

Oregon loss to Utah not the end of the world

Yesterday's big news wasn't the first day of classes. It wasn't how fast your Spanish GTF talked for 50 minutes and how you left class not understanding a word. It wasn't how hard the parties raged on the last weekend of the summer. And it certainly wasn't about how good the cafeteria food was last week.

It was about the Ducks and how disappointed you were that they actually had the nerve to lose a football game at Utah on Saturday night, 24-17.

But it could be worse (a lot worse), and not too long ago, it was.

Don't forget that despite losing to Utah, Oregon is still 2-1 and does not have a Pacific-10 Conference loss yet. Don't forget that this team still has the potential to be the best-ever under Coach Rich Brooks. And don't forget that y'all could be going to Oregon State, where they are already looking forward to the basketball season.

After the Oregon loss to a seemingly hungrier Utah team, the once-pristine glass ball of faith in the Ducks, held in the hands of students and other fans alike, suffered an obvious crack the size of the Grand Canyon.

The buzz around campus goes: "There's no way..."



From the Sidelines
by
JAKE BERG

"I can't believe it..." "Utah? They barely beat the Beavers."

And who can blame the widespread disbelief? Before the loss, Oregon was on the verge of The Associated Press Top 25 college football poll for the first time in 10 months, and the Ducks looked, at times, like Rose Bowl contenders in their opening wins against Washington State and Texas Tech.

Disappointment in our green-and-yellow giants is acceptable, but jumping ship from the Duck boat is not.

Some fans have reacted like it was the end of the world for Oregon's season, leaving the Ducks for dead (no pun intended), but is it really fair to give up on a team so early in the season just because it lost to a

team that was apparently better prepared?

We all have bad days, and Saturday was definitely bad for the Ducks, but has the expectation to win every weekend gotten out of hand? The headlines Sunday morning told the doom of the Ducks the night before as if it would be a given that the Utah game was a guaranteed victory — as if Utah didn't stand a chance.

Well, sports fans, Utah did stand a chance and they stood on it, taking it to the Ducks early in the game. The Utes are not as bad as they have been in years past, ranking 13th nationally in overall defense before Saturday after a 160th ranking at season's end last year.

Oregon will not always win every game it is expected too, and unfortunately, they probably never will — nobody does. The Oregon program is a great program, but it is not quite yet on par with Miami or Oklahoma, schools that, because of their rich tradition, are favored to win most every Saturday.

USC and Nebraska, two schools fitting the above description, both lost this week at home, and the media

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Duck rower makes nationals

By Jake Berg
Emerald Sports Editor

University junior Allison Heber leaves today for the National Crew Championships to be held in Austin, Texas, Sept. 27-28.

Upon her arrival in Austin, Heber, a member of the Seattle Yacht Club, will begin training for the national competition, sponsored by U.S. Rowing.

Heber, the advertising/publicity coordinator for the ASUO, is also part of the women's crew team in Club Sports. However, Oregon failed to qualify for the championships so the Seattle group recruited her at the beginning of the summer.

"They just sort of recruited me and asked me to join, so I said OK," said Heber, a pre-journalism major.

The Seattle Yacht Club is one of the top teams in the world, winning numerous events at the world and national championships last year, Heber said.

In addition, Stan Pocock, Heber's coach at Seattle, is a name well-known among rowing circles. Pocock's father invented the Pocock Racing Shell, used by "a good 30 percent" of all collegians and 50 percent of all

American rowers, Heber said.

Heber said the Pocock boats are more popular because they give a more "comprehensive approach to rowing," such as fitting the shape of the actual rowers.

Her team is favored to win a number of events again this year, Heber said. "This team went to (the) world's (championship) last year and the year before and won a lot of events."

Heber also expressed high confidence in her own ability.

"I'm sure I'll come home with medals," Heber said. "I know that's a cocky thing to say, but hey."

Nonetheless, Heber was somewhat shocked by her success as a rower, considering she didn't even begin crew until last fall with the University team. "It just sort of happened all at once," she said.

Heber was a coordinator with the crew program last year, but she will work with the novice program this year.

A recruiting meeting for all women interested in joining the University crew team will be held early next month. Heber said the meeting is set for Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.



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