

## sideline

TODAY IN SPORTS

### Oregon softball loses four games to Arizona teams

The Oregon softball team suffered four losses in Arizona over the weekend to move its record to 21-28 overall and 5-16 in Pacific-10 Conference play.

In front of 1,743 fans in Tucson on Saturday, Arizona opened the first game of the doubleheader with four runs in the first inning on its way to a 10-3 win. Lety Pindia and Jenny Dalton each hit a home run for Arizona.

Seniors Lisa Preston and Trina Salcido both had two hits for the Ducks in the first game.

In the second game, Oregon was blanked by Lisa Pitt 7-0. Dalton repeated her performance from the first game with her league-leading 21st home run.

Oregon ended its road trip on Sunday with a doubleheader against Arizona State in Tempe.

Sophomore Missy Koke led the Ducks with two hits in Oregon's 5-1 loss in the first game of the day.

Despite recording 12 hits in the second game, the Ducks were only able to score four runs in the 5-4 loss. Seniors Kathy Stahl and Kim Kampfer combined for six of Oregon's 12 hits in the second game.

Oregon will play next Saturday when it hosts Arizona at Howe Field at 1 p.m.

— Ryan Frank

### Utah dumps lifeless Blazers from NBA playoffs Sunday

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The numbers were almost laughable: 12 points in the first quarter, 24 at halftime, 38 after three quarters.

After coming back from an 0-2 deficit to force a deciding fifth game, the Portland Trail Blazers responded with the worst offensive output in NBA playoff history Sunday in a 102-64 loss to the Utah Jazz.

The 64 points broke the playoff record-low of 68 set by the New York Knicks on May 15, 1994, at Indiana. Portland also supplanted the Los Angeles Lakers' record 28-point first half on April 7, 1974, at Milwaukee.

"The Jazz were that good, and we were that bad," Portland coach P.J. Carlesimo said. "They ran out on us and controlled the game. ... They jumped on us and didn't let us get back in the game."

Utah advanced to the second round to play the San Antonio Spurs in Game 1 of the best-of-7 match up Tuesday.

## Green's offense shines in spring game

■ **SQUADS:** Head coach Mike Bellotti was impressed with both the Green and White squads

By **Andrea De Young**  
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WILSONVILLE — It looks as if the Oregon fans will have something to cheer about this fall.

The Ducks may have a lot of new faces on both the team and the coaching staff, but there is a good chance that fans will be treated to the same offensive explosion exhibited in the past few seasons.

In the annual Green versus White game, the football team showed everyone what they had achieved in four weeks of spring practice. The first-team Green squad displayed its ability to score points as it beat the White squad 48-7.

"I was encouraged," head coach Mike Bellotti said after the game. "I don't usually sit up in the press box and watch us play, and I thought overall it looked like we knew what we were doing. I thought our defense on both sides knew what they were doing. In the first half, they kept it real close. In the second half, the green team tended to dominate. I was happy with both teams."

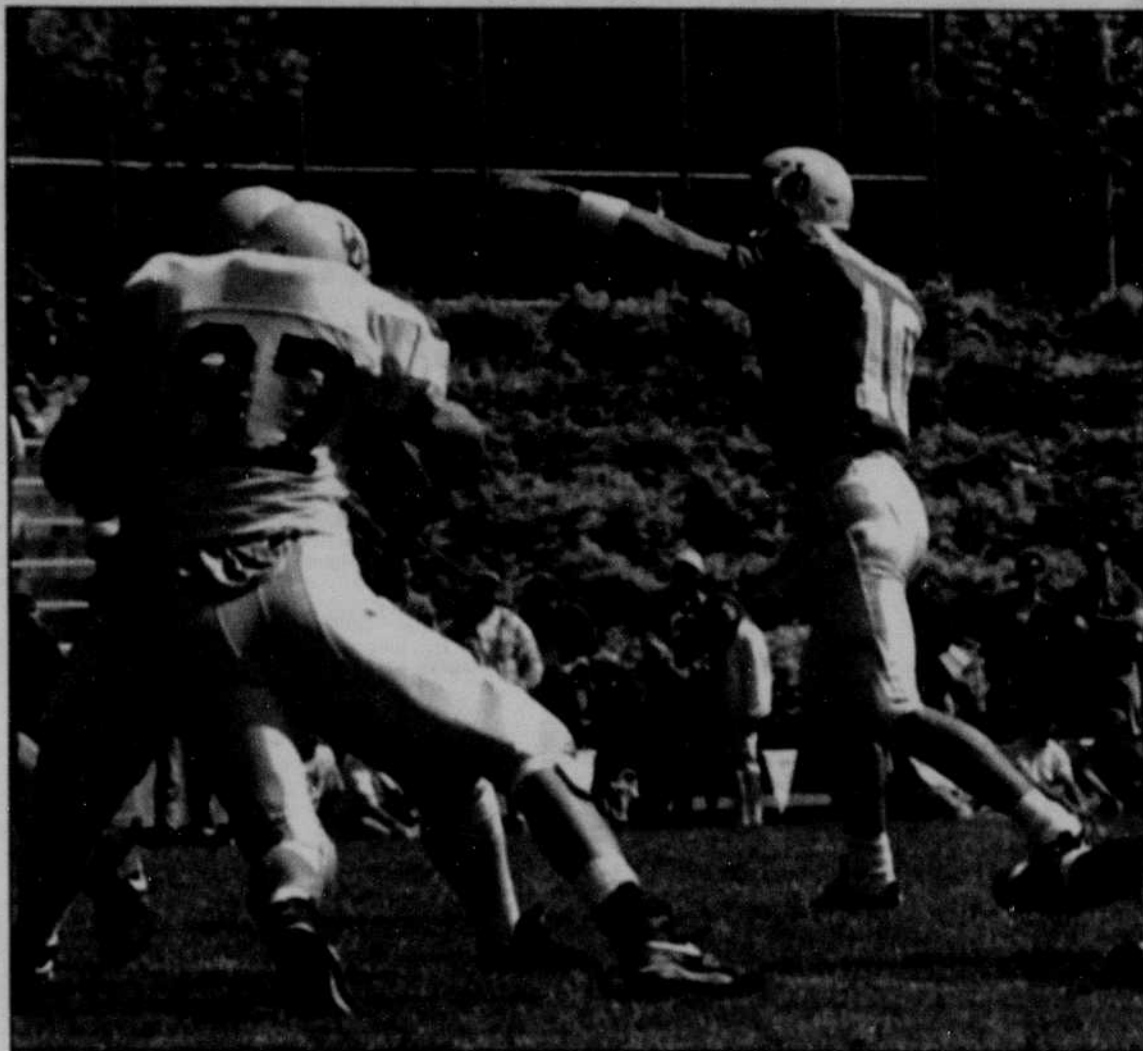
Through the first two quarters, the two squads battled it out scoring only three touchdowns combined. But when the green team came out from halftime with a 13-7 lead, there was no looking back as they scored 35 unanswered points, utilizing both the running and passing games.

Several Ducks who have spent their careers at Oregon as backups showcased their talent and their desire to start next season. Two sophomore tailbacks showed the team that they are ready to play as David Crump rushed for 63 yards and Kevin Parker ran for 76 yards and scored a touchdown. Redshirt freshman Jerry Brown also scored a touchdown on a 21-yard carry.

Four quarterbacks saw action for the two squads. Seniors Tony Graziani and Ryan Perry-Smith, sophomore Jason Maas and redshirt freshman Justin Wilcox all had the opportunity to get a feel for the new receiving squad and running backs.

The defense may be less predictable in the fall because of the

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Oregon starting quarterback Tony Graziani passes for one of his four touchdowns in the Green team's 48-7 spring football game win over the White team on Saturday.

## Competition pushes Oregon quarterbacks

By **Trevor Kearney**  
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WILSONVILLE — At the heart of any athlete's success is competition — a driving force that makes a person improve upon their previous accomplishments.

Oregon starting quarterback Tony Graziani is no different.

Graziani came into spring drills in tip-top shape after working hard in the off-season to improve his game. So hard, in fact, that he improved on all of his physical tests at the start of drills last month.

"I just hit the weight room real hard and tried to show everybody that it doesn't matter if you are a starter or a backup, you need to go out and work hard and try to get better," Graziani said.

But when the Ducks' senior quarterback left the field at Wilsonville High School after

Saturday's spring game, he left behind a tough spring marked by some serious competition from the quarterbacks under him. Led by second-string senior Ryan Perry-Smith, the crew pushed Graziani all spring long, previewing what looks to be one of the Ducks' deepest positions next year.

"It has definitely helped me. A little competition never hurt anybody," Graziani said. "[Perry-Smith] came out and played really well and it makes all of us better."

Head coach Mike Bellotti agreed, saying that Graziani got a bit of a boost from the emergence of Perry-Smith, redshirt freshman Justin Wilcox and sophomore Jason Maas, who played Saturday but was injured most of the spring.

"I think Tony was pushed this

spring," Bellotti said. "I think Ryan Perry-Smith had a very good spring and did some good things, and ultimately, competition will make you better."

"I was encouraged by Tony's performance — I think he can still get better, but he is on track for where I see him to be and where I want him to be. I expect him to get much better this year, much as Danny O'Neil did from his sophomore to his junior year. Hopefully we will see the same kind of transformation."

And not only does it make Graziani better, it makes those under him better too.

"Of course it has pushed us — it has pushed all of us, knowing there are people behind you that will push you," Perry-Smith said on Saturday. "My goal com-

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## Oregon men victorious; women upset against UW

■ **TRACK:** Both teams picked up first-place finishes in several events in Seattle on Saturday

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The head coach of the Oregon men's track and field team had a loss tentatively written for the meet against Washington. The women's team had beaten the Huskies at the Pepsi Team Invitational several weeks before and had a good chance to beat them again last weekend at the Oregon-Washington dual meet in Seattle.

But the unexpected happened on Saturday

as the Oregon men cruised out to a 104-93 victory, and the women were stunned by a talented Huskies squad, 91-89. The women's loss was the first blemish this season, ending all hope of an unprecedented 10th undefeated season during head coach Tom Heinonen's 20-year tenure at Oregon.

The men secured victory with strong performances in the sprints and distances. The Ducks swept the top two places in the 1,500- and 5,000-meter runs and garnered victories in the 100-meter dash, 800-meter run and the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Senior LaMont Woods made up for the absence of sophomore sprinter Patrick John-

son by winning the 100-meters with a season-best time of 10.71. Johnson missed the meet after re-aggravating a hamstring injury during practice last week.

Senior Karl Keska won the 1,500-meters with a time of 3-minutes, 44.5 seconds, followed closely by Oregon junior Ben Andrews, who bettered his NCAA provisional mark at 3:44.62 in a second-place finish. Junior Daniel Das Neves continued his dominance this season in the steeplechase, seniors David Gurry and Rick Cantwell finished one-two in the 5,000-meters and senior Ray Livingston posted a season-best by winning the 110-meter

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