



## Decathletes pave way for rest of Ducks

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In an age where multi-sport athletes are giving way to single-sport stars, Ray Livingston and Kanon Vanderhoff highlight an elite group of individuals who can, to say the very least, do it all.

Livingston and Vanderhoff are two of Oregon's four decathletes who will compete at the Pacific-10 Conference Multi Events this weekend in Tucson, Ariz., marking the start of team scoring in the conference championships.

That means that while most of the Oregon men's track and field team competes in front of a home-town crowd at the Oregon Twilight this weekend, Livingston and Vanderhoff — along with senior Jeremy Williams and sophomore Paul Pappas — will be battling conference rivals in ten different events, vying for precious conference points.

"It is the call of duty — you have to do what you have to do," Livingston said. "We get to look at and compete on the grounds that we will be competing on [next week individually], so we will have that extra advantage — with the disadvantage that we will probably be a bit more sore and tired. But as decathletes we are prepared for that."

Vanderhoff, a Eugene native and senior transfer from Louisiana State, won the pole vault and long jump state titles in his senior year at South Eugene High School, spurning the start of his decathlon career. Likewise, Livingston, who is two years younger than his



Senior Kanon Vanderhoff and junior Ray Livingston look to score big points at the Pacific-10 Conference Multi Events this weekend in Tucson, Ariz.

teammate, won the state long jump and pole vault titles in his senior year at Gresham High School.

"I did a lot of events in high school, and the decathlon was just the next step, putting them all together," Livingston said.

But according to Vanderhoff, the biggest reason for becoming a decathlete was variety.

"I think that both of us are just good at a lot of things," Vanderhoff said. "I don't like to

practice one event. If I was just a long-jumper, I would get burnt out. I just like doing all of the other events. The decathlon is just a lot of fun."

On March 25, that fun turned into performances for both of the standouts that have all but paved their way to the NCAA Championships in Knoxville, Tenn., later this month. At the Sacramento meet, Livingston scored an incredible 7,472 points while Vanderhoff

notched an equally impressive 7,445 points, only four points off his personal best mark. Those performances were good for the best in the conference this season.

"[Those marks] will definitely take off some of the pressure of 'Will I qualify for nationals?' because we are already going," Livingston said. "So we only have to worry about doing the best we can to get our PRs."

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## Former Husky Perkins sentenced in Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A professional basketball career appears unlikely now for Prentiss Perkins, a former University of Washington player who was once considered among the best basketball talents in Minnesota.

Ramsey County District Judge Joanne Smith on Tuesday sentenced the one-time standout player for St. Paul's Concordia College to four years in prison on a cocaine charge.

Perkins, 22, must serve at least three years before becoming eligible for parole.

He pleaded guilty to possessing and

intending to sell cocaine and to fourth-degree assault for punching a police officer in the face. The charges stemmed from his arrest Dec. 21.

Susan Hudson, assistant Ramsey County attorney, expressed surprise that "a person with so many opportunities would throw them all away."

Perkins also failed to take responsibility for his actions and pointed the finger of blame at others, Smith said. She said it was time he admitted, "I screwed up."

Smith noted that Perkins' mother had worked long hours at two jobs to support

him, but she denied his request to remain free until after Mother's Day.

Perkins was a star player for Minneapolis Henry High School, then played junior college basketball at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton before going to the University of Washington in Seattle.

After he was convicted of a misdemeanor sex offense involving a University of Oregon student at the University Inn in October 1993, Perkins was booted off the Washington team. He returned to the Twin Cities, where Concordia College gave him another chance.

## 'His Airness' deflated despite media hype, 'blind' fans



MARK McTYRE

Don't believe the hype. No one man in all the world can be as good as what they make this so-called superman to be. Yes, he can defy gravity, and yes, he can score. And yes, his team has won three

championship titles with him present and none without. But is No. 45 (or the new No. 23 after Wednesday night's game) as magical as the old No. 23 used to be?

I don't think so. In his prime, Michael Jordan was the king of all kings. With Larry Bird and Magic Johnson stepping down from their respective thrones, "His Airness" was all alone at the top. Nobody was left to take the NBA upon their shoulders except him.

So there he reigned. Jordan established himself as

the ambassador to Chicago and king of the sports world. The NBA titles began to roll in and so did the glory. He continued to rack up the scoring titles as well as the television commercial appearances. He promoted Wheaties, Gatorade, McDonalds, even a cheese-ball hot dog commercial. And let us not forget he played horse and danced with another famous MJ in a music video.

No other basketball player, or athlete for that matter, had ever gotten the kind of coverage that Jordan received. For Larry and Magic, the biggest commercial

during their heyday was one for Converse. If I remember correctly, they rapped to a funky 1980s beat with Kevin McHale and James Worthy.

As Jordan's stock kept rising on the court and in the marketplace, the media brought his gambling ventures to the forefront. Although Jordan was never found to be in the wrong with any of the NBA policies for his gambling, it is thought by many that he endured pressure from the league to keep his gambling to a minimum or else.

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### Golf legend Hogan in fair condition

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Golfing great Ben Hogan, no stranger to medical comebacks, remained in fair and stable condition Wednesday after undergoing emergency tumor surgery.

Hogan, 82, was in the intensive care unit of All Saints Hospital. His wife of more than 50 years, Valerie Hogan, said her husband is doing fine after the surgical procedure.

"The doctors all say he's doing remarkably well," Valerie Hogan said. "They removed all of the tumor and said he'll be fine. It's just going to take a few weeks to get his strength back."

Dr. Peter Rutledge removed a tumor Monday during a six-hour operation.

### Women golfers begin regional action

The Oregon women begin play today in the 1995 Women's Golf West Regional at the Randolph North Golf Course in Tucson, Ariz.

The three-day event features 20 teams vying for 11 available spots in the NCAA Championships, which will take place in Wilmington, N.C., May 24-27.

The Ducks, who placed fifth at this year's Pacific-10 Conference tournament, are one of eight Pac-10 representatives in this year's West region.

East regional action also begins today at Quail Ridge Golf Course in Memphis, Tenn., with 19 schools competing for seven spots in the NCAA Championships.

### Softball team completes season

Oregon wrapped up its 1995 softball regular season with an 11-2 victory over Oregon Tech Tuesday night.

Nine different Ducks notched hits in a 13-hit attack, and pitcher Kim Kamper evened her record at 20-20 as the Ducks finished the campaign at 25-26 overall and 12-15 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Shortstop Kathy Stahl went 3-for-4 at the plate with three doubles, while right fielder Angie LeRoy and second baseman Jennifer Apfelbaum added two hits apiece.

Freshman pinch-hitter Allison Nihei blasted her first home run as a Duck in the seventh inning to seal the deal.