

Fund raising with a unique twist

The grand prize of the Club Sports sky diving team's fund raiser is a free tandem sky dive

By Eric Collins
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Seeing three men parachute into the EMU East Lawn around 1:30 p.m. Wednesday should not cause any alarm.

It won't be an ROTC exercise gone bad or a Russian takeover. It will just be the Oregon Club Sports sky diving team trying a unique way to raise money for a sport that always drains the pocket.

Members are selling raffle tickets for the grand prize of a free tandem sky dive a \$110 value. Other prizes include 30 to 40 gift certificates.

The team, however, is not just drawing names for the top prize. Ticket buyers will place their names on paper plates and then plant them on the roped-off lawn. As the sky divers touch the ground, whichever plate the first sky diver lands on will become the grand prize winner.

Golnaz Tahsini, a member of the team, said all three skydivers — Lewie Pettit and brothers Dave and Tim Wright — are licensed and have more than 500 jumps each. With so much experience, Tahsini said she is not concerned for the sky divers' safety.

Women's lacrosse

Not ready for a lacrosse marathon, the Oregon Club Sports women's lacrosse team fell victim to exhaustion in losses to Portland 10-2 and Lakeridge High School 6-4 Saturday afternoon at Southbank Field.

Because both teams had traveled from Portland to play only one game, the Ducks agreed to increase the length of the first game against Portland by 10 minutes per half. However, the extra 20 minutes of play, coupled with few available substitutions, wore out the team, said center Stephanie Erba.

In the second game against Lakeridge, the women played a standard 40-minute game, but Erba said Lakeridge's bench was the difference, and the weary Ducks couldn't recover.

"They kept bringing in fresh people," she said. "It was a little

disappointing as far as the scores go, but when you don't have the energy, you tend to fizzle."

Erba credited goaltender Katie Kellogg with an outstanding defensive game, considering Kellogg only started playing goalie last year.

"She was blocking shot after shot," Erba said.

Despite the outcome, Erba said the team will take the experience with them as they move into future tournaments, where they will have to play three to four games instead of just two.

Men's lacrosse

In a physical battle full of big hits and excessive penalty time, the Oregon Club Sports men's lacrosse team convincingly defeated Linfield 15-2 at Autzen Stadium on Sunday afternoon in a game that was never close.

Pouncing on the Wildcats from the beginning, the Ducks were ahead by nine at halftime and continued the barrage of scoring in the second half despite several scuffles on the field and numerous slashing and tripping penalties.

"We've had really physical games every time we've played [over the years]," said midfielder Jerry Baglien.

Both midfielder Schuyler Harrison and attackman Andrew Price chipped in three goals, while midfielders Jerry Baglien and Pat O'Donnell added two goals in what Baglien called a well-rounded offensive affair.

The Ducks (7-3) need a win against Lewis and Clark College, which they haven't beaten in four years, at 6 p.m. Saturday at Autzen Stadium in order to qualify for the playoffs. But the chance for postseason action isn't the only thing the men will be playing for.

The Ducks want the elusive Oregon Cup.

Although not a real trophy, the distinction symbolizes the best lacrosse team in Oregon in 1998.

"We're about ready to get that back," Baglien said.

Crew

Waging battles with hail, the Oregon Club Sports crew team earned several first- and second-place finishes between the men and women in the 15-team Covered Bridge Regatta at Dexter Lake on Saturday.

The men's lightweight 8, brimming with confidence after a strong showing in the San Diego Crew Classic on April 4-5, beat both the California and Washington State teams for the 2,000-meter crown.

The lightweight men's novice squad added another first-place finish by beating California.

In the women's open 4, the Ducks finished second to Oregon State, but beat Humboldt State and Lewis and Clark College in the final.

The University of Puget Sound took the women's lightweight 4 title, but the Ducks grabbed second place in beating squads from Humboldt State and the Corvallis Rowing Club.

Assistant coach Lois DeTemple said she was very pleased with the results, considering the team had a tough week of practice and was still recovering from the San Diego competition.

"It's been a rough couple of weeks," she said.

The weather was also rough on Saturday. DeTemple said hail pounded the teams during the preliminary heat of the women's open 8, but there were no rain delays.

Men's rugby

It only took one half of play for the Oregon Club Sports men's rugby team to realize they are vulnerable.

In a Saturday match in Seattle, the University of Washington was crushing the Ducks 17-0 at halftime before the Ducks rallied to finish 27-17 in their second loss of the season.

"We were really overconfident going into the game," said co-captain Cal Taylor. "This was our worst performance of the season, bar none."

The Huskies scored 24 points before the Ducks even got on the scoreboard. After rallying around the big runs of fly half Mike Grippi, the team scored 17 points. But the Huskies added a late kick to seal the win.

"At halftime everyone was shell shocked," Taylor said. "This was the first time we've ever been down [by halftime]."

"Now we are at the level where we have to come out ready to play every game," Taylor said. "We can't expect to roll over teams 31-0 like we have."

Tyson may make return as early as November

Mike Tyson has not made a decision on whether he will reapply for his boxing license

By Tim Dahlberg
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LAS VEGAS — Mike Tyson could return to the ring in November if Nevada boxing officials give him back the license they revoked for biting Evander Holyfield's ears, an adviser to Tyson said Monday.

Jeff Wald, who has been advising the former heavyweight champion since his split with promoter Don King, said a November date would probably be the earliest Tyson could fight again because of time needed to train and put together a fight.

Tyson can apply for reinstatement July 9, the first anniversary of his license being revoked by the Nevada State Athletic Commission for biting Holyfield in the third round of their June 28 heavyweight title fight.

Wald, though, said no decision has been made on whether Tyson will reapply for his license immediately. Earlier, he said it might be late August or early September before Tyson asks for his license back.

"There's been no decisions," Wald said Monday. "We're concentrating on getting his life in order now. After that we'll decide on his boxing life."

Nevada boxing officials say they have heard nothing from Tyson or his new advisers on a possible bid for his boxing license. If Tyson is rejected by the commission, he would have to wait another full year before reapplying.

"We haven't heard anything from Tyson or his advisers," commission executive director

Marc Ratner said.

With less than three months left before Tyson has a chance to get his license back, commission members say they have made no decisions on his return and have not been lobbied by anyone on Tyson's behalf.

"If it weren't for phone calls from the press, you wouldn't even know this thing was happening," said Dr. James Nave, an influential commission member. "Not one boxing person or one hotel has talked to me about this and July is not far away."

Tyson has been training in a Las Vegas gym in recent weeks as his new group of advisers tries to chart his boxing future.

Tyson, who split from King in February, claims to still have plenty of money but reportedly owes millions in taxes and has encountered cash flow problems. Tyson made \$140 million in purses in six fights since his release from prison in 1995, but half that money went to his co-managers and King, according to contracts contained in court records.

Tyson has gone to court to try and void his contracts with King and co-managers John Horne and Rory Holloway, but the legal proceedings are in their formative stages and there has been no ruling on whether he will break the contracts and fight for his new advisers.

Wald, a Hollywood agent who helped promote George Foreman's recent bouts, said there have been no decisions on possible future opponents, either. If he gets his license back, Tyson is expected to fight a mediocre opponent, then try for a third fight with Holyfield.

"Maybe the first opponent will be Don King," Wald said.

Hood: Johnson's speed makes up for size, hands

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questionable NFL size and hands.

Ahman Green, RB, Nebraska, 4.30

He has moved up the running back depth chart with his 40 time to a possible second-round pick, but question marks surround his intensity and attitude.

3. Tony Simmons, WR, Wisconsin, 4.33

In other years, Simmons would be a hot commodity. But with so many speedy wide outs in this year's draft, he will likely drop to a mid-third- or fourth-round pick.

4. Jacquez Green, WR, Florida, 4.38
Rated the second best receiver

behind Marshall's Randy Moss, Green's 40 time more than made up for his questionable hands at the combine, scouts said.

5. Kevin Dyson, WR, Utah, 4.40

Kiper has Dyson rated the top wide receiver because of his 6-1, 195-pound frame. He's bigger than Green and Johnson and is predicted to be the second wide out taken in the first round.

John Avery, RB, Mississippi, 4.40

Rated as the No. 88 prospect in the draft on ESPN's Web site, Avery will most likely see time as a return specialist, Kiper said.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Mariners fire pitching coach

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners, who have not had a save from their bullpen this season, fired pitching coach Nardi Contreras on Monday.

He was replaced by Stan Williams, the team's advance scout. Williams is a former pitching coach with the Cincinnati Reds and New York Yankees.

The AL West champions last year, the Mariners

are 3-8 this season, matching their worst start ever.

The Mariners were swept by the Boston Red Sox in a three-game series that ended Sunday. In two of those games, the Mariners were leading going into the ninth inning, but their relievers failed to hold on.

"I felt it was time to try a different approach," manager Lou Piniella said of the reason for the switch in coaches.

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