

SPORTS

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TRIVIA QUESTION

In what year was the first World Series cancellation?

Trivia Answer in "The Box"

the Box

Major League Baseball

Chicago 1
Atlanta 7
WP- J. Smoltz
LP- M. Clark

Boston 5
Cleveland 9
WP- D. Burba
LP- T. Wakefield
S- M. Jackson

Texas 1
New York 3
WP- A. Pettitte
LP- R. Helling

TODAY'S MLB GAMES

San Diego
Houston

Chicago
Atlanta

Major League Soccer

New Jersey 3
Columbus 5
Miami 1
D.C. United 2

National Hockey League

Pittsburgh 3
Boston 2

Detroit 2
New York 1

Montreal 3
Toronto 4

Dallas 1
Phoenix 2

Colorado 2
St. Louis 3

Los Angeles 3
San Jose 2

Calgary 3
Vancouver 3

TRIVIA ANSWER

In 1904 when Giants manager John McGraw felt the American League inferior to the National League and refused to play the Philadelphia A's.



Best Bet

MLB
San Diego at Houston
1:07 p.m., ESPN

1998 OREGON SOCCER



Freshman Chalise Baysa (right) leads the Ducks in scoring with six goals in six games.

Nick Medley/Emerald

Baysa leaves high school, steps into the limelight

The freshman doesn't relish attention, but her coaches say she can't be ignored

By Tim Pyle
Oregon Daily Emerald

Chalise Baysa does not relish the spotlight.

But it took her just one collegiate game to find it.

In Baysa's Oregon soccer debut against Tennessee on Sept. 4, the light started shining on her immediately.

Well, almost immediately.

After starting the game on the bench, Baysa was substituted into the game at forward midway through the first half. The Ducks trailed the Volunteers 1-0 at half-time, but Baysa scored three goals in a 25-minute period, celebrating Oregon's first game at Papé Field.

The Ducks had a 3-1 win. And a new star.

That scintillating performance set new Oregon records for goals and points in a game. Baysa has not left the Duck lineup since.

When the game was completed, the unassuming Baysa was more inclined to joke with friends than talk about her heroics. In fact, she could not even recall how each of her goals developed.

"I was ready to play because of our new field, and I looked and saw a whole bunch of people on the side," Baysa says. "And it was our first game and against a good team too."

Three days later, Baysa headed aside any whispers that she would be a one-game wonder. Although she is listed at just 5-foot-4 and is probably at least a couple inches shorter, Baysa unveiled an

aerial display to lead the Ducks to a home win over North Carolina-Greensboro and a 2-0 start.

She provided all of the Oregon scoring again in the 2-0 win, this time out jumping taller opponents to head two crosses past the Spartan goalkeeper.

With five goals in two games, Baysa had already equaled the total that Kristi Morris and Sierra Marsh scored to lead the Ducks in 1997. Since then she has added her sixth goal, which was Oregon's only score during its trip to Hawaii on Sept. 18, which resulted in a 2-1 loss to Hawaii and a 2-0 loss to San Diego.

However, Steffen says he is not surprised at Baysa's immediate impact.

"I expected her to contribute," head coach Bill Steffen says. "Obviously she made a great impact

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Wygonowska achieves highest-ever UO ranking

The tennis teams start their seasons with some help from a nationally ranked player

By Mirjam Swanson
for the Emerald

The sun broke through for the Oregon men's and women's first tennis practices this week, shining on two programs with increasingly bright prospects.

Alina Wygonowska, the Ducks' No. 1 player, is ranked 34th nationally by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. That's the highest any Oregon woman has ever been ranked.

"She played exceptional tennis [last season] and really took a step up in her game," said Jack Griffin, head coach of the women's team. "She added some things to her game that she didn't have

her freshman year. She really saw her game grow, and the ranking mirrors that. She's happy, and we're trying to explain to her that it's quite an accomplishment, but what that's going to do is make more people hungry to beat you."

Wygonowska's teammates return healthy after a season full of injuries. Three new recruits join the 1998 roster, which Griffin says will be "the best team we've had."

"With Adeline [Arnaud], Janice Nyland and Valerie Young, we're really pleased with the way they're looking at practice and the way they're hitting the ball," Griffin said. "All three of those players have capabilities of really competing at a high level at the Pac-10."

Entering his third year as the head coach of Oregon's men's team, Chris

Russell is also very pleased with how his players returned from the summer.

"All of them have come back in good form," Russell said. "We're where we'd like to be in terms of the condition level we're in and some of the technical improvements that we've made. The returning guys, Guillermo Carter, Carlos Navarro, Miguel Arriaga and David Becker, are looking solid right now."

Oregon's returners will have help from their lone current recruit: Bertron Devillers, who arrived from Belgium. Devillers has greatly impressed Russell in his first days as a Duck.

"I think he's really going to help us a lot," Russell said. "He's got a lot of experience and a lot of intelligence. He seems like a great addition. Not only

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Ripken amazes again with his sense of timing

Throughout his 18 seasons in a Baltimore Orioles uniform, Cal Ripken Jr. has displayed a wealth of skills, justifying his status as a future Hall-of-Famer.

His 384 career home runs are a full 107 more than the second-best mark ever by a shortstop, that being Ernie Banks.

He holds the record for consecutive errorless games by a shortstop with 95 in 1990, a remarkable feat for a man who is 6 feet 4 inches and 220 pounds but plays the most demanding position in baseball other than catcher.

And he should surpass the 3,000-hit barrier around August of next season, as he needs just 122 after 1998.

But as Ripken has shown again and again over the past few seasons, something more intangible than raw physical skill has become his most valuable asset to the team, its fans and the game of baseball: his sense of timing.

Just more than a week-and-a-half ago, Ripken removed himself from the Orioles' starting lineup for a game against New York, thus ending his streak of 2,632 consecutive games played.

The moment was nearly lost amidst the hoopla of Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa chasing, and eventually surpassing, Roger Maris' historic home run record, the tension of the three-team National League Wild Card race and the magnitude of the Yankees' season-long domination of the American League.

And so, Ripken's streak ended in precisely the same manner in which it began: not with a bang, but with a whimper.

On May 30, 1982, Ripken trotted out to third base for the Orioles. Twenty-seven games later he replaced Len Sakata as the Orioles' everyday shortstop, and it would be more than 16 seasons later before the team's lineup card would again be without the name Ripken among the starters.

Sixteen seasons. A ridiculous 2,632 games. Just 18 other players active for both the beginning and end of the streak. Three presidents over five terms. Two twisted ankles and one sprained knee. And no days

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OPINION



Rob Moseley

Wygonowska File



■ YEAR: Sophomore
■ Home-town: Gdynia, Poland

■ STATS: Gained Pac-10 Northern Conference first team honors as a freshman ... Competed most of season at No. 1 position in singles ... member of Polish national team in 1991