

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Men's golf team in 8th after two rounds

Ben Crane shot a 142 over the first 36 holes to lead Oregon to an eighth-place tie with Stanford at the Ping Arizona Intercollegiate on Monday.

Crane's score was good enough for 10th place overall, and placed the Ducks 25 shots

off the first-place pace of UNLV, which leads the tournament with a score of 563.

AMHERST, N.Y. (AP) — Oregon's Jeremy Ensrud lost to Iowa's Mark Ironside, the nation's No. 1 wrestler at 134 pounds, lost an 18-7 major decision Monday night at the National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Star Classic in Buffalo, N.Y.

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# Finley: 300th win came last season

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hear him announce it. We need to do our best to stay focused on the rest of the season. Maybe we'll dedicate the season to Finley."

Finley's 28-year record is 309-186-8, a .622 winning percentage. He was named conference coach of the year in 1975 following a first-place finish in the Pac-8 and again in 1982 after taking first in the Pac-10.

But injuries have taken their toll on the Oregon wrestling team this season, and it has been frustrating for the 57-year-old Finley, who thought before the season began that this team could be his best ever.

"I see things turning around for Oregon and for the sport across the country," Finley said. "Our program is in sound shape, and I think that it will remain so."

Oregon has shown, when healthy, that it's a top-10 caliber team that can wrestle with some of the best teams in the country. The Ducks have recorded wins over No. 3 Minnesota, No. 5 Arizona State, No. 7 Nebraska and No. 21 West Virginia in tournament play earlier this season.

True to his career, Finley's team has certainly had more high points than low.

He recorded his 300th career victory with a 21-15 win over Southern Oregon last season. The milestone victory came en route to an 11-5 season that ended with a tie for 14th at the NCAA Championships, the best finish for the Ducks since 1991.

The Newberg native was a two-time Pacific Coast Conference champion at Oregon State and an NCAA runner-up in 1961. He was a member of the U.S. World Championship team four times and placed as high as fourth in both 1962 and 1963. Finley won a gold medal at the 1963 Pan American Games in freestyle

competition and earned fourth-place honors in the 1964 Olympic Games in Greco-Roman.

He took over the head coaching job at Oregon in 1970 after serving as wrestling coach at Reedsport High School from 1967 to 1969. Before that he was a graduate assistant at Oregon State.

He hasn't ruled out working with the team in some capacity next season.

"I think coaching at Oregon is one of the best jobs in the country," Finley said. "I don't think anyone will be able to get rid of me quite so easy. I think I can still be of help in some areas."

Perhaps Finley's biggest honor came in 1984, when he was selected USA Wrestling's Coach of the Year after directing the United States' Olympic Greco-Roman team to four medals, including two golds, in Los Angeles.

"He is a legend in the world of wrestling and in the hallowed hall of Oregon athletics," athletic director Bill Moos said. "We will miss him dearly."

His announcement came on the heels of a difficult three-match road trip that dropped the Ducks from second place in the conference to fourth after a 27-12 loss to No. 5 Arizona State and a 18-18 tie to Boise State last weekend.

Injuries forced the Ducks to forfeit the 118-pound match and make a late substitution at 177 pounds against the Sun Devils on Friday. And another forfeit against Boise State on Saturday led to the tie. The Ducks lost an injury-filled match to rival Oregon State two weeks earlier.

"It's hard to compete when guys are getting sick," Morgan said. "But we're entering the main stretch of the season and need to stay focused. It's what you do at the end of the season that people remember."

## Quotable

*"This just feels like the right time to step down, and let somebody have a chance. A coach should never stay in a program so long that he becomes ineffective."*

**Ron Finley**

UO wrestling head coach

*"He's a legend in the world of wrestling and in the hallowed hall of Oregon athletics."*

**Bill Moos**

UO athletic director

*"I had heard rumors he might retire at the end of the season. But I was still surprised to hear him announce it. We need to do our best to stay focused on the rest of the season. Maybe we'll dedicate the season to Finley."*

**Sean Morgan**

UO 158-pound wrestler

# Backs: Wednesday first day to sign

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His decision has come down to UCLA, Texas, Arizona State and Oregon. His high school coach has said UCLA has been dropped from the running, but speculation last week was he was ready to commit to the Bruins.

It appears none of the other three running backs will commit until Foster does. Each guy aspires to be a team's No. 1 back and wouldn't want to follow Foster wherever he goes.

Oregon has already signed Foster's high school teammate, offensive lineman Corey Alston-Chambers, which could factor into Foster's signing. Word is Oregon is very much in the running for Foster.

Herman Ho-Ching, who visited the University campus the weekend of Jan. 21, is considered the second best running back of the four. Ho-Ching, 6-2, 200, is out of Long Beach Poly High School, where he rushed for 1,480 yards and 26 touchdowns.

He is still considering offers from Washington State, Arizona State and Oregon.

Reports last week stated Willie Huarst from Compton, Calif., had orally committed to Washington, but he has since said those reports were not true. According to reports this week, he limited his decision to Oregon State, Washington and Oregon.

Jelani Harrison is the fourth running back still considering the Ducks. He is the fastest of the four, with a 40-yard dash time of 4.4 seconds. He has narrowed his decision to Oregon and Washington State.

Should Foster go elsewhere, it is believed Ho-Ching or Harrison would then sign with the Ducks.

Wednesday is the first day of the college football signing period.

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# St. Jean testifies at Sprewell hearing

David Stern and P.J. Carlesimo are both expected to testify later this week

By Chris Sheridan  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Four days and roughly 3,000 miles removed from when he first expected to testify, Golden State general manager Garry St. Jean finally got to talk Monday as the Latrell Sprewell arbitration case resumed.

St. Jean, who waited in Portland for two days last week but was never called to testify, was among the first to arrive for the hearing, a

short walk from NBA headquarters.

Golden State deputy counsel Robin Baggett also was scheduled to give testimony Monday.

NBA commissioner David Stern and Warriors coach P.J. Carlesimo are expected to testify this week at the hearing, which goes at least until Thursday.

"Have a nice day," was St. Jean's only comment as he waited for an elevator to take him to the 25th floor, where arbitrator John Feerick, dean of Fordham Law School, is running the hearing.

His ruling, which is binding under the collective bargaining agreement, is expected by mid-March at the latest.

Sprewell said he returned to Oakland, Calif., over the weekend after attending all four days of the hearing last week. He said he did not watch Golden State's seven-point loss to the Chicago Bulls on Friday night.

Sprewell plans to remain in New York through All-Star weekend, although he won't be at the game because his one-year suspension prohibits him from attending NBA events.

Sprewell had the remaining three years and \$25 million of his contract terminated after he attacked Carlesimo at practice Dec. 1. The suspension was the longest non-drug penalty in league history. Sprewell has filed grievances against the NBA and the Warriors.