

Hansen: Instant replay still not a bad idea

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winners of these two brackets will meet in the Final Four, with the winner moving on to the championship game.

One would think that the selection committee would design the brackets so that the top two teams in the nation have a chance of battling it out for the national title.

UMass (31-1) held the top spot for nine consecutive weeks earlier this season until dropping to No. 2 behind Kentucky — which was the top-ranked team at the start of the season — for the final two weeks.

The Minutemen regained the No. 1 spot during the weekend when the Wildcats (28-2) lost their second game of the season and fell back into second place.

Logical thinking would dic-

tate that the marquee match-up would be one against two.

But maybe that is also the answer. Maybe logical thinking isn't as much a factor as should be expected.

On another logical note, the NFL owners are currently holding their annual spring meetings. One of the many things on their agenda is the return of the instant replay.

A possible vote could be taken later in the week on a modified version of instant replay.

This new and improved system would allow for calls to be overturned only in cases of scoring, out-of-bounds and change of possession plays, and putting ultimate control to reverse calls in the hands of the head official on the field.

This sounds too much like

the old system, one that didn't allow for the penalty that mattered most to be reviewed and overturned.

But I have an idea of how to improve it.

Each team should be allotted two per half and can have any call reviewed by instant replay. This would eliminate those times a suspect penalty disallows a first down in field goal range with seconds to go and a team down by two points.

This way, instant replay is a more strategic part of the game, with the coaches being the ones accountable and the referees not feeling like they are always under the hand of big brother.

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Ultimate frisbee team hosts Mud Bowl Friday

CLUB SPORTS:The Club Sports baseball team plays at Southern Oregon State today

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The Oregon Club Sports men's and women's ultimate frisbee teams will host the Henry Callahan Memorial this weekend, otherwise known as the Mud Bowl. The tournament will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Thurston High School and will last all weekend.

Twenty men's teams and 12 women's teams from Canada, Washington, Idaho and Oregon will compete in the tournament.

March 2 and 3, the men traveled to California for a tournament where they went 3-2 on the first day of competition before losing in the quarterfinals to Santa Barbara, who eventually advanced to the finals.

For the first time this term, the Club Sports women's water polo team competed in a tournament at California-Davis March 2 and 3.

The Ducks went 3-1 over the weekend, losing to Marin High School and beating the Cal-Davis B team, Diablo Valley College and Santa Cruz.

"It was a very good experience for the women's team," head coach Jess Paulson said. "After the first game we didn't just improve; we turned into a different team. We played excellent defense, [had] better shooting and counter attacked. By the end of the tournament we played very well."

Oregon's next tournament will be April 6 and 7 in Victoria, Canada.

The Club Sports men's lacrosse team split two weekend home games at South Bank Field, losing first 7-6 in overtime to undefeated Lewis and Clark on Saturday before

beating Pacific Lutheran University 8-7 on Sunday.

Jeff Erickson led the Oregon offense in both games, scoring three times in each and adding an assist against PLU. Dan Calvert led a strong defensive effort in the Lewis and Clark game and goalie Chris Barbieri collected 22 saves. Sophomore Mark Braithwaite scored the winning goal against PLU, the first goal of his career.

Saturday's loss marked the Ducks' first of the year, as Oregon now has a 4-1 record. Despite Saturday's tough loss, team coordinator Schuyler Harrison said the team is far from heartbroken.

"We're not discouraged at all about losing to Lewis and Clark," Harrison said. "It's not bad to lose in overtime to a 5-0 team."

Oregon has some time off before its next game, which is April 4 at Washington State.

The Club Sports baseball team came up winless in a three-game road trip last weekend.

Thursday afternoon, the Ducks lost 6-5 to Southern Oregon State College. It was a see-saw game, as the teams traded scoring punches all the way to the final inning. But in the bottom of the ninth, SOCC pushed through the winning run.

Starting pitcher Casey Fox went six innings, allowing two earned runs, eight hits and no walks, while striking out two. Reliever Rob Clark pitched the final inning and took the loss.

Kevin Daugherty highlighted the Ducks' offensive attack with two singles, two runs scored, one RBI and four stolen bases.

Saturday, the Ducks lost both games of a doubleheader to Southwest Oregon Community College, 11-2 and 5-4.

Game two was called after five innings because of darkness. SOCC was able to score four earned runs against Oregon pitcher Oscar Sweeten, who hurt himself with seven walks in four innings.

Oregon fell to 0-5 on the season with the losses, and will be on the road for a rematch against SOCC this afternoon.



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