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Ducks in middle of pack after first round

Paula Patterson led the Ducks with an opening round score of 75

By Tim Pyle
Sports Reporter

On a course that they had never played before a Sunday practice round, the Oregon women's golf team struggled to a fifth-place standing after the first round of the Pacific-10 Championships in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., on Monday.

"We just didn't finish very well," Oregon head coach Renee Baumgartner said. "We played the last three holes 11 over between the five girls."

Senior Paula Patterson, who is ranked No. 35 in the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings, led the Ducks with a 75 through 18 holes that ties her for 13th place individual-

ly. Patterson is six strokes behind the first-round leader, Arizona's Jenna Daniels.

Daniels paced the Wildcats to the top of the team standings as well. Arizona's 290 gives it a six-shot lead over Arizona State heading into today's second round at the 6,120-yard, par-72 Tijeras Creek Golf Club.

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Southern California shot a 302 to land it in third place, and Washington's 303 is good for fourth. The Ducks' 309 puts them 19 strokes behind the Wildcats.

"It's a very challenging course," Baum-

gartner said. "There are a lot of hazards and a lot of tricky shots. It's a good course because if you hit good shots, you get rewarded. But if you hit poor shots, then it's going to cost you two or three shots."

The bottom half of the first-day standings are bunched with UCLA claiming sixth place at 311, Washington State and Stanford tied for seventh at 313, Oregon State in ninth at 316, and California looking up from last place with a 317.

Daniels has a three-shot lead over Hilary Homeyer of Stanford and Jeanne Marie Busuttill of Arizona State. The Wildcats' Jill

Round 1

■ OREGON:	
Patterson	75
■ INDIVIDUAL:	
Daniels, Ariz.	69
■ TOP 5 TEAMS:	
1. Arizona	290
2. ASU	296
3. USC	302
4. Wash.	303
5. Oregon	309

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Former Ducks find perfect homes in NFL

Baltimore receivers coach Richard Mann says the Ravens will use Pat Johnson's speed on special teams next season

By Joel Hood
Sports Reporter

It took nearly six hours for Pat Johnson to hear his name called in Saturday's National Football League draft. And although he went lower than some experts had predicted, Johnson said he may have landed in the perfect situation to start his NFL career.

The pass-happy Baltimore Ravens selected the former Oregon football and track star with the 12th selection in the second round, making him the 42nd overall pick and the sixth wide receiver selected.

This is a good spot for Johnson, who Raven coaches said they expect big things from next season, and who could be inserted into an offense that ranked fifth in the NFL in passing and which lost its best receiver, Derrick Alexander, to Kansas City this offseason.

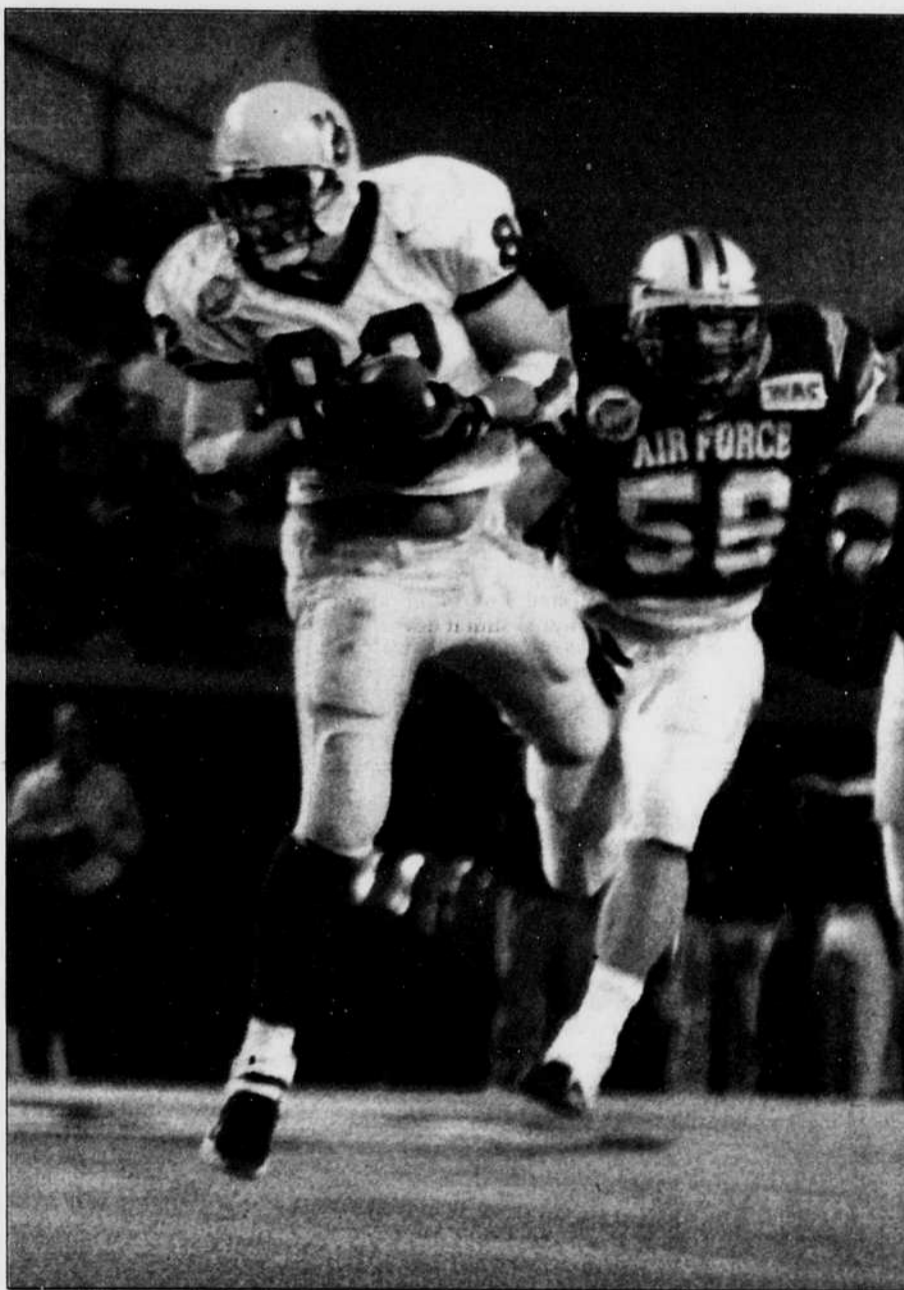
Ravens' receivers coach Richard Mann said Monday that he expects Johnson's first contributions to come on special teams.

"He's got a lot of upside," Mann said about Johnson. "He's got the one thing you can't coach — speed. We'll use him on special teams right away, and I expect him to star in that area."

"But we're not going to throw him into the fire at wide receiver. We want to work with him a little and get him used to playing in our system."

Some of Johnson's training will come Thursday when he will attend the Ravens' first mini-camp in Baltimore. The camp,

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Spence was voted an Honorable Mention All-American by Football News last season after he led Oregon tight ends with 38 receptions and 632 yards.

Blazers drive fans crazy with inconsistency

Forget the Denver Nuggets and their 11 wins. Forget the Golden State Warriors, who endured a miserable season and the whole Latrell Sprewell incident with just 19 wins. Forget the troubles of Vancouver and Toronto and other franchises severely down on their luck. Forget the underachieving bunch in Milwaukee, as well as those in Houston and Washington.

Speaking from a fan's standpoint, the Portland Trailblazers' recently concluded season had to be the most frustrating season in the NBA.

Yeah, teams like Denver, Golden State, Toronto, Vancouver, Dallas and Philadelphia didn't win much, and their seasons can be deemed miserable. But at least they just weren't any good. They were bad from the time training camp got underway in October until the season wrapped up over the weekend.

The Blazers, who begin the playoffs in Los Angeles against the Lakers on Friday, had to be one of the biggest disappointments in the league this season.

OK, there are a lot of teams out there that would love to have a "disappointing" 46-36 record (see above teams). But those teams just don't have enough good players.

The Blazers, though, have the talent. Nobody can dispute that.

Damon Stoudamire, J.R. Rider, Arvydas Sabonis, Rasheed Wallace and Brian Grant — the Blazers' starting five when all are healthy — collectively stack up favorably against most starting five's in the league, at least talent-wise.

It's just the intangibles the Blazers seem to be missing — the chemistry, the focus, the heart and intensity for all 48 minutes that great teams such as Chicago and Utah seem to have.

The thing that made the Blazers the most annoying team in the NBA this season was that they were perfectly capable of beating every team in the league, as wins over Chicago in Chicago and three wins over Utah proved.

There wasn't a game the Blazers entered that I didn't think they had a chance of winning — except against Houston the day of the Stoudamire trade, but again they showed their unpredictability and won that game easily with a severely depleted roster.

On the contrary, there weren't many games I thought they probably didn't have any chance of losing either.

OPINION



Alex Pond

Men's lacrosse team headed to collegiate playoffs

John Laurman, Jeff Erickson and Schuyler Harrison combined for 10 goals in UO's win over Lewis and Clark

By Mirjam Swanson
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For the first time in three years, the Oregon Club Sports men's lacrosse team is headed to the Pacific Northwest Collegiate playoffs.

The Ducks earned a playoff birth by finally putting away the Lewis and Clark Pioneers for the first time in four years, 16-10, Saturday evening at Autzen Stadium. The Ducks will try to use momentum provided by the victory when they face the No. 1 seed Simon Fraser in their first playoff game Friday.

The Ducks needed a few key goals and a defensive shutout in the fourth quarter to ensure the win against Lewis and Clark, which was only trailing 10-7 at halftime.

"Lewis and Clark played tough the whole game," said first-year head coach Peter Hoffman. "Every time we would go up they would come back."

Making a significant offensive contribution for Oregon was attackman John Laurman with four goals. Attackman Jeff Erickson and midfielder Schuyler Harrison each added three goals.

Now the focus is on Friday's matchup with Simon Fraser. A win would give the Ducks the opportunity to face either Western Washington or Whitman College. If

they are able to put together back-to-back wins, they will be on their way to the national championships.

"We have a good chance to get to the national tournament," Hoffman said. "We want to accomplish that goal."

Women's ultimate frisbee

As expected, the Oregon Club Sports women's ultimate frisbee team had no problem winning the college section of the annual Henry Callahan Memorial Tournament. Two resounding victories on Saturday — 13-3 over Oregon State and 13-6 over Humboldt State — locked up the Duck's bid for the second seed in the West Regional Tournament, which begins May 9 in Santa Cruz, Calif.

On Sunday, Oregon played three games

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