

CLUB SPORTS

Crew crashes at regatta in Seattle

Head coach Phil Holmes was excited just to be participating in Saturday's Opening Day Regatta in Seattle, hosted by the Washington Huskies.

His boats had performed well throughout the season and had earned two spots in the prestigious event, including one in the previously untreaded waters of the women's varsity eight, in which the Ducks had yet to compete this season.

"They were half novice, half varsity," Holmes said, "and they were doing much better than I had expected."

However, the end of the race was just as unexpected.

With the coxswain in the front of the eight-woman boat, instead of the rear as in fours, she could monitor only the stroke of the crew and missed seeing the buoy that broke the boat's rigger, which

holds the oar-lock in place. The women had to drop out of the race.

"I had no idea what to expect from that race," Holmes said, "but they were winning at that point."

In Oregon's only other race of the day, the men's varsity four placed fourth in a field of seven. Washington took the top two spots, and Western Washington continued to beat the Ducks, taking third to finish one spot above Oregon for the third straight race.

Baseball team ends regular season 10-15

With just one week remaining before the Pacific Coast Conference Tournament, the Club baseball team was looking to finish strong.

That notion was quickly eliminated when Northwest Christian College failed to secure a field for Saturday's doubleheader, making Sunday's twin-bill with Western

Washington the Ducks' only chance to gain playoff momentum.

Right-hander Chris Corda (2-3) pitched his fifth complete game of the year, allowing five runs on nine hits as the Ducks lost 5-1. Lee McGuckin was 2-for-3 with two doubles and Mike Jeffries was 2-for-3 with an RBI. McGuckin and Jeffries recorded all four of Oregon's hits.

Game two featured Oregon ace Mike Ross, who had a great outing spoiled in the 3-2 loss.

The game was scoreless through six innings until the Ducks broke through in top of the seventh. After a lead-off walk, Jeffries singled the runner to third, and Ben Long knocked him in and advanced to second on the throw.

The Western pitcher then uncorked a wild pitch, allowing both runners to score as the ball rolled under a bench. However, it was discovered that Oregon play-

ers had accidentally moved the bench into play before the game and the second runner was called out.

The ruling erased a run and gave Ross a 2-0 lead entering the bottom of the seventh.

Ross coaxed the first hitter into a pop out, but the second hitter tripled. An error by the right fielder allowed him to score and Matt Palaferri was called on to relieve.

A double put runners on second and third, and a wild pitch allowed both to advance, tying the game at 2-2. A single completed the comeback as Western won a heartbreaker, 3-2.

Palaferri took the loss, allowing one run on two hits. Ross went 6 1/3, giving up an earned run on four hits and one walk.

UO cyclist reaches nationals in Wash.

Cycling team captain Ryan Carlson overcame a poor start on

a rain-soaked course Saturday in Washington to become the first Oregon cyclist to qualify for the national championships.

His brother Erik hopes to become the second to qualify later in the week.

"It was a big relief to get the qualifying out of the way last weekend," Carlson said. "It was a hilly course and the rainy conditions made it even more difficult."

Oregon sent three riders to the Tri-Cities race, but failed to have a rider finish in the top three.

Saturday's race was the final event of the Northwest Collegiate Cycling Conference season.

Erik Carlson will find out later this week if he'll be joining his brother at nationals in Durango, Colo. on May 24.

— compiled by Rob Moseley and Joel Hood

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seventh with Croskrey, Rory Sabbatini of Arizona, Charles Kingsbaker of Oregon State and teammate Scott Johnson. All of those players ended the day with 143.

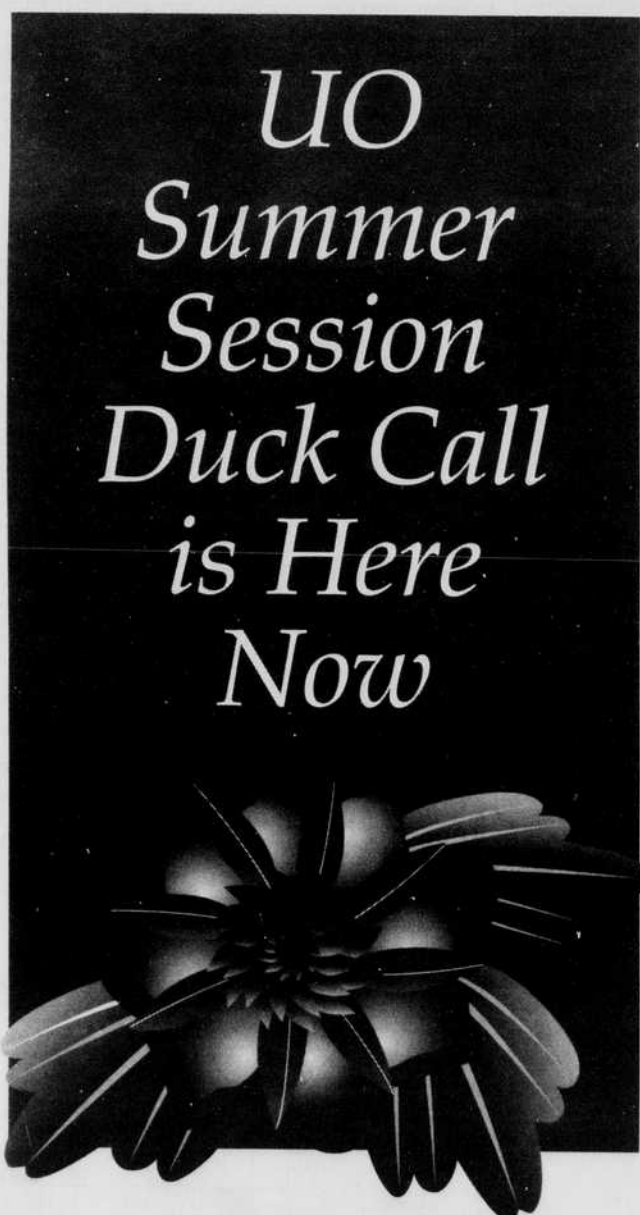
Teams falling behind early like UCLA, Washington and Washington State may find it difficult trying to get back into the hunt over the next two rounds with the leaders playing so well.

"The kind of teams that we have here, you can't get

yourself eight or 10 strokes back because it's tough to make up," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "You've got to play tough every round."

That is exactly what Oregon has been doing to get its lead, but the pack of hungry wolves not far behind the Ducks won't go down without a fight, especially with two rounds left to be played.

Play continues today at 8 a.m. with 18 holes on the schedule and the final 18 will be played on Wednesday also starting at 8 a.m.



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Rhode Island picks Harrick as coach

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Jim Harrick, who coached UCLA to the 1995 NCAA basketball title before being fired in a recruiting scandal, has accepted a contract offer from Rhode Island, a source in the Rams' athletic department confirmed today.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press Harrick

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agreed to a three-year contract with a base salary of \$125,000 and incentives making it worth up to about \$250,000.

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