

## Looking for redemption

Oregon men's golf tees off at the Taylor Made Intercollegiate Challenge in Waikoloa today, hoping to atone for its recent struggles. **PAGE 13**

## Scoreboard

### Rodman calls out Stern

DALLAS (AP) — Dennis Rodman wants to duke it out with David Stern.

"I don't know who gave David Stern all the power in the world to sit there and make all the rules in the world, but this league has gone to hell," Rodman said after his ejection from Tuesday night's game, only his second with the Mavericks. "It's ridiculous."

Rodman, speaking on his way from the locker room to the parking lot, then challenged the commissioner to settle their differences with their fists.

"I wish me and David Stern can get some damn gloves on, and we go in the ring and we can see who'll come out the winner," Rodman said. "Me and him."

The latest blowup began with 7:13 left in Dallas' 112-99 loss to Milwaukee.

Rodman complained that the Bucks should have been called for an illegal defense. Rodman went to the other foul line and sat down in protest, drawing another technical and an automatic ejection.

"I told the referee, 'Why don't you kick me out for a reason? Let me hit somebody first. That's a good reason. Don't kick me out because I sit down,'" Rodman said. "I've been a marked man for years. Nobody else in the league would have gotten kicked out for that."

### Selig: Rose has no chance

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Bud Selig pretty much said Pete Rose has no chance of getting back into baseball as long as he's commissioner.

While Selig hasn't officially responded to Rose's application for reinstatement, he made his strongest public statement yet regarding the leader in career hits.

"There is not a scintilla of give in that area," Selig said Wednesday.

Following an investigation of his gambling, Rose agreed to a lifetime ban on Aug. 23, 1989.

"Pete did accept a voluntary lifetime suspension....," Selig said. "There hasn't been any new evidence since then. I think just from my answer, you'll understand my depth of feeling on this subject."

Rose applied for reinstatement on Sept. 26, 1997, and the application sat without action until a few weeks ago. Selig's top lawyer, Bob DuPuy, met Jan. 27 with Rose's lawyers and gave them 30 days to submit additional information.

Rose, ineligible for the Hall of Fame while he's on the permanently banned list, claims investigator John Dowd's evidence was not conclusive and he should be allowed back in baseball. Rose's lawyers presented DuPuy with evidence from their experts.

### Best Bet

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# Sports

## Action Jackson

“  
I just try to  
find my  
places  
where I  
can fit in  
and help  
out.”

David  
Jackson  
guard

”

By Jeff Smith  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Note: The following should be read with the "The Brady Bunch" theme song in mind.

Here's the story, of a player named David,

And his decision to leave one school for the next.

He came from Portland and went to Utah,

But then he ran into "Big Rick."

Here's the story, of a man named Majerus,

Who was busy molding a program of his own.

They were two men, with clashing viewpoints,

And David felt all alone.

'Til the one day when the player met Coach Ernie,

Who knew that his vision of success was more than a hunch.

So the player left "Big Rick" and Utah,

And that's the way he became a part of the Duck Bunch.

The Duck Bunch, The Duck Bunch, that's the way David Jackson joined the bunch.

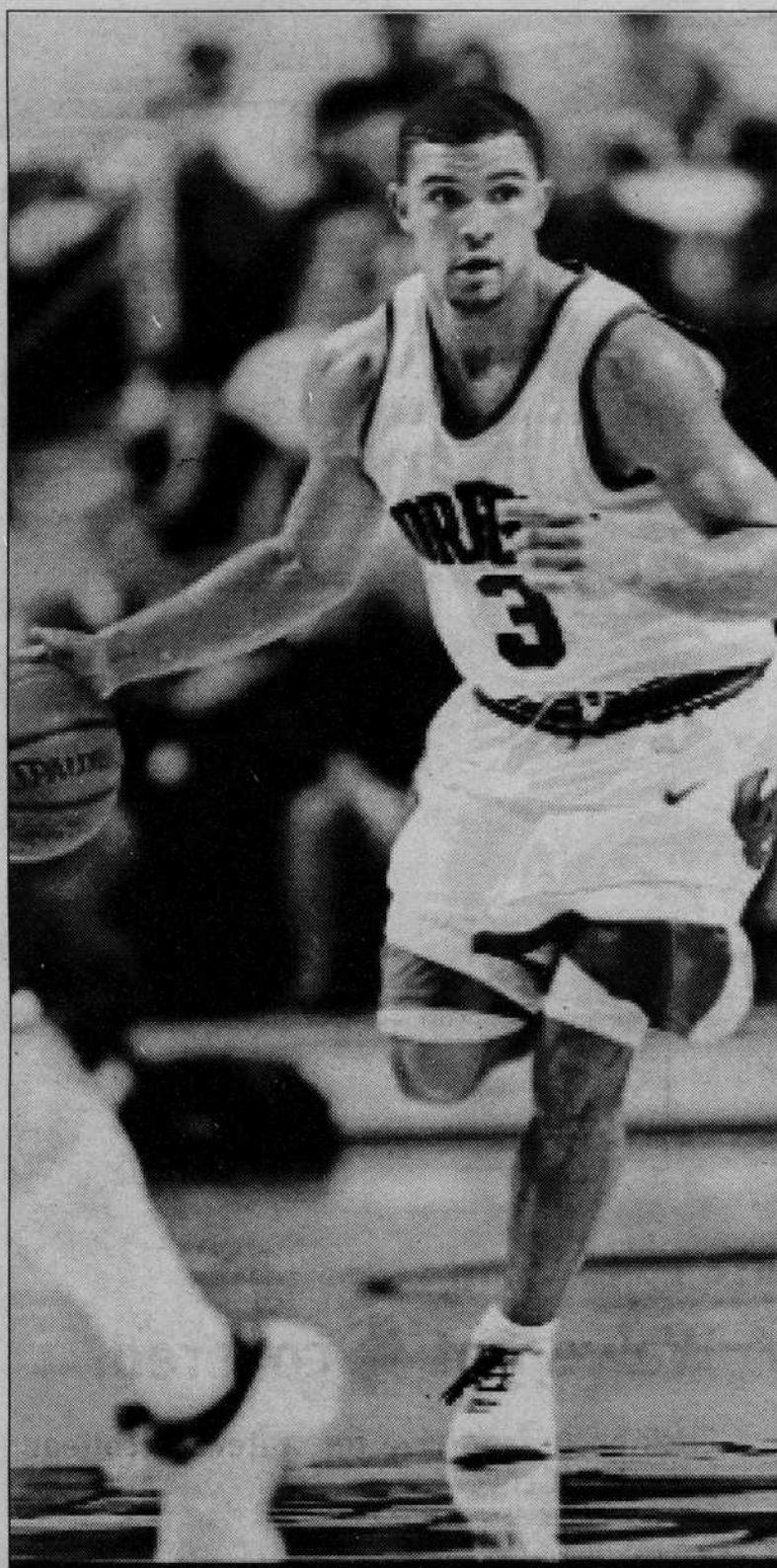
Imagine two different coaches with two very different styles of coaching and one talented player in desperate need of finding his niche.

That is the brief synopsis of outspoken Utah head coach Rick Majerus, Oregon head coach Ernie Kent and junior guard David Jackson.

And how the three intertwined is what brought Jackson to Eugene.

Jackson, who has only played in seven of the

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Emerald

David Jackson, a transfer from Utah, has been a positive contributor for the Ducks this year.

## Oregon tries not to look past last-place WSU

■ The Ducks and Cougars have a history of close games, including Oregon's dramatic overtime win earlier this season

By Brett Williams  
Oregon Daily Emerald

There is no Pacific-10 Conference rivalry in which home-court advantage is more important than in the Washington State-Oregon series.

The way things have gone recently, it appears not.

Last season, a dismal Cougars team took the Ducks to triple overtime before succumbing, 87-83. When they met in Eugene, it was a different story. Oregon had little trouble, winning 77-64.

In their first meeting this season, Washington State (5-15 overall, 0-11 Pac-10) almost upset the Ducks in overtime, as Oregon needed a career-high 27 points from Alex Scales to pull out a slim 81-80 victory.

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“  
Washington State is not a terrible team; they've just had some tough losses... We've always had trouble with [them], and we'll have to play well at home to win.”

A.D. Smith  
forward

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■ The Oregon women try not to underestimate northern foes Washington State and Washington in their quest to repeat as Pac-10 champs

By Mirjam Swanson  
Oregon Daily Emerald

One ... game ... at ... a ... time. That's what assistant coach Fred Litzenberger is always preaching, warning, harping on. Especially now.

Eight games remain in the regular season, and the Oregon women's basketball team is tied for second with Stanford and UCLA, who are all one game behind Arizona.

After two solid wins against Stanford and California last weekend, the Ducks (17-6 overall, 8-3 Pacific-10 Conference) are sailing into matchups with last-place Washington State (4-17, 1-10) tonight in Pullman at 7 p.m. and at Washington (7-16, 3-8) at 1 p.m. on Sunday — games in which

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