

SPORTS

The Box

MAJOR LEAGUE
BASEBALL

Texas 0
New York 2
WP- D. Wells
LP- T. Stottlemyre
S- M. Rivera

Boston 11
Cleveland 3
WP- P. Martinez
LP- J. Wright

San Diego 2
Houston 1
WP- K. Brown
LP- R. Johnson
S- T. Hoffman

TODAY'S GAMES

Texas
New York 5 p.m.

Boston
Cleveland 10 a.m.

Chicago
Atlanta 1 p.m.

SAGARIN RATINGS

COLLEGE
FOOTBALL

1. Nebraska
2. Tenn.
3. Ohio St.
4. Florida St.
5. Florida
6. LSU
7. Syracuse
8. Penn. St.
9. Virg. Tech
10. Kansas St.
11. Oregon
12. UCLA
13. Wash.
14. Virginia
15. USC
16. Arizona
17. Georgia
18. Wisconsin
19. Colorado
20. Michigan

SCORING OFFENSE
DIVISION 1-A

1. Kansas St. 62
2. Oregon 50
3. Syracuse 47
4. Kentucky 46
5. UCLA 45
6. Nebraska 43
7. LSU 42
8. Tulane 41
9. Miami (Fla.) 41
10. Arkansas 40
11. Texas 40
12. Wisconsin 40
13. Indiana 40
14. Florida 39
15. Air Force 39

* points per game



Best Bet
MLB
Chicago
at Atlanta
1:07 p.m., ESPN

Oregon takes first at Husky Invitational

The men's team succeeds in beating Stanford to win the golf competition at Big Mountain

By Scott Pesznecker
Oregon Daily Emerald

While walking through the Big Mountain Golf Club in Bremerton, Wash., the Oregon men's golf team must have thought the Husky Invitational seemed like the same old story.

But when the competition concluded Tuesday afternoon, the Ducks finished with a storybook ending.

Tied for second place, just as they were last week at the Pacific Invitational in Copperopolis, Calif., Oregon passed first place Northwestern in the final round to finish with a score of 1,091 and tie Stanford for first place.

Oregon won the sudden death playoff against Stanford on the par-four first hole, by sinking three birdies and two pars as a team. The birdies belonged to Derek Croskrey, Adrian Burtner and Ben Crane. Stanford fell short, however, scoring five pars and losing to the Ducks by four strokes.



"We played really well," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "We knew we needed to play well, and we were all over the board. It was

an unusual day, and I'm really happy for the team. We didn't come up here for a good show; we came up here to win."

Ryan Lavoie led the Ducks with a three-round stroke total of 212, tying him for second place overall in the tournament. Andrew Tredway finished seventh overall

with 216 and shot four-under-par on the final 18 holes.

Burtner, who finished in a multiple tie for eighth place, was a pleasant surprise for the team as he finished with 217. His score was even more impressive considering that he did not play in the Ducks' previous invitational.

"I am proud of all of them," Nosler said of his team. "This win was strictly a team effort. All the guys contributed in one round or another."

Brigham Young and Northwestern tied for third place with totals of 1,095, followed by California in fifth place with 1,107. Dusty Bratt of Stanford won the individual title with a four-under-par total of 68.

Next up for the Ducks is the Nike Invitational in Corvallis on Oct. 5. Nosler said that

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Leaders

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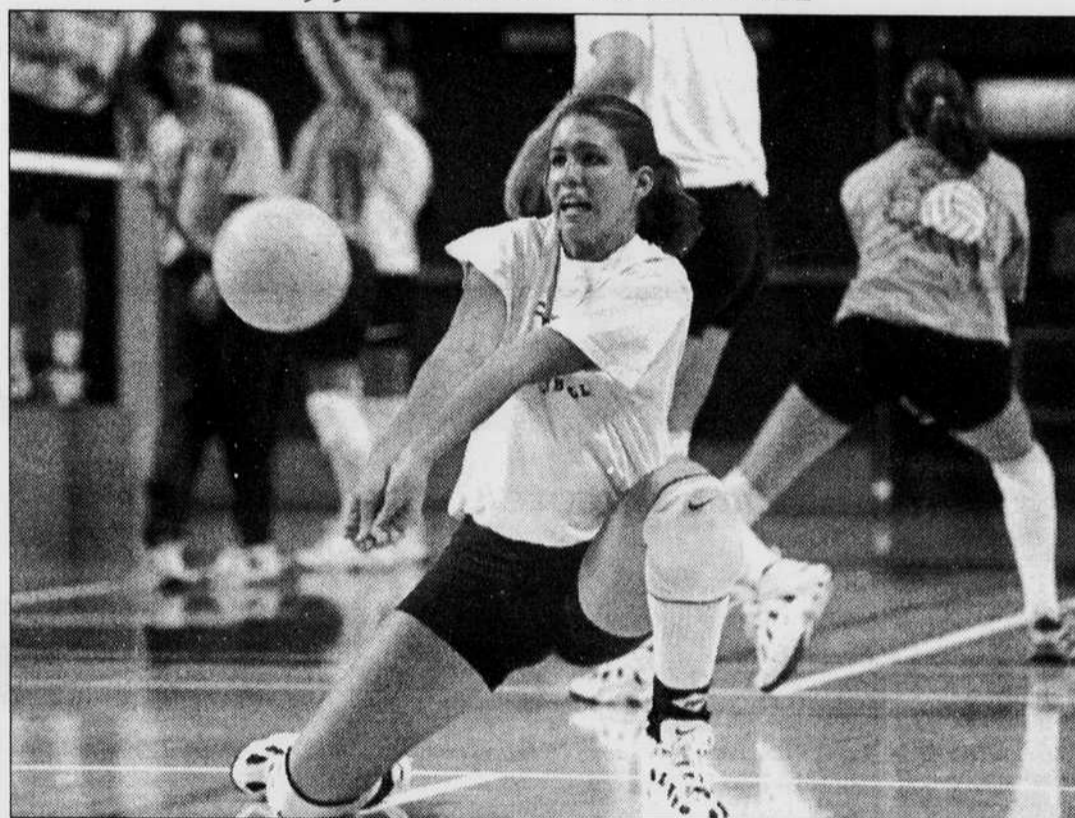
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TOP 5 TEAMS:

1 Oregon* 1,091
2 Stanford 1,091
T3 BYU 1,095
T3 N'Western 1,095
5 California 1,107

*Oregon defeated Stanford in playoff

1998 OREGON VOLLEYBALL



Matt Hankins/Emerald

Julie Gerlach ranks second in the Pac-10 and 12th in the nation in assists per game for Oregon, even though most of her experience so far this season came before she had taken her first college course.

Gerlach sets the tone for Ducks

The freshman setter makes the most of her talents at the University

By Allison Ross
Oregon Daily Emerald

She's from Scottsdale, Ariz., and she loves the sun, but Julie Gerlach never doubted that Oregon was the place she wanted to play volleyball.

But on this particular day Gerlach is fortunate because the sun is shining and the 6-foot setter is barely recognizable to those familiar with Oregon volleyball. She does not wear spandex or knee pads, and more importantly she has shed her almighty game face. Today she has look of a concerned freshman on the first day of classes. Her problem is typical of every student — a glitch in her schedule.

"I just want everything to be set," she says.

Ironically, setting isn't a problem on the volleyball court. She was touted by head

coach Cathy Nelson during the preseason as possibly the best setter to come through Oregon.

Nelson strengthened that statement 13 matches and 613 assists later by saying, "Julie Gerlach will be the best setter Oregon has ever seen."

Gerlach's 13.62 assists per game average ranks her second in the Pacific-10 Conference and 12th in the nation, making her not only the best Oregon has seen, but one of the best setters in volleyball. She contributed 76 assists against Wake Forest, the seventh best single-game assist total in Oregon history and the best thus far by any Pac-10 player.

All of this before attending a single college course.

When Gerlach talks about her early years playing volleyball, it is with casual words and little enthusiasm. Volleyball was just for fun, she says, but gymnastics seemed much more intriguing. It wasn't

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Surgery takes Sirmon out of Ducks line-up

NCAA guidelines make getting a sixth year of eligibility a long shot for the junior linebacker

By Rob Moseley
Oregon Daily Emerald

With Oregon junior Peter Sirmon's season officially over, Duck fans will have just one more season to watch the preseason first-team all-conference linebacker in action.

Sirmon underwent surgery to repair a torn right pectoralis muscle at Sacred Heart Hospital Monday, all but guaranteeing an end to his season. According to assistant athletic director Dave Williford, Sirmon will be unable to regain the lost year of eligibility.

Under normal circumstances, NCAA athletes are given a five-year period in which to complete four years of competition. Article 30.6.1 of the rule book says that athletes can gain a waiver of that five-year limit if there is "objective evidence" that the athlete misses playing time for "circumstances beyond the control of the athlete or the institution."

Because Sirmon's injury was football-related, and thus under his and the University's control, he most likely will not qualify for a medical hardship, Williford said.

And because Sirmon utilized his redshirt season in 1995, his five years of eligibility at Oregon will end with the completion of the 1999 season. According to article 30.6.1.2, subparagraph D, of the rule book, a redshirt season counts as circumstances within the athlete's control, eliminating the opportunity to gain a sixth year of eligibility.

"Unfortunately, even had he not redshirted in '95, he still probably wouldn't be eligible," for the medical hardship, Williford said. "You live by the motto 'never say never,' but ..."

Williford said the injury would have had to occur in either an off-season or non-football setting to warrant consideration for an extra year of eligibility.

"This is a situation where the standard medical hardship rules do not apply," said professor James O'Fallon, the University's faculty athletic representative, who would be responsible for filing a petition to the Pacific-10 Conference on behalf of an injured player. "I would say right now the prospects

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