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Jam session

He gets a perfect score of 40 for a soaring 360-degree dunk, but Alex Scales doesn't advance to the second round of the annual NCAA dunk contest. **PAGE 10**

Scoreboard

Auriemma, Catchings honored

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tamika Catchings succeeded with her skill on the court, Geno Auriemma with his work on the sideline. Both have their teams in the NCAA Final Four and they were honored Thursday as The Associated Press player and coach of the year in women's basketball.

Catchings has led Tennessee to a 32-3 record with her solid and often brilliant all-around play and kept the player of the year award in the Lady Vols' court for the third straight season.

Drexler quits

HOUSTON (AP) — Clyde Drexler quit today as coach of the Houston basketball team only two years after retiring from the NBA to take over at his alma mater.

"He's been thinking about it awhile," Chet Gladchuk, Houston's athletic director, said. "It boiled down to his position that he's had a 20-year run in basketball as a player and the last two years as a coach and it's time he needs a break."

Drexler said he wanted to spend more time with his family, in spite of his love for basketball and his job.

Agbayani's slam ends long night

TOKYO (AP) — Because of Benny Agbayani, the New York Mets are taking back more than kimonos, Pokemon cards and pearls from Japan.

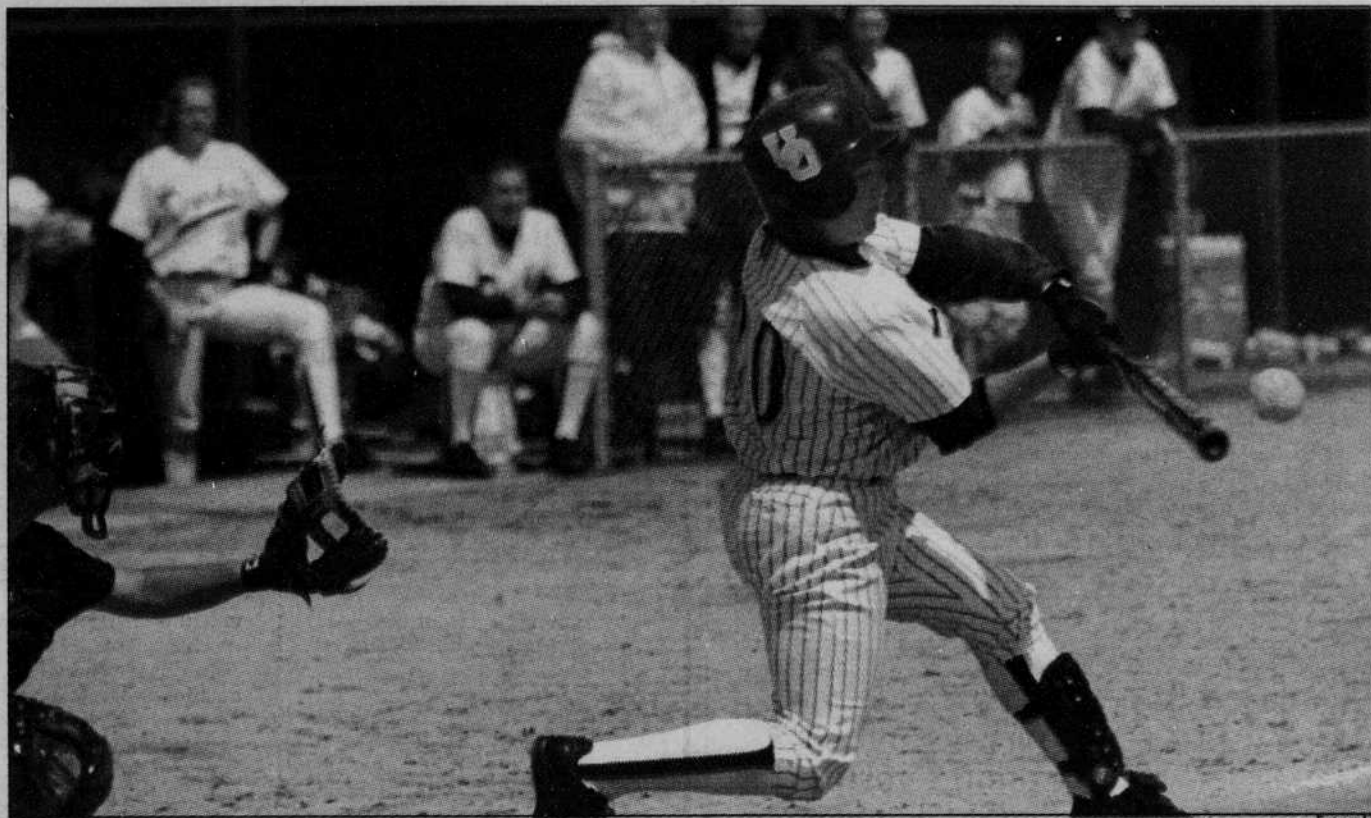
Agbayani, ticketed for the minors in 10 days lined a pinch-hit grand slam in the 11th inning Thursday night, and the Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 5-1.



Best Bet

NCAA Men's Final Four
Saturday, 5:30 p.m., CBS

UO getting thrown into fire early



Senior second baseman Andrea Gustafson is among Oregon's leaders offensively, batting .380 with 25 RBIs. She's also second on the team in doubles, hitting seven.

Oregon needs its bats to stay hot this weekend as it opens Pac-10 play against the nation's No. 2 and No. 5 teams

By Matt O'Neill
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Oregon is being thrown right into the fire this weekend as the team begins Pacific-10 Conference play on the road against the No. 2 Arizona Wildcats and No. 5 Arizona State Sun Devils.

The No. 25 Ducks open the three-game swing against Arizona today and face Arizona State both Saturday and Sunday.

Opening the conference season on the road, against two top-five teams doesn't seem to concern head coach Rick Gamez and his player very much. With all of the confer-

ence's teams ranked in the top 25, Gamez knows the Ducks will face tough competition throughout the rest of the year.

"Everyone in the conference is tough," Gamez said. "The biggest thing for us to play three good games and execute from one game to the next."

Senior infielder/outfielder Jill Robinson agreed. As one of the team's four seniors, she knows from experience that anything can happen in the Pac-10.

"We're going to the Pac-10 now and it's one of the toughest conferences in the United States," Robinson said. "We

need to just play our game, right now we can't be our own worst enemies. We need to stay together and play as a team."

That team concept has afforded the Ducks a record of 23-11 on the season.

Led by a group of four players batting .380 or above, Oregon has put up gaudy numbers in the preseason, scoring 214 runs in 34 games. However, the team usually relies on the big inning for most of their runs, something that both Gamez and Robinson would like to see change.

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“We need to take advantage of every opportunity.”

Rick Gamez
UO head coach

Oregon loses two more, roster down to seven players

Sarah Colistro and Amy Juppenlatz are forced to leave the tennis team, leaving Oregon with only six scholarship players

By Robbie McCallum
for the Emerald

Two of Oregon's top players won't finish the 1999-2000 tennis season.

Sophomore Sarah Colistro and freshman Amy Juppenlatz left the team at the end of last term, leaving the Ducks with only six scholarship players on the roster.

Colistro returned to her native Chaussey, France two weeks ago to recover from an undisclosed medical problem. She will rejoin the team in September. Juppenlatz will not return

to Oregon.

"[Oregon] just wasn't the right place for her and it wasn't the right situation for us either," Head coach Jack Griffin said. "Things just weren't working out."

Colistro was the second-most experienced player on the team, second only to senior cap-

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Ducks take to the outdoors, thanks to sunny skies

■ The men's tennis team takes advantage of good weather for its second outdoor match of the season

By Robbie McCallum
for the Emerald

Things are starting to look good for the Oregon men's tennis team. After winning five of their last six matches, the Ducks return home to sunny Oregon for their second outdoor match of the season.

No. 67 Oregon takes on Montana today at 1:30 p.m. at the 15th avenue courts across from the Esslinger Recreation Center. Originally the match was scheduled to be played at the Eugene Swim and Tennis center, but was moved outside due to favorable weather.

The Montana contest will be a warm-up for

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On Tap

What: Men's tennis

Who: Montana vs. Oregon

Where: 15th Avenue tennis courts

When: Today at 1:30 p.m.