

The sports world is filled with stupidity today

I am very thankful that Oregon doesn't have a varsity baseball team that would be in NCAA regional and national tournament play this season. I wish the Ducks did have a baseball team but that's another point.

The NCAA, in its infinite wisdom, handed down another major ruling this week when it decided that baseball players would be prohibited from chewing tobacco during tournament games.

I'm not making this up.

The NCAA continues to go after little tiny things that have nothing to do with upholding the integrity of college athletics. Instead, the NCAA likes to waste its time, money and resources to outlaw tobacco and prohibit some school with a bunch of hypens from competing in the NCAA soccer playoffs for the next five years.

But if I'm at UNLV, I can cheat, lie and do whatever I want that's illegal and continue to go to the NCAA basketball tournament. Hey, I hate Bobby Hurley as much as anybody, but I had to root for Duke against Vegas in this year's tournament. Call it sweet redemption.

Anarchy reigns in college athletics these days, and the NCAA is obviously the ringleader.

But there are stupider things in the athletic world

Ducks seeking additional NCAA qualifiers tonight

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For many Oregon athletes, it is their last chance.

For all of the Oregon athletes, it is the Last Chance.

Tonight's Les Steers/Last Chance Open at 5 p.m. at Hayward Field represents the Ducks' last opportunity to get either provisional or automatic qualifiers for the NCAA Championships at Hayward next week.

"We've got people in virtually every event who, if they hit it really, really right, could sneak into the meet," Oregon Coach Tom Heinonen said.

Tonight at midnight is the deadline for all collegians to qualify either provisionally or automatically for the NCAAs. Coaches will receive phone calls Saturday night if their provisional qualifiers make it into the national championships, Heinonen said.

"We're just going to go and do the best we can and then wait for the phone call Saturday night," he said. "If it rings, that means somebody got in. If it doesn't ring, you're a bridesmaid."

Among those who have provisionally qualified and will compete tonight are high jumper Laurel Roberts, heptathlete Kelly Blair, shot put and discus thrower Julie Beck, 5,000-meter runner Nicole Woodward, 400-meter runner Camara Jones and 100-meter runner Rosie Wil-

liams.

"Laurel's on the bubble in the high jump," Heinonen said of Roberts, whose best jump this season is six feet. "The best thing she can do is jump anything over six feet. If she'd jump 6-0 $\frac{1}{4}$, she'd get in."

Both Jones and Blair are high on the provisional lists, but Heinonen said Woodward and Beck would have to improve on their season-bests at the Last Chance to make the NCAAs.

Metric milers (1,500) Carol Holmen and Erika Klein, javelin thrower Kelly Kempf and Williams in the 200-meter run have not provisionally qualified but stand the greatest chance of doing so tonight, Heinonen said.

"If she gets any kind of aiding wind at all and feels right," Heinonen said of Williams, "she's certainly capable of running 23.70, and that'll get her into the meet in the 200."

Heinonen added that a throw of 162 feet for Kempf and times under 4:20 in the 1,500 for both Holmen and Klein would be required for them to get a good enough spot on the provisional list for an NCAA berth.

Other competitors in tonight's meet will be former Oregon stars Annette Peters and Liz Wilson and Mozambique high school exchange student Maria Mutola in the 1,500, Oregon javelin throwers Paula Berry and Kim Hyatt and Julie Bright, the Oregon school record holder in the long jump.

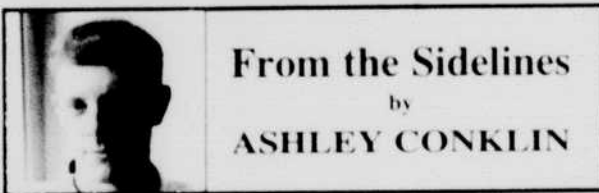
Cavanaugh named all-American

Oregon first baseman Julie Cavanaugh was named to the first team all-America softball team Wednesday by the National Softball Coaches Association.

Cavanaugh was earlier honored this season with her third straight appearances on the first team all-Pacific-10 Conference team and the first team all-West Regional team.

Cavanaugh led the Pac-10 in four individual categories this past season, including batting average (.389), runs scored (44), hits (74) and stolen bases (24). Cavanaugh also set school records in runs, hits and stolen bases.

One of five first team all-Americans from the Pac-10, Cavanaugh was a second team all-American selection a year ago.



From the Sidelines
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than the NCAA and its decision to outlaw baseball players from chewing tobacco.

After a couple of inauspicious seasons with the Seattle Seahawks, Brian Bosworth is now a movie "star."

Bosworth has his own film out now, *Stone Cold*. Reports from the movie's producers indicate that the name of the movie *wasn't* thought up by watching Bo Jackson run over Bosworth in the Kingdome for a touchdown in 1988.

Maybe they were referring to Bosworth's brain, when they named the movie. Well, I guess he isn't that stupid since he is collecting all of the insurance money from his football injury, but he was obviously never the football talent people thought he was.

By making this movie, which required several months to finalize, Bosworth has lasted almost as long in the film industry as he did in the NFL.

The latest craze in the NBA involves Portland Trail Blazer reserve Cliff Robinson and his headbands.

It's not Cliff that's stupid, it's his fans. Have you seen those 65-year-old senior citizens at Blazer playoff games that are part of the Cliff fan club? They're the mild-mannered sort who enjoy their church bingo and motor homes until Cliff enters a game. Then they take out their red, white or black headbands to show their support for the budding Blazer star.

There's nothing wrong with fan support, but how ridiculous is it to see Grandma Moses putting on that headband for the delight of Blazer Cable? If that was my grandmother, I think I'd have her in the Shady Pines retirement home in a second.

O.K., the *Emerald's* not immune to mistakes, and yes, I was the one who reported that Oregon's Muhammad Oliver won the Pacific-10 Conference high jump title clearing 7-5, when in fact, he only cleared 7-0 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Because of the enormous respect student newspapers receive as professional publications, we were forced to use Associated Press wire results to put together our stories, results that had Oliver clearing "7 feet, 5 inches," the same height the AP also had California's Kevin Keane clearing.

So now you know where I got the 7-5 figure. Am I bitter? Not at all.

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