

SPORTS

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TRIVA QUESTION
Who holds the Oregon women's basketball scoring record for a single game?

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NFL: Week 9

- Denver vs. Cincinnati
- Miami vs. Buffalo
- Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay
- N. Y. Giants vs. Washington
- Jacksonville vs. Baltimore
- New England vs. Indianapolis
- New Orleans vs. Carolina
- Tennessee vs. Pittsburgh
- Arizona vs. Detroit
- St. Louis vs. Atlanta
- N.Y. Jets vs. Kansas City
- San Francisco vs. Green Bay
- Oakland vs. Seattle

Associated Press top 25

- 1. Ohio State 7-0
- 2. UCLA 6-0
- 3. Kansas St. 7-0
- 4. Tennessee 6-0
- 5. Florida 6-1
- 6. Florida St. 7-1
- 7. Nebraska 7-1
- 8. Wisconsin 8-0
- 9. Texas A&M 7-1
- 10. Penn State 5-1
- 11. Georgia 6-1
- 12. Arkansas 6-0
- 13. Oregon 6-1
- 14. Virginia 6-1
- 15. Arizona 7-1
- 16. Notre Dame 5-1
- 17. Virginia T. 6-1
- 18. Tulane 6-0
- 19. Syracuse 4-2
- 20. W. Virginia 4-2
- 21. Missouri 5-2
- 22. Michigan 5-2
- 23. Air Force 6-1
- 24. Georgia T. 5-2
- 25. Colorado 6-2

Trivia answer

Bev Smith scored 38 points against Montana on Feb. 5, 1981



Best Bet

Tennis
1998 Eurocard Open
9 am, ESPN

PAC-10 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oregon runners host Pac-10's best



Nick Medley/Emerald

Andrew Bliss, who led Oregon's second team at the Oregon Invitational two weeks ago, hopes to be among the Ducks' top finishers this weekend at the Pac-10s.

The Ducks are coming prepared to face the competition in this year's championships

By Scott Pesznecker
Oregon Daily Emerald

Call the Pacific-10 Championships the beginning of the final chapter for the Oregon men's cross country team.

The story of this year's team picked up where last season left off. The 1997 Ducks made a run at the national title but fell short, finishing eighth at the NCAA Championships in Greenville, S. C.

But this season has been a different story.

The No. 3 Ducks have the weapons needed to win a title. Oregon is stronger than ever with three all-Americans, including Mathew Davis, Oliver Wirz and Steve Fein, who transferred from Wisconsin earlier in the season.

Oregon also has an advantage that no other team has; a team chemistry that is magnified by the fact that this will be head coach Bill Dellinger's last year coaching the Ducks.

On Saturday, the Ducks will run in the Pac-10 Championships at Alton Baker Park. The meet will be Oregon's first major stepping stone toward the NCAA Championships, which will be held Nov. 23. The men's race will begin at 11:30 a.m..

However, every good story has an antagonist. No. 1 Stanford dominated Oregon with a score of 80-103 at the Pre-NCAA Invitational in Lawrence, Kan., and they would not mind repeating that performance.



Women's X-country
Marie Davis leads the Ducks into the Pac-10s this weekend
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Does cross country still matter at UO?



Joel Hood

Opinion

Oregon cross country has reached the crossroads.

It has been eight years since the Oregon men have seriously competed for a national title.

The Ducks finished third at the NCAA Championships in 1996, finished fifth overall in 1990 and have failed to crack the top seven on four separate occasions in the 1990s.

So on the eve of Bill Dellinger's final home meet in his 32-year head coaching career, there are those who wonder if the best days of men's and women's cross

country at Oregon have gone by. And probably a lot more who could care less either way.

On Wednesday, sitting on a stiff wooden bench sandwiched between the Bowerman Building and the East end of Hayward Field, Dellinger was asked if the sport of cross country still mattered to the University of Oregon?

He gave a refreshingly honest answer. "Cross country is the most successful program in the history of this school," he said. "But we have never really been recognized for it in our own community. We've

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Struggling Ducks aim to break scoring slump

Oregon looks to end a five-game losing streak by putting away both Arizona and Arizona State

By Tim Pyle
Oregon Daily Emerald

According to forward T.J. Johnson, going backward is not an option.

With that in mind, the Oregon women's soccer team is determined to break a five-game losing streak by defeating Arizona for the second straight season in a Pacific-10 Conference game that kicks off at 2 p.m. today at Papé Field. Oregon will close out its home season at 3 p.m. on Sunday by trying to take a step forward against Arizona State, which it lost to, 2-0, in 1997.

"Our focus has been showing the teams that beat us badly last year that we're totally different," Johnson said. "So this weekend it's not redeeming ourselves with [Arizona], it's showing them that we deserved it last year. With ASU, we are redeeming ourselves because we had a great game on Friday night against Arizona last year, and

then, by the time Sunday came, we were a totally different team."

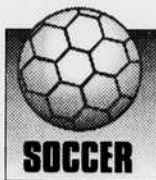
After beating Oregon State, 3-0, on Oct. 9 to start the Pac-10 season off on a winning note, the Ducks (4-8-2 overall, 1-4 Pac-10) have been shut out in four of the five games that make up their losing streak, including three straight conference games.

Head coach Bill Steffen said the scoring drought has weighed heavily upon his attacking players.

"It almost becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy," Steffen said. "When you don't score, people realize you're not scoring, and then you feel like, 'I'm scared of trying to score because I don't want to mess up.' We have to have individuals step up and say, 'I'm going to be the person who scores. I'm going to be the one who does it.'"

Forwards Chalise Baysa, Erin Anderson

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Leading scorer Chalise Baysa, a freshman forward who has tallied seven goals for 14 points, will play a big role in Oregon's attempt to end a long scoring drought.