and hit the outside jumper.

McKinney, who has had to patiently wait while Payton finished his outstanding career, could be the answer the Beavers are looking for. The young freshman proved he can play in the big games when he came off the bench against Arizona State in the Pac-10 Tournament to score a career-high 18 points.

Another excellent player the Beavers will look to next season is 6-8 forward Karl Anderson. He has proven himself as a rebounder and improved a great deal in his first college season, but he will have to improve other areas of his game.

Bob Cavell, a 6-5 swingman, could also be a player the Beavers will utilize next season because of his three-point shooting ability and his consistent play off the bench.

While only two players of last year's recruits have been in uniform all season, the Beavers have three players from the recruiting class that Beaver fans haven't been able to see.

Leroy Jackson is a junior college transfer from North Idaho College who was forced to redshirt this season. Jackson is the best leaper on the team and has excellent quickness, which will help him fit into the Beavers' style of play.

Jackson, who is a 6-4 guard, will play on the perimeter and also help the rebounding from that position, according to OSU

head coach Jim Anderson.

Travis Stel and Chad Scott have been on campus this season, but haven't been able to play as Stel is a redshirt his first year and Scott is a Proposition 48 casualty.

Both Stel and Scott stand at 6-7, and look to help the Beavers' rebounding problems inside. Scott was the second leading scorer in the California prep leagues two years ago behind only Tracey Murray of UCLA.

While other Pac-10 schools have signed five or more recruits this season, the Beavers have only one player signed this season. Kareem Anderson, a 6-4 guard from Merced High School in Merced, Calif., was an early signee for the Orange Express.

Anderson averaged 19.9 points, 8.3 rebounds and 4.2 assists in his junior year for the 22-6 Bears. He was an All-Central California Conference selection and named to the All-District 5 teams of the Merced Sun Star and Modesto Bee.

A problem the Beavers will have to overcome is all the young talent around the Pac-10. Five of the 10 players from the Pac-10 All-Conference team were freshman and sophomores, and Oregon State had none of the five players.

With the loss of a team leader the caliber of Payton, the Beavers will need one of their four seniors to take over the role. Someone will also be needed to take over the long shooting of graduate Earl Martin.

It's obvious the Beavers still have excellent talent returning, but the difficult part will be replacing Payton. It might take a long time unless someone stands up and takes charge.

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The 1990 season concluded with a tournament to be remembered.

It was the first time in its four-year existence the host team lost a game. It was also the first time the No. 1 seed did not win the championship.

OSU was the top seed and lost their opening round game to Arizona State, who just happened to be the host team. Why did the Beavers lose?

They are clearly a better team than the Sun Devils. They should have won the game, but several factors prevented them from doing so.

One factor was poor shooting. The Orange Express hit only 42 percent from the field compared to ASU's 67 percent.

But more important was the fact they were playing a team with home-court advantage. The tournament was held in the Activity Center in Tempe, Ariz., home to ASU.

After disposing of the Washington Huskies in round one of the tourney, the Sun Devils faced Oregon State in round two.

The Activity Center, which seats 14,000, wasn't nearly filled to capacity with just 4,380 fans in attendance. Many of those fans were wearing Arizona red and blue, awaiting the Wildcats' game against USC later that evening. They quickly sided with the ASU fans in hopes of rattling Gary Payton and the Beavers.

Every time Payton would touch the ball, he was met with a chorus of boos. Payton will tell you he wasn't affected by the crowd, but he just might have preferred the friendly confines of Gill Coliseum.

The bottom line is that hosting a tournament gives the home team the edge. It is an unfair advantage.

"I think the home crowd advantage played a big key," said ASU head coach Bill Frieder after the game. "When you're at home for the tournament, that's a tremendous advantage."

OSU head coach Jim Anderson agreed.

"I think the home crowd advantage had a big key today, when it came time for us to rally," Anderson said. "You could very definitely see the tempo go with the crowd and the home court advantage."

They should have taken away the home-court advantage by playing the tournament on a neutral site.

The 1991 tournament was to be played in Sacramento, a neutral site, centrally located for all the Pac-10 schools. Arco Arena, home of the NBA's Sacramento Kings, is a perfect venue to hold the tourney.

Wildcats win third straight tournament

By BILL BRADFORD

of the Daily Barometer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona began the season looking like a team going through a rebuilding process.

After beating Michigan to earn a No. 2 ranking to start the season, they were upset by Oregon in Eugene, and blown out by Oregon State in Corvallis.

But Arizona ended the season looking like a team destined for the Final Four. The Wildcats are again champions of the Pac-10 Tournament and peaking as they enter the NCAA Tournament.

Jud Buechler scored 22 points and No. 16 Arizona turned in another suffocating defensive effort Sunday to capture its third straight tournament title with a 94-78 triumph over UCLA.

"Every week has been a challenge for this team to be better than the previous week," coach Lute Olson said. "It's been a fine year to this point. I hope the season continues for a few more weeks."

With their 14th consecutive conference victory, the Wildcats, 24-6, advanced to the NCAAs for the sixth straight season.

The No. 2 seed in the West Region, Arizona will meet South Florida Friday at Long Beach, Calif. "I know nothing about them," Olson said.

The Pac-10 had four teams move on for the second straight season.

Arizona, which held opponents to 39 percent shooting during the regular season, limited the Bruins to 35 percent Sunday and Don MacLean — UCLA's top scorer at 20.8 points a game — to 3 of 10 from the field and 12 points. Arizona's three tournament foes made only 33 percent of their attempts.

"(Stopping MacLean) was a key early," Olson said. "He is such a vital part of the things they do. If you can take him out of their offense some people have to do more."

Trevor Wilson, who moved past David Greenwood into fourth

place on the school's all-time scoring list, did have 28 points and a career-high and tournament-record 17 rebounds. But he received little help.

"Our plan was to go at them," said Wilson, who had 11 rebounds on the offensive end. "But we were a little intimidated at first. We weren't taking it up strong."

Sean Rooks added 18 points and Matt Muehlebach had 14. Brian Williams contributed 13 rebounds, while Matt Othick dished off a career-high 12 assists for the winners. The Wildcats shot 61.4 percent in the second half and 54 percent for the game.

Buechler and Muehlebach were named co-Most Valuable Players of the tournament. Wilson, Stanford's Adam Keefe and Arizona State's Alex Austin rounded out the All-Tournament squad.

With Muehlebach hitting from the perimeter and Rooks working deftly inside, the Wildcats broke to a 46-32 halftime lead. Arizona limited the Bruins to 31.4 percent shooting to that point.

UCLA missed 15 of its first 20 shots, including all six from three-point territory. MacLean took just one shot and had only two points in the opening 20 minutes.

With the score 9-9, Buechler scored seven points and Muehlebach sank two three-pointers in a 19-5 burst that handed the Wildcats a 28-14 lead with eight minutes left in the half.

Muehlebach's steal and breakaway layup, followed by Rooks' jumper in the lane, gave Arizona a 41-23 bulge with 3:24 left, and the Pac-10's regular-season co-champions took their 14-point lead into intermission.

MacLean's two foul shots brought UCLA to 57-46 with 13:29 to play, but Buechler scored seven points in an 18-10 surge that put the Wildcats in control.

Arizona went 9-1 in the four-year history of the Pac-10 Tournament, which has been discontinued. The conference will award its NCAA bid to the regular-season champion beginning next year.

But the 1991 tournament, and all future tourneys, have been canceled.

Why? Last December, school athletic departments around the conference met to decide many issues. One was the continuation of the Pac-10 Tournament.

"The decision to eliminate the tournament was out of concern for academics," said OSU athletic director Lynn Snyder.

Five of the 10 schools are either in the middle of finals or dead week when the tournament begins. Those on the semester system: conduct midterm evaluations during this time.

Fast Talk by ROD PORSCHE

Having the tournament another time isn't feasible. The regular season ends March 3, the NCAA Tournament begins March 15. The 12-day gap is the only time available.

Athletes will probably perform better on their exams if there isn't a Pac-10 Tournament, as they can use the extra time to study.

But there's a problem. Teams that are on the edge of getting a bid may need two or three more wins to get invited to the "big dance."

Take UCLA for example, they had lost five in a row late in the season and had NIT written all over them. They did well in the Pac-10 Tournament, and they are now in the show.

"We realized that we needed at least one win in the tournament to get into the NCAA Tournament," said Don MacLean, UCLA's All-Conference forward.

They got one win plus some. Without the Pac-10 Tournament, UCLA wouldn't have gotten invited to the "big dance."

The Pac-10 Tournament helps teams that perform well. It hurts teams that don't. Oregon State probably could have gotten a fourth or third round seed in the NCAA's if they had done well at the tourney.

The tournament also helps teams that have struggled during the season, like USC and ASU. It gives them a chance at an automatic berth in the NCAA's by winning the tournament. If

the Pac-10 Tournament were to be held at a neutral site, each team would have an equal shot at the title.

"I've always been in favor of a Pac-10 Tournament, and I'm sorry to see it go," Anderson said. "I wish it would continue. I think overall the players liked it, and it adds a little glamour and finale."

At least two other factors are important when considering the cancellation. One factor is dollars. With television revenues skyrocketing, does anyone doubt that there is money to be made from a tournament with a reputation for excellence?

Another key to the puzzle is the number of games allowed in a season. Right now a team can play 27 or more games, but beginning in 1991, a team can only schedule 24 games as part of its regular season.

A tournament only counts as one game on your season, regardless of how many games you play in the tourney. For example, Arizona gets three wins tacked on to their win-loss record for winning the Pac-10 trophy, but only counted it as one game on their season. Three wins can make the difference when it comes to postseason bids.

Academics are important, and student athletes need to be students. But it is important to consider the benefits of the tournament.


The Pac-10 Tournament should be continued.

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GP: Lichti, Sean Elliot, Reggie Miller and Todd Lichti.

What are OSU's chances in the NCAA tournament?

GP: I figure it won't be like the last two years. We have more heart and determination to win this year. We have a good chance of making it to the Sweet 16.

What needs to be done to reach the Sweet 16 or Final 8?

GP: We have to play hard and have no mental lapses. We have to buckle down and play our hearts out, do all the fundamentals and make no mistakes.

Did you ever feel that you would have a chance at being the NCAA Player of the Year?

GP: I figured I would make a statement at Oregon State, but I didn't figure I would get all of this hoop and hollering.

Of all your accomplishments at OSU, is there anything that you haven't accomplished yet?

GP: No, nothing. I think I accomplished everything I could. I turned out to be a great all-around player because I played for two great coaches (Ralph Miller and Jimmy Anderson).

How have you changed over the last two years?

GP: I have become more mature and smarter. I have matured more than anything.

Coming to a rural town like Corvallis, from a big city like Oakland, had to take some adjustments. How have you coped

with these adjustments?

GP: Settling down and not being as wild. In a big city you can do a lot of things and get away with it, but in a small town everybody recognizes you, so you have to settle down. I became more mature. This is a place where it is time to grow up.

What is the best thing about Corvallis?

GP: Friends. The people and friends that I have met over the years. This is a great place to meet a lot of great people.

The worst?

GP: (Laughs) The rain. It should be sunny more; it would make everybody happier.

Has all the attention you have received in the past two months had any effect on you?

GP: Only one time, against Washington, has it changed me. I don't pay too much attention to it because the faster you go up, the faster you go down.

When you look back on your OSU career, which game do you remember most?

GP: Beating Arizona this year. It was the first win over them since I have been here.

If you could play one game over, which game would it be?

GP: The Washington game because of the way that all of us played. Everybody has a bad game.

Who had the biggest impact on your life?

GP: My father (Al Payton), because he has been like a friend to me and not a father. He was my coach from fourth grade until high school, and he has always been a role model to me.

Where do you want to play in the NBA?

GP: My choice would be Indiana. Also Sacramento, San Antonio, or even Boston. But I'm not worried about that right now.

What about Golden State, since it's the closest franchise to Oakland?

GP: Nah. I don't think I would fit in. They don't need me. They have my buddy Timmy Hardaway. It would be too close to home, and I would probably get in trouble.

Last spring, there was talk of you leaving early. How do you feel now that you have stayed?

GP: I feel great because it gave me a chance to work on some things. Moneywise it boosted my stocks because now I will be an All-American. I did a great job by staying, and kept my promise to OSU and coach Anderson.

Where do you think you will be drafted in the upcoming draft?

GP: It's hard to tell. I hope to go in the first five, but you don't know what the draft will be.

What are you planning on doing with the first \$1 million you receive?

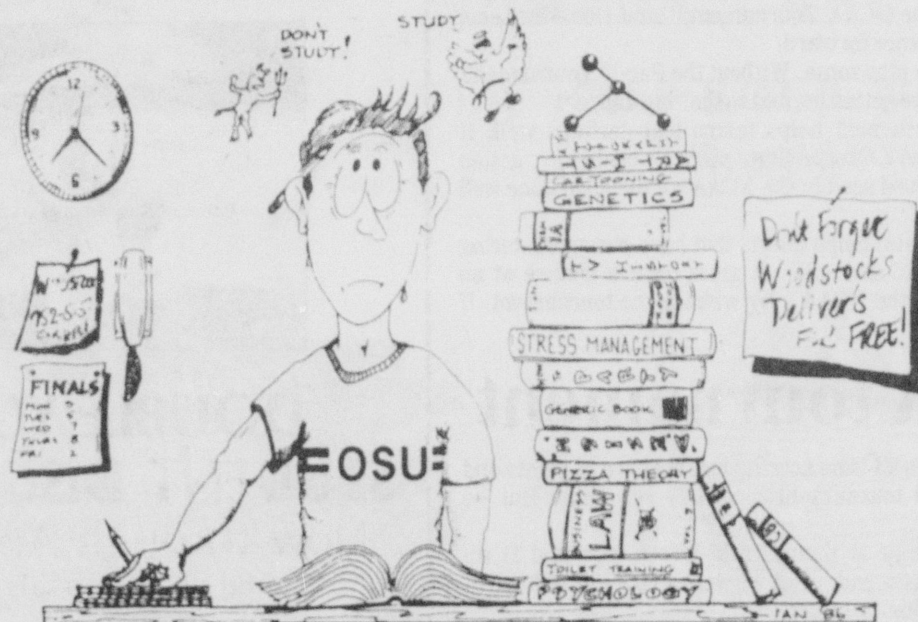
GP: Take care of my parents first. I'll do what I have to do for them. After that I'll probably buy a car and a place to live and help do something here at OSU.

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