

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's golf coach selected

The University announced Friday that it has selected a new coach for the Duck men's golf team. Steve Nosler, a 1959 University graduate who has been active in the state's golf circles for many years, was hired by the University to fill the position vacated earlier this year by former coach Scott Krieger. Krieger recently became the head professional at Broadmoor Golf Course in Portland.

Nosler, a successful local businessman since 1960, has been director of the Oregon Golf Association since 1985 and is an active member of the OGA's executive committee. He has been instrumental in procuring several state and regional tournaments for the Eugene-Springfield area and has served as tournament chairman for three Pacific Coast Amateur tournaments, two Oregon Amateur championships and a pair of Oregon Junior meets.

In addition, Nosler, who played golf at the University as freshman, has organized yearly fundraising activities for the Oregon golf teams as a volunteer. A native of Eugene, Nosler attended Eugene High School and has served on numerous civic organizations, including the Oregon Club of Eugene-Springfield and the Eugene Country Club board of directors.

Men's track signs three more

Two Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges champions and a top prep ham-

mer prospect have signed letters-of-intent with the Duck men's track and field program.

Pole vaulter Steve Coxon of Lane Community College and Mike Hieb of Clackamas Community College in the javelin will join the program next season. Jeremy Robinson of San Jose, Calif. also signed with the Ducks.

Heib won his second NWAACC title last spring with a 230-7 effort, two inches shy of his all-time best also established last spring. Competing for Oregon City, he was the state runner-up to Art Skipper in 1988.

Coxon captured the area JC crown with a 16-0 clearance after scaling his all-time best of 16-4 at Hayward field earlier this spring.

Robinson was ranked second nationally among preps in the hammer with a 207-2 best, he was fourth in the U.S. Junior Championships recently with a 169-10 mark with the 16-pound hammer. He threw the shot and discus at Bellarmine High School, but also learned the hammer from Olympian Ed Burke, who coached a club team in the South Bay area.

The Ducks' latest signees increase the list of newcomers to 10. The others are Oregon prep standouts Ray Livingston of Gresham (long jump/decathlon) and Jared Vigna (javelin) and Rick Cartwell (distance) of Jesuit; weightman Dusty Carlson of Gillette, Wyo.; California 800 champion Michael Katri of Fortuna; Karl Keska (distance) of England and Erik Balstrom (triple jump) of Sweden.

Nixon picks dream team

YORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP) — Of course Pete Rose had to be on Richard Nixon's All-Star team.

The only U.S. president to resign his office picked the banned Cincinnati Reds player and manager for one of his squads announced Wednesday during a gala luncheon at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library & Birthplace.

Nixon's teams covered three different areas: what he called the Yankee era from 1925-59, the expansion era from 1960-91 and currently active players.

The former president even made a baseball connection with this year's three-way race between President Bush, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and Ross Perot.

"They're all left-handers. That's never happened before," Nixon said. "All baseball men will tell you all left-handers have a tendency to be wild."

Hall of Famers Bob Feller, Johnny Bench and Brooks Robinson were on hand, as were California Angels manager Buck Rodgers and Oakland Athletics manager Tony La Russa. Nixon noted the presence of Rodgers, who is recovering from the Angels' bus crash.

"He's in a wheelchair," Nixon said. "You can now see why I'm against busing."

The 500 guests — who paid up to \$500 a ticket — dined on California fruit and avocado salad, pasta Lasorda, chilled poached Alaska salmon Belview and all-time great baked baseball cake, which was shaped like a ball and had Nixon's initials in red glaze.

As the guests sat under an air-conditioned white tent with an artificial turf floor, Dodger Stadium organist Nancy Bea Hefley and the USC Trojan Marching Band entertained.

"Just to make it clear that we're non-partisan, of all the greats, there are more from Arkansas than anywhere else," Nixon said. "And when I talked with the USC band, I spent more time with the saxophonist than anyone else."

David Eisenhower, Nixon's son-in-law, introduced the greats and the 37th president, whom he advised in picking the teams.

"I vetoed a few. He vetoed me a lot," Nixon said. "To veto a president is something."

Nixon talked about how Joe DiMaggio homered on July 4, 1936, the first major league game Nixon attended. While he was in Washington, Nixon was a fan of the Washington Senators, a perennial loser.

Fignon grabs stage victory before Alps

MULHOUSE, France (AP) — Laurent Fignon, a two-time winner of the Tour de France, returned to the spotlight Wednesday while three-time winner Greg LeMond struggled to keep up with the leaders.

Fignon won the 11th stage of the Tour, the last leg before the only rest day of this year's race. He broke away from the pack about 36 miles from the end of the 155-mile stage.

It was the ninth stage victory for Fignon, who has had ups and downs since winning in 1983 and 1984. Twice since he had to drop out. He moved to an Italian team this year after being France's hope for a number of years but never fulfilling it after 1984.

Pascal Lino of France held the lead for the ninth consecutive day with a 1-minute, 27-second lead over defending champion Miguel Indurain of Spain. But the Tour hits the mountains on Friday and Lino is expected to fade.

Jesper Skibby of Denmark dropped from the top leaders and everyone moved up a notch or two.

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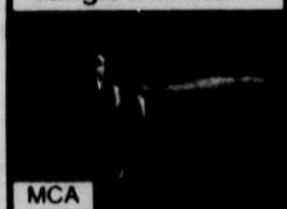


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