

Frank: Giants surprise the NL west

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was just toying with the rest of the league by losing three of its final four or if the Bulls are actually slumping for the first time in two seasons. Chances are they were just toying with the rest of the league.

The NFL Draft, the lone event that keeps ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. employed, took place last weekend, and three former Ducks had their names called.

Kenny Wheaton, who left the Ducks after his junior season, suffered from slow 40-yard sprint times at NFL workouts (consistently 4.7) and an extremely talented crop of cornerbacks. The former Duck dropped to the end of the third round, 94th overall.

Tony Graziani was a surprise after he recovered from the knee injury he suffered last season. He will be reunited with former Oregon head coach Rich Brooks in Atlanta as he was selected by the Falcons with the third pick in the seventh round.

Finally, there is baseball.

Surprise, surprise, Atlanta is off to a quick start at 13-4. But what is a surprise is the Giants' start.

With their win over Florida Sunday, the Giants have won nine in a row and are leading the National League west at 13-3.

And in the American League, Seattle's bullpen struggled at the start of the season, which was expected, but the Mariners jumped on Ken Griffey Jr.'s back and have won nine of their last 11 games.

Griffey's home run in Seattle's 10-6 win Sunday was his ninth of the season.

Maybe as soon as Griffey starts to slow down and the NBA and NHL playoffs are over, I'll have enough time to be able to pass my 12 credits.

Ryan Frank is a sports editor for the Emerald. His views do not necessarily represent those of the paper. His column appears every Monday in the Emerald.

Ducks rained out at OSU, play at home today

The Oregon softball team's doubleheader with Oregon State was rained out Saturday in Corvallis. The game was postponed, but no date was set for the makeup games at press time.

If the weather cooperates, the Ducks will play Simon Fraser in a single game at 3 p.m. at Howe Field. Oregon is 8-0 against the Canadian university, winning a doubleheader 4-3 and 10-6 the last time the two teams met in 1995.

Simon Fraser has a trio of hitting stars in Tina Papatolis, Tracey

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Snedden and Michelle Shute, who are batting .484, .452 and .415 respectively.

The Simon Fraser pitching staff holds a team 1.30 ERA and has six shutouts on the season.

Jennie Cook will likely get the start on the mound for the Ducks.

Oregon will get back into Pacific-10 Conference action Wednesday at Washington in a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m.

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