



ON THE TUBE

Sunday, Men's College Basketball,
WSU vs. Oregon (delayed),
Fox Northwest (23), 4 p.m.

SPORTS

DAILY TRIVIA

What team won the NBA's first
lottery for the No. 1 draft pick?
See scoreboard for answer.

scoreboard

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NBA

San Antonio	84	Sacramento	100
New York	96	Charlotte	115
Indiana	104	Houston	87
New Jersey	100	Detroit	96
Boston	111	Vancouver	86
Orlando	119	Minnesota	103
Milwaukee	90		
Miami	102		

NHL

Hartford	5	Vancouver	7
Boston	3	Detroit	4
Florida	1	Dallas	4
Buffalo	1	St. Louis	6
Montreal	5	Chicago	2
Philadelphia	9	Phoenix	3

Three quality players sign letters of intent to Oregon volleyball

EUGENE — Amy Banducci, Michelle Graham and Annie Pogue have signed national letters of intent to play volleyball for the Oregon Ducks, head coach Cathy Nelson announced Thursday.

"We are very excited about this year's recruiting class. We have brought in a player at each position who should have an immediate impact on our program," Nelson said. "Not only are they outstanding athletes, but they are also very good students and outstanding people who will be a credit to the Oregon volleyball program."

Banducci, a 6-foot outside hitter, averaged 21.6 kills per match and was named to the All-CIF Southern Section first team as a senior in the state of California.

"Amy is an extremely intense competitor who raises the level of the people around her by how hard she plays," Nelson said.

Graham, a 5-foot-8 setter, was named the 1996 Central Texas Player of the Year. She also was named to the All-CenTex first team as a senior and was recognized as the district's most valuable setter.

"Michelle is an accomplished setter with a great feel for the game," Nelson said. "She should be a tremendous leader when she develops."

Pogue, a 6-foot middle blocker/right side hitter, arrives as one of northern California's top players. She was named Central Coast Section Player of the Year as a senior, while also earning state all-tournament honors after leading her team to a runner-up finish.

"Annie is an extremely quick, athletic player who moves along the net with tremendous speed," Nelson said.

Toronto pitchers take to the batting cages

DUNEDIN, Fla. (AP) — Looking ahead to the start of interleague play in June, Toronto Blue Jays' pitchers took their turns in the batting cage Thursday, 10 days before the start of spring training.

Bill Risley, Mike Timlin, Woody Williams, Paul Spoljaric and Tim Lincecum took turns, some optimistic about their batting futures and some pessimistic.

"Pitchers are athletes, they pick up this stuff quick," Risley said.

"Unbelievable," Timlin said. "I took one swing, line drive back up the middle. It's an easy game."

Toronto starts interleague play on June 13 at Philadelphia. Because the designated hitter will be used in AL ballparks, Toronto pitchers will bat at Veterans Stadium in that three-game series and against the New York Mets at Shea Stadium from Sept. 1-3.

"I was OK in the Little League cage, but in the big league cage, oh boy, I didn't touch one," Crabtree said.

DAILY TRIVIA ANSWER

In 1985, the NBA's New York Knicks won the rights to the No. 1 draft pick through the lottery.

Oregon 69, Washington 59

'Ugly win' enough for UO



MATHEW STIFFLER/Emerald

Oregon forward Andre Larry has been playing more and more minutes off the bench in recent games. Against Washington, Larry scored 10 points and had four rebounds in 16 minutes.

Ducks' defense center of attention

■ **DEFENSE:** Kyle Milling and the Oregon defense stifled the Huskies' big center rotation, keying the Ducks' win

By Chris Hansen
Sports Reporter

Washington's twin tower duo of 7-foot starting center Todd MacCulloch and 7-1 back-up Patrick Femerling were reduced to rubble Thursday night against the Ducks,

combining for only five points and eight rebounds.

MacCulloch, the hero of the Huskies' 78-77 defeat of Oregon on January 11, was held to only two points and one rebound before fouling out with seven minutes and 27 seconds left to play. Femerling grabbed seven boards and scored only three points before fouling out with under a minute to

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■ **MEN'S BASKETBALL:** A 14-3 run to open the second half gave the Ducks a comfortable lead and eventually the win

By Andrea DeYoung
Assistant Sports Editor

Just when the Oregon men's basketball team had pushed the panic button, the Ducks scored a big win over Washington, 69-59.

Oregon (13-6 overall, 4-6 in the Pacific-10 Conference) was beginning the second half of its season against the Huskies in an attempt to avenge a 78-77 loss earlier this year.

Thanks to an early second-half run, the Ducks were able to keep Washington at arms length and pull off the win. Oregon came out of the locker room and went on a 14-3 run to extend its 30-24 halftime lead to 17 points at 44-27. Thanks to a couple of layins from Kyle Milling, four points from Jamal Lawrence and two each from Kenya Wilkins and Jamar Curry, the Ducks were able to play the rest of the game with a comfortable lead.

Although the Huskies came to within nine points with 26 seconds to go, Milling and Lawrence each sank both of their free throws to give the Ducks their 69-59 final.

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Player of the Game

Oregon forward Kyle Milling won the inside battle as he not only scored 14 points and grabbed five rebounds, but also held Washington's Todd MacCulloch and Patrick Femerling to a combined five points and eight rebounds. Both Husky big men also fouled out of the game.



Quote of the Day

"I don't care [that it was an ugly win], we won. An ugly win is just as good as a pretty win. I'll play ugly games all year long if we can win."

— Kenya Wilkins
UO guard

Ducks complete season sweep of Huskies

■ **WOMEN:** The Oregon women's basketball team got 21 points from Arianne Boyer in the 67-63 win

By Ryan Frank
Sports Reporter

The Oregon women's basketball team started off the second half of its Pacific-10 Conference season on the right foot Thursday night.

The Ducks defeated the Washington Huskies 67-63 in front of 3,517 fans in Seattle for their second win of the season over their Northwest rival.

Oregon forward Arianne Boyer keyed the Ducks' win with a game-high 21 points and five rebounds.

But the Huskies (10-8 overall, 5-5 Pac-10) gave Oregon plenty of help.

The Huskies shot 3-of-12 from three-point range in the second half and shot just 32.8 percent for the game.



After Washington closed the first half with a 32-31 lead, they opened up a seven-point lead in the second half with 16:05 remaining, the largest lead of the game for either team. But the Ducks responded. Guard Lisa Bowyer hit a three-pointer, and center Renae Fegent followed with a bucket of her own to put the Ducks ahead for good, 56-54.

Fegent finished the game with 14 points and six rebounds.

Oregon (14-5, 7-3) will now travel to Pullman to take on Washington State (8-11, 2-8) on Saturday. The Ducks defeated Washington State 80-46 earlier this season.