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Triathlete: Running is his weak event

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ishing first by more than a minute and completing his recovery. The victory capped off a huge Oregon Club Sports triathlon team performance, where the Ducks placed fourth out of 33 collegiate teams. All six men and women points scorers finished in the top 20.

One could say the triathlon team has progressed almost as fast as Saraceno. Team coordinator Josiah Jones, who finished 19th at the national meet, formed the club in 1994. The fledgling core of 10 to 15 triathletes has slowly grown to over 30 racers. Jones said he hopes to bring a triathlon, composed of a mile swim, 25-mile bike ride and six-mile run, to campus before he graduates in order to maintain interest in the club.

The sport is growing regardless of Jones' efforts. The Sydney, Australia Olympics will welcome the triathlon as a medal event for the first time in 2000.

While the 24-year-old Saraceno dreams of the Olympics, his eye is more keenly focused on the August Triathlon World Championships in Switzerland. His road to the Alps leads through the July U.S. Amateur Triathlon Championships in Florida, where he must qualify in the top-10 of the 20-24

age group, something he has practically already done by winning the national championship.

"I want to do well at worlds," Saraceno says, seeming to display an earned arrogance.

It wouldn't be the first time he qualified for the world championships, however. As an 18-year-old, he earned a spot on the under-19 junior national team in 1992, competing in Toronto, Canada, but performing poorly. The three-event workouts proved too much at a time, burning out Saraceno's enthusiasm for the sport.

Not to say he stopped working out cold turkey. He instead focused on bicycle racing, which he continued until the armored truck accident.

Saraceno is able to joke about the accident now. It seems he has made a career out of gory bicycle wrecks.

The automobiles haven't been kind to Saraceno. In 1985, a 3/4-ton pickup turned into the 11-year-old bicyclist, but he bounced back. A Portland General Electric truck crossed paths with Saraceno in 1993, sending him five feet over the hood with his bike in tow. Lance Deal, the 1996 Olympic silver medalist in the hammer throw, even managed to

plow his convertible into Saraceno's bicycle in Eugene. The Portland accident seemed like an inevitable consequence of riding by 1995.

"Makes you want to ride a bike, doesn't it?" he sarcastically says.

But all that experience paid off at last weekend's national championships. Coming out of the water between 15th and 20th place, Saraceno pushed his body to the limit in the 25-mile bike section, catching up to the lead pack by the halfway mark. Constantly gauging his body's performance, he followed the lead of another cyclist and broke away from the lead group.

He knew running was his weakest link, going in to the last portion of the triathlon. Three established runners paced on his heels. But keeping his pace, he saw the leader after three miles. Using a hill to his strength, he passed the leader and cruised in for the victory, almost a minute ahead of the next finisher. He had always imagined crossing the finish line by himself, but he could hardly believe he had won.

From the hospital bed to the medal celebration in only three years, Saraceno has come far. It just might take a tank to knock him out of competition next time.

NCAAs: Iowa's strength is its team unity

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of the Hawkeyes' 55 games have been decided by one run. Iowa has won 14 of those and is 6-2 in games decided by two runs.

With so much dissimilarity, Oregon head coach Rick Gamez said it is important for the Ducks (38-29, 10-18) to play sound defense and regain some of the confidence they lost in the season-ending sweeps by California and Stanford.

"[Iowa] is the type of team that scraps a lot of runs and uses the bunt very well," Gamez said. "They are aggressive, but I think their strength is in their team unity. They are not over powering offensively or defensively, they just don't make many mistakes."

The key for Oregon will be to get runs on the board early. Confidence will be a big factor, shortstop Jill Robinson said.

"We have a lot of good hitters up and down our lineup," Robinson said. "We need to remember to take good cuts all of the time. We won't be thinking

about how we played last weekend. It almost feels like we're starting over, like we're starting fresh."

A fresh start is something the entire team is excited about.

"We've really improved over the course of this year," designated hitter Triawn Custer said. "It didn't just happen that we made it to the postseason, we worked hard all season."

Iowa, which enters the game No. 19 in the USA Today/NFCA Coaches Poll, will be the Ducks' 15th ranked opponent in its last 17 games. For the season, Oregon is 14-18 against ranked teams, including victories over No. 4 Washington and No. 22 Oregon State in the last two weeks.

Jennie Cook (20-17) will get the start against the Hawkeyes and possibly the start on Saturday against either host Nebraska or Coastal Carolina. The double-elimination tournament concludes Sunday, with the winner earning a spot in the eight-team Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City on May 21.

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