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## UW feeling lucky today



**Mirjam Swanson**

**S**o it's Washington, despite its ugly 0-2 nonconference start, that seems to be in control three weeks into the Pacific-10 Conference race.

Lucky Dawgs.

Lucky because they got Oregon minus its two best tailbacks, Reuben Droughns and Herman Ho-Ching.

Also lucky because the week before that, they faced Colorado without first-string quarterback Mike Moschetti, who was coping with a knee injury, at full health.

And now Arizona State's star tailback, J.R. Redmond, is questionable for the Sun Devils' showdown with Washington in Seattle on Saturday.

Redmond suffered a recurrence of a slight shoulder separation in the third quarter of Arizona State's loss to Notre Dame.

Also take into account that the Huskies themselves are completely healthy — or relatively close. Except for the season-ending knee injury to backup tight end John Westra, all of Washington's skill players have had only to deal with minor ailments so far.

**No-love L.A.**

For only the seventh time in the 73-year history of the series, Southern California (1-2 Pac-10, 3-2 overall) and Notre Dame will both be unranked when they meet Saturday.

The Trojans dropped out of the polls after losing to Arizona 31-24 last Saturday. USC's departure from the nation's top 25 left the Pac-10 without a ranked team and simultaneously aggravated Trojan fans.

USC head coach Paul Hackett may have found a way to beat the Fighting Irish last season, but the consensus in Los Angeles is that he probably won't do it again.

Notre Dame is fresh off a 48-17 rout of Arizona State. The Trojans' latest loss continued to emphasize their scoring anxiety thanks to both an ineffective running game and the absence of injured No. 1 quarterback Carson Palmer.

So in preparation of Saturday's result, fans are calling for Hackett's coaching license to be revoked — and soon.

In USC on-line chat rooms, former Hackett-supporters chimed in to apologize for any previous excuses they offered on the coach's behalf.

Meanwhile, Hackett's usual detractors continued a familiar cyberspace tune: "This is the most unexciting, undisciplined, poorly conditioned USC team ever."

"That Arizona game was the most pathetic play-calling I have ever seen."

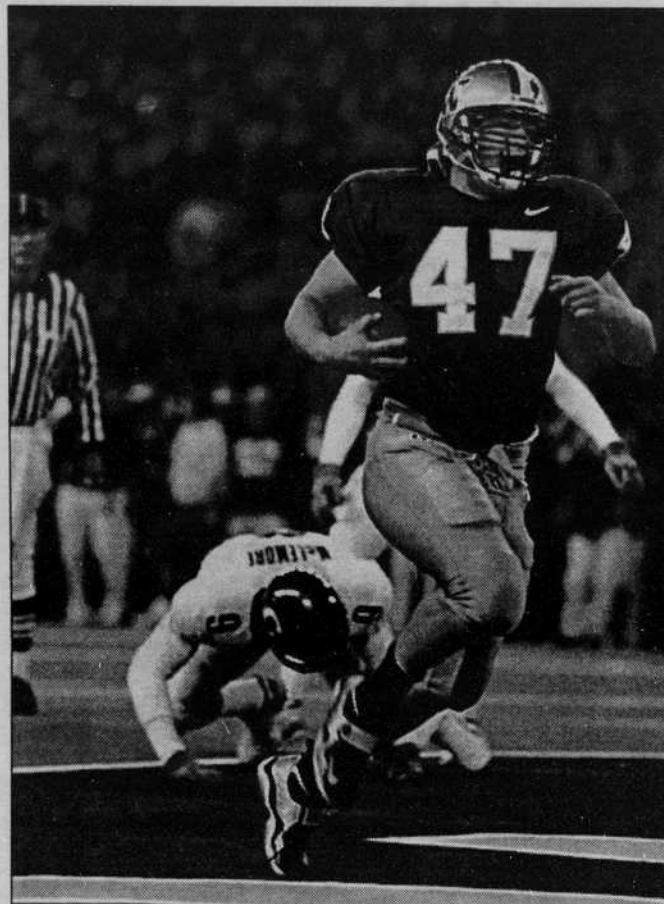
"We suck. I cannot remember the last time we won a big game. I am exhausted waiting for this week's game against hated rival Notre Dame. I'm not sure I care anymore."

"No imagination with this coach."

Hackett responded to the criticism with the expected, yet accurate, evaluation.

"We just didn't perform as well as we needed to [against the Wildcats]," Hackett said. "All phases of the

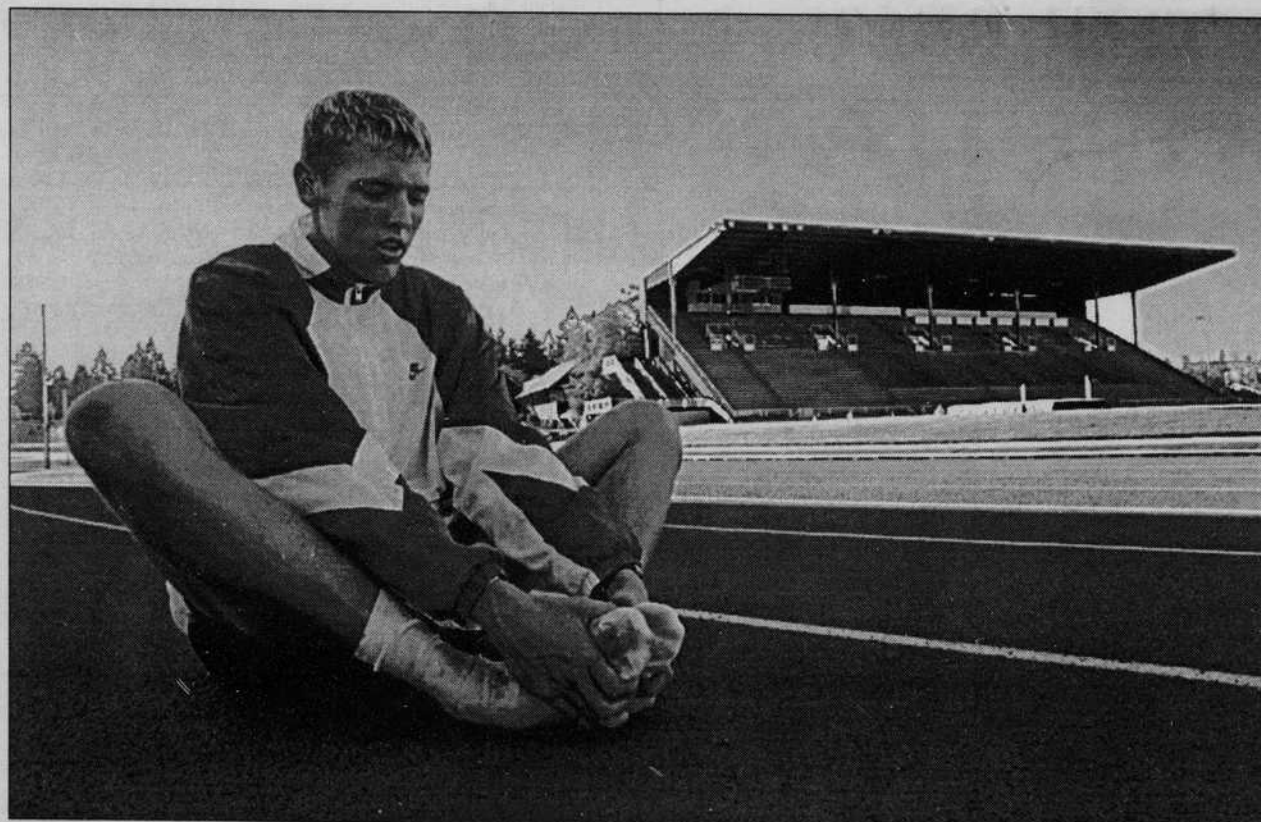
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Scott Barnett Emerald

Huskies' fullback Pat Conniff has helped Washington to a 2-0 Pac-10 start.

## OREGON CROSS COUNTRY



Scott Barnett Emerald

Freshman Jason Hartmann of the men's cross country team, himself a Midwest native, hopes to make a big impression in the Pre-NCAAs on Saturday in Indiana.

## NEXT in line

It's not a stretch to say highly recruited freshman Jason Hartmann could be the next in a rich tradition of standout Duck runners

By Jeff Smith

Oregon Daily Emerald

**C**lad in lengthy green sweat pants, a bright yellow sweatshirt and dyed yellow hair, Oregon freshman Jason Hartmann walks into the Bowerman Building lounge.

As the cheek-to-cheek smile on his face clearly shows, the 6-foot-3 cross country phenom is thrilled to be a Duck.

The Rockford, Mich., native did, however, have many offers to run elsewhere.

July 1, 1998, proved to be an exhausting day for Hartmann. The day marked the first that college coaches could contact soon-to-be high school seniors.

As one of the top-five premiere prep

distance runners in the country, Hartmann's phone was busy, real busy. Some of the schools that contacted him were Stanford, Arizona State, Oregon, Wisconsin, Georgetown, Michigan and Michigan State.

"It was definitely a nerve-wracking experience," Hartmann said. "When you have big-time coaches from all over calling for you, you don't really know what to think. It was overwhelming, and all I kept thinking to myself was, 'Don't say anything stupid.'"

Eventually Hartmann narrowed his choices down to two: Oregon and Wisconsin.

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## Ducks drop two on day 2

■ Oregon falls from a tie for third to a tie for fifth in its final fall action at the STRATA Intercollegiate

By Matt O'Neill

for the Emerald

As the second day of the STRATA Intercollegiate tournament came to a close, the Oregon men's golf team saw its place in the final standings fall two spots.

In dropping to a tie for fifth place, the Ducks rounded out their fall schedule Tuesday at Saticoy Country Club in Somis, Calif.

Oregon finished the first day in a tie with UC-Santa Barbara for third place at 595 and figured to be in the hunt for the top three spots.



But it ended up tied with Colorado State. The two day total for the Ducks was 891 (296-299-296), only seven strokes behind winner Texas A&M (884).

"We actually gained some on the teams ahead of us," head coach Steve Nosler said. "I wished we had played better. We had four guys at par at the turn, if they would have shot par for the back nine, instead of eight over, then we would have been right there. But of course, if the dog didn't stop to pee, he would have caught the rabbit."

Oregon gained three strokes on Texas A&M, and six strokes on host Pepperdine during the second day.

The Ducks were paced by redshirt freshman Chris Carnahan, who finished the two-day event in eighth place with a 4-over-par score of 220.

After finishing the first day tied for 11th, Carnahan jumped up to the eighth spot by shooting a 73 on Tuesday.

Sophomore Brandon Harnden fell two

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