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What's ahead for the seeded

In the NCAA basketball tournament, the top regional seeds never seem to make up the Final Foursome.

The tourney is funny that way. One or two of the big boys might survive the mettle detector, but never all four.

It's a law of nature, like water freezing at 32 degrees or dead men telling no tales.

Maybe it's a good thing. If the four No. 1 seeds advanced to the Final Four on a regular basis, the tournament could be played by computer, conference call or absentee ballot. And that wouldn't do.

At the moment, though, all four of the top seeds are still alive and well and looking as if they have consumed ample amounts of roughage. The

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question, then, as we dribble into the round of 16, is which of the Fab Four is about to become yesterday's news?

Will it be A) Purdue, B) Temple, C) Arizona, D) Oklahoma or E) All of the above?

One of them, perhaps all, will fall by the wayside, which in this case is located in Pontiac, Mich., East Rutherford, N.J., Seattle and Birmingham, Ala.

Purdue dismantled Kansas State once already this year, but it won't do it again, at least not by 29 points. K-State has an all-American in Mitch Richmond, a heady point guard in Steve Henson, a hot hand in Will Scott and a knack for fiery free-throw shooting down the stretch.

I like the Wildcats. I like Lon Kruger, their young coach. I like their chemistry. I like their biology. I like their physics. But I like Purdue's talent even better.

Of all the top seeds, Purdue has the gentlest road to the Final Four. If the Boilermakers do defeat K-State, they will play either Vanderbilt or Kansas, which means their ticket to Kansas City is as good as punched.

The Jayhawks should change their name to the Mannings. If theatergoers on Broadway thought Jackie Mason was a one-man show, they should see Kansas.

What the Danny Mannings are doing in the final 16, no one knows. Mark this down as Larry Brown's finest coaching job.

Vanderbilt would be the strongest opponent for the Boilermakers. But asking the Commodores to upset two P-teams, Pittsburgh and Purdue, in a week's time might be asking too much in the way of alliteration and basketball.

The same with Richmond in the East. After squashing the Spiders, Temple will meet either Rhode Island or Duke. While Rhode Island compares favorably with last year's Final Four entry from Providence, Duke was team enough to defeat North Carolina three times.

Either would be a handful, which leads us to this question: Can John Chaney continue to advance with a bench made of balsa wood? And why, while we're at it, didn't he substitute Sunday when Temple was drubbing Georgetown late in the game?

Despite these and other riddles, Temple has the second smoothest ride to Kansas City.

In the West, Arizona faces a major test in Iowa, a team that suddenly has it's motor revved. Arizona won the first time the two played in a game that was almost as aesthetically unpleasant as Drake-Indiana State, to name a real clunker.

This time, look for a higher scoring game. The higher the score, the better Iowa's chances. As for Arizona, the uglier the better.

Awaiting the winner is either Michigan or North Carolina, a pair of fireballs that totaled 231 points in second-round play. Of the top seeds, Arizona's doubleheader is easily the most rugged.

Oklahoma, which must outrace the top two Thoroughbreds in the Bluegrass state, doesn't have it much easier in the Southeast. Surely, Villanova has used up its share of miracles, so look for Kentucky in the quarterfinals. But against the Sooners?

Before Oklahoma tackles Kentucky, it must contend with Louisville. In Oklahoma-Louisville we get one team that hasn't been to a Final Four since 1947 against another that lists a second residence there.

At this stage in the tourney, however, a team gets no extra points for pedigree — or for being one of the four top seeds.

Iowa's Berry hurt, may miss game

By WAYNE GRETT
Register Staff Writer

LONG BEACH, CALIF. — The Iowa women's basketball team was jolted Wednesday with the news that center Shanda Berry's injured knee might not allow her to play much in tonight's NCAA West Regional tournament game.

Iowa is to play Southern California following a game between Long Beach State and Washington. The two winners will play Saturday night for the regional title and the right to advance to the Final Four in Tacoma, Wash., April 1-3.

The 6-foot 3-inch Berry is Iowa's leading rebounder, with an average of eight a game, and second-leading scorer, with an average of 14.3 points a game.

If she can't play, it would hurt the Hawks' chances of advancing because Southern Cal's top player is Cherie Nelson, a 6-3 junior center who averages 23.9 points and 10.9 rebounds. She was named the Pacific-10 player of the year.

Berry was injured about 5 minutes before halftime in Sunday's game against Stephen F. Austin. She played in the second half and scored 23 points in the 83-65 victory.

"We thought it was just a bruise at first," Iowa Coach C. Vivian Stringer said. "However, it is a 20 percent tear of the cruciate ligament of her right knee."

Stringer said a doctor would examine Berry's knee again today. Berry had not practiced all week until Wednesday, when she did some shooting. She had a difficult time moving laterally.

"If she can walk, we probably will start her," Stringer said. "If not, we will go with a smaller lineup with Robin Christian, a 5-9 junior who usually plays guard, starting."

The second-ranked Hawks, who have a 28-1 record and are top-seeded in the tournament, have other nagging injuries. Jolynn Schneider, a starting forward, has a back problem. Michelle Edwards, who was named

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Probable Lineups

IOWA (28-1)		USC (22-7)
Schneider, 6-2	F	Howell, 5-8
Price, 6-0	F	Ford, 6-0
Berry, 6-2	C	Nelson, 6-3
Edwards, 5-9	G	Wright, 5-7
Law, 5-3	G	Pyers, 5-5

Time and place — 10 p.m. CST, University gym, Long Beach, Calif.

Radio — WHO, Des Moines; KRUI-FM, Iowa City.

Shanda Berry
Knee ligaments torn

Brewers aim to avoid being Indians of '88

CHANDLER, ARIZ. — Cancel that fishing trip. Put the Gren Bay Packers season tickets on hold. The Brewers are coming.

Sure, you say. Just like last year. Tease with your 13 straight victories, then almost immediately shatter dreams with a dozen straight losses.

To a member, the Milwaukee Brewers say 1988 will be different. They aren't promising a 13-0 start, but they are promising no double-digit skids.

Some people, such as magazine writers who claim to know something about baseball, are picking Milwaukee for a high finish. Some even in the same breath as Toronto in the American League's Eastern Division.

Of course, finishing on a high note never hurts in the prognosticating for the following season. During last

RANDY PETERSON

At spring training

year's yo-yo season, the Brewers played .636 after the All-Star break to finish 91-71, the fifth-best record in the major leagues, and third-best in the American League.

Cleveland of '88?

Brewer Manager Tom Trebelhorn has heard all of this "you can win it" talk before. He remembers well the Cleveland Indians, picked to win the A.L. East in 1987 only to finish dead last.

"We've got to guard against being the Cleveland of '88," Trebelhorn said. "It's nice people have confidence in us. Now, can those same peo-

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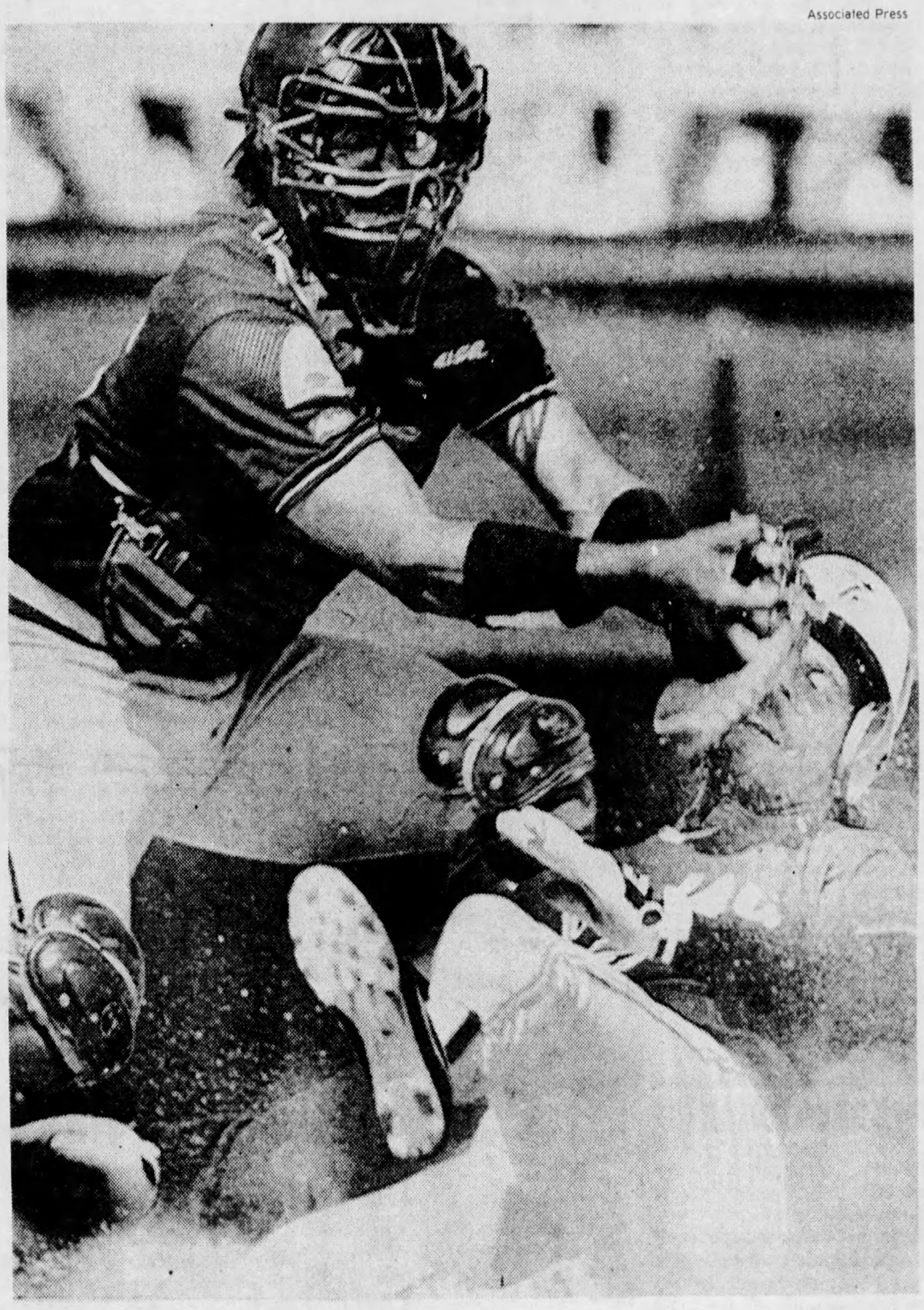

Choose your weapon

Things just aren't going George Bell's way. The Toronto Blue Jays star, brooding over his switch to designated hitter, received this glove to the face Wednesday from St. Louis' Tony Pena. Bell was ruled out.

Armstrong and Kerr play similar roles

Point-guard play is force behind Iowa and Arizona

By RICK BROWN
Register Staff Writer

In the waning moments of Iowa's 104-86 victory Sunday over Nevada-Las Vegas in the second round of the NCAA West Regional, the Hawkeye bench was a sea of high fives and handshakes.

But at the end of the bench sat point guard B.J. Armstrong, without emotion, looking like his team was on the short end of the score.

"That's just B.J.," said Iowa forward Roy Marble. "He was probably thinking ahead to Arizona."

Iowa meets the No. 2-ranked Wildcats Friday night in the Kingdome, and two outstanding point guards will try to lead their teams to the doorstep of the Final Four — Armstrong for Iowa, Steve Kerr for Arizona.

Armstrong, a second-team all-Big Ten selection, is leading the Hawkeyes in scoring with a 17-point average. He scored a career-high 35 points in a first-round victory over Florida State. Kerr, a fifth-year senior, was named a second-team all-American by The Associated Press after averaging 12.6 points and less-than one turnover per game. He hits 60 percent of his three-point shots.

"Kerr has an edge with the experience, but both are fine players who play with different dimensions," said Iowa Coach Tom Davis. "B.J. does more penetrating with the dribble, and takes it to you. Steve is one of the finer set-up point guards, who can hit the open jumper or get it to the open man."

Arizona Coach Lute Olson said: "B.J.'s had an outstanding year, and he does as much for his team as Steve Kerr does for us. He's more explosive

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Olympian Blair to girls: Some boys are all wet

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) — Bonnie Blair, the Olympic speed-skating champion, dispensed some blunt advice Wednesday for girls whose boyfriends don't want them to be athletic:

"Tell them to go jump in the lake," Blair said. "Maybe they're not worth having around."

Blair spoke on the steps of City Hall to launch a drive by the Women's Sports Foundation to encourage girls to take part in a new athletic program at city high schools.

Donna de Varona, a 1964 Olympic swimming champion who leads the foundation, said the drive should help dispel myths about females participating in sports.

Blair, 24, who won the gold medal in the 500-meter race and the bronze medal in the 1,000-meter race at the Winter Olympics, said sports help girls to compete and cope with other challenges.

BONNIE BLAIR

"There are lots of goals you can set for yourself," she said. "You can apply that in everyday life. Once you find the thing you like the most, stick to it and get the most out of it you can."

Overridden veto may restore Title IX intent

By TOM WITOSKY
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Major college athletic programs soon could become targets of civil rights complaints as a result of the recent strengthening of the nation's civil rights laws, a top women's athletic administrator said Wednesday.

"Whether the commitment to equal opportunity for female student-athletes has been dropped under the guise of lack of money or a real lack of money, the past eight years has resulted in lost ground for women at many schools in comparison to the 1970s," said Christine H.B. Grant, University of Iowa women's athletic director.

"I fear there may be a number of schools who will have to deal with accusations of discrimination from their coaches and athletes."

Grant made her prediction in response to questions about what impact Tuesday's congressional enactment of major changes in federal civil rights law may have on collegiate athletic departments. Grant, the only women's athletic director in university history, also is president of the Council of Collegiate Women's Athletics Administrators.

Congress overrode President Reagan's veto of a bill overturning the controversial 1984 Grove City legal decision that limited enforcement of federal civil rights laws.

In that decision, the U.S. Supreme Court strictly limited enforcement of federal anti-discrimination laws by ruling those laws could be imposed only on programs receiving federal money. That decision sharply narrowed the interpretation of Title IX, which barred discrimination on the basis of sex in all educational programs and activities.

Title IX had provided the basis for equal financial treatment of women's collegiate athletics.

Supporters of women's athletics have claimed the Grove City decision permitted college athletic departments to drop the commitment to equal opportunity despite a massive growth in the participation in college athletics among women. Among other things, they cite the decline in the number of female coaches as well as apparent reluctance to hire women as athletic directors.

Critics have claimed the action will put many athletic departments, already strapped financially, into a position of having to cut sports programs both for men and women.

But supporters don't believe there is much justification for fear of dras-

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MORNING REPORT

■ **TIDEBACK CHOSEN.** Molly Tideback of Waterloo Columbus was named Wednesday to USA Today's all-USA high school basketball team. Tideback, a 6-foot 3-inch senior center, averaged 23.9 points, 7.9 rebounds and 5.1 blocked shots as her 24-1 team finished third in Iowa's five-player division. The Sailors were 70-9 the last three seasons.

■ **MR. BASKETBALL.** Wade Lookingbill, the 6-foot 6-inch senior center who helped Fort Dodge to its first Boys' State high school basketball championship, has been named Iowa's 1988 Mr. Basketball. For the season, Lookingbill averaged 23 points and 11.5 rebounds a game. In three state tournament games, Lookingbill scored 79 points, blocked 27 shots, pulled down 38 rebounds and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

■ **COACHING CANDIDATE.** Akron University basketball coach Bob Huggins, 34, visited Drake on Wednesday, met with the school's screening committee and athletic staff, and was interviewed for the vacant head coaching position. Huggins, 147-64 the past seven years, is believed to be one of three top candidates for the job. Others reportedly are Lamar Coach Tom Abatemarco and DePaul assistant Jim Molinari.

■ **CHANEY HONORED.** John Chaney, who has led Temple's resurgence to the No. 1 ranking, was named College Basketball Coach of the Year Wednesday by The Sporting News. Under Chaney, the Owls have won 25 or more games in each of the last five seasons.

■ **NAIA ALL-AMERICANS.** Three Iowa college players have been named to NAIA all-America teams. Patty Campbell of St. Ambrose was named to the second team, sophomore guard Cheryl Dreckman of Briar Cliff was named to the third team and Robin Becker of St. Ambrose earned honorable mention.

■ **IOWAN TO PARALYMPICS.** A 19-year-old Evansdale man has been selected to compete in the 1988 Paralympics for the disabled in Seoul, South Korea in October. Steve Loftus received word this week that he was chosen for the 45-member team. He was one of 10,000 American athletes vying for the honor. Loftus will compete in the two-mile cross-country event.

■ **BLOOM BOUNTY.** Sports agent Lloyd Bloom Wednesday surrendered to Alabama authorities after failing to appear in Tuscaloosa, Ala., for arraignment on misdemeanor charges concerning his dealings with two former University of Alabama basketball players. Bloom and former associate Norby Walters have been indicted for commercial bribery, deceptive trade practice and tampering with a sports contest.

■ **FOUTS QUITTING?** San Diego Chargers quarterback Dan Fouts has called a news conference for today. Fouts, a 15-year veteran and record-setting passer, reportedly will announce his retirement.

TV Today

12:00 p.m. (ESN) **Tennis** Players Championships, first women's semifinal. (Live)

2:00 p.m. (ESN) **Golf** PGA Tour's long-drive competition. (R)

3:00 p.m. (ESN) **Golf** The Players Championship, first round. (Live)

7:00 p.m. (8) **NCAA Southeast Regional:** Kentucky vs. Villanova and Oklahoma vs. Louisville. (Live)

8:00 p.m. (ESN) **Gymnastics** International Mixed Pairs championship. (Tape)

9:30 p.m. (ESN) **Bodybuilding** IFBB Night of Champions. (Tape)

11:00 p.m. (ESN) **Tennis** Players Championships, second women's semifinal. (Tape)

Quote of the Day

"I defend their right to think what they want to think; it's interesting that they don't defend my same right." — Houston Astros pitcher **Bob Knepper**, addressing the more vehement critics of his religious beliefs on the role of women.