



Courtesy photo

Eric Roesinger, Valdila Kungys, Grahm Simpson and Ryan Carlson (from right) rode to second-place Saturday at UC-Davis.

## Cycling team glides to second place

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Amid gray skies and a terrible crosswind, the University cycling team rode into second place in the team time trials at UC Davis last weekend, falling just four seconds short of the pace set by highly-touted Stanford.

The four-man Oregon squad sprinted to the second-fastest time of the day in Saturday's team time trial, bested only by nationally-ranked Stanford.

Oregon and Stanford compiled five of the top seven places in the individuals competition and looked to be a step ahead of

the pack before Sunday's criterium race. Oregon's Eric Roesinger and Valdila Kungys took sixth and seventh place respectively in Saturday morning's 15-mile individual time trial.

"Stanford had done so well in the individuals, we knew that they were going to be the team to beat in the team competition," Kungys said.

In Sunday's Class A criterium race, Oregon teammates Graham Simpson and Kungys broke away from the pack on the seventh lap and were able to sustain the quickened pace for the remainder of the race. Racing

against such accomplished cycling programs as UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, Chico State and Nevada-Reno, the Oregon duo cruised to second and fourth place, respectively.

"We were basically the underdogs out there," Simpson said.

The strong wind and chilling temperatures turned the 35-mile race into a grueling hour and a half long competition. The 44-lap event circled the UC Davis campus and served as the finale of the two-day competition.

Although Oregon had two riders crack the top five, they were kept off the podium because it was a non-conference race.

"We were surprised to hear that they weren't going to give us medals," said team coordinator Robert Shigeta. "We were told later that we were able to participate in the competition, but we were not able to collect any conference championship points."

Oregon's first conference race will be on April 1 and 2 at Washington State.

"Our big goal of this year is to win our conference and go to the National Collegiate Championships Memorial Day weekend in Reno, Nevada," Simpson said.

## Barkley's simply gone a little too far this time



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I have never really questioned Charles Barkley's assertion that he is not a role model. I have never listened to those who dismissed Barkley because of his obnoxious behavior. I have just taken him with a grain of salt and watched him play basketball.

In fact, I remember reading a sports column that lashed out at Barkley for his comments, and I thought what a waste of good newspaper space that was. I have even gone as far as musing over some of Barkley's far-fetched comments.

But I was wrong on every count.

I was wrong in assuming that the controversy was over-publicized and that athletes should not be spoon-fed the role of mentor. Because whether they like it or not, they are in the spotlight. Also, I was wrong in believing that Barkley was not doing anything wrong by saying that a child's only role model should be his or her mother or father — after all, if that were the truth, some children wouldn't have anyone to look up to at all.

All it took for me to realize that I was wrong about Barkley was last weekend's NBA All-Star game.

In response to a heated interview, Barkley was heard saying "that's why I hate white people." He told reporters he was just joking around with Barry Bloom, a friend and reporter who is white.

So in one idiotic instance, Barkley coughed up a racial slur and passed it off as humor.

Real funny, Charles.

Let me just put this in perspective. If I wrote a column said "that's what I hate about black people" or "that's what I hate about Jewish people," I would have the Black Student Union or the Jewish Student Union knocking down my door, and rightfully so.

But the difference is, I wouldn't do that. Most open-minded, rational people wouldn't do that. Barkley, however, did.

Unfortunately, Barkley has taken the world of sports down one more level in the eyes of its critics. He has contributed to the growing opinion that sports figures should not be role models.

Personally, I think athletes are generally a terrific group to look up to. As a child, I idolized my favorite baseball players, and these guys kept me from getting into a lot of things that could have really skewed the direction that my life has gone.

People like Blazers center Chris Dudley and former Seattle Mariner second baseman Harold Reynolds, both of whom not only excel at athletics but help the communities around them, are great

### Tyson's release set

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson has been a model prisoner and deserves to be credited for all of the good-behavior time he has coming, Indiana's prison commissioner said.

As a result, Tyson will be released from the Indiana Youth Center in Plainfield on March 25, his original release date before he was disciplined early in his six-year prison term, officials said Monday.

Tyson's release date had been set back to May 9, after he was disciplined in May 1992 for threatening a guard and for disorderly conduct.

The Indiana Department of Correction, decided recently to lift the added penalty days after discussing Tyson's case with staff who supervise adult discipline in the prison system, department spokeswoman Pam Pattison said Monday.

### Former Beaver dies of heart disease

PORTLAND (AP) — Jack "Mad Dog" O'Billovich, an all-American linebacker who played in Oregon State's last Rose Bowl team, has died of heart disease at the age of 54.

O'Billovich played for the Beavers in 1963 through 1965. He was part of coach Tommy Prothro's 1964 team that compiled an 8-3 record and lost to Michigan 34-7 in the 1965 Rose Bowl.

### On this date

1974 — Boston's Phil Esposito scores his 1,000th point with an assist as the Bruins beat the Vancouver Canucks 4-2.

1975 — Yvan Cournoyer of the Montreal Canadiens scores 5 goals and 2 assists in a 12-3 rout of the Chicago Black Hawks.

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