

# Sports

## Rained out

The No. 23 Oregon softball team's double-header at Portland State was postponed Tuesday because of rain. It was rescheduled for April 12. This Friday, the Ducks take on No. 3 UCLA at 2 p.m. at Howe Field. **PAGE 8**

## Scoreboard

### USA Today/ NFCA Softball Rankings

1. WASHINGTON (27)
2. ARIZONA
3. UCLA
4. CALIFORNIA
5. ARIZONA STATE
6. Fresno State
7. Okalahoma
8. STANFORD
9. Louisiana State
10. South Mississippi
11. OREGON STATE
12. CS Fullerton
13. Michigan
14. Alabama
15. Iowa
16. La-Lafayette
17. Long Beach State
18. South Carolina
19. Mississippi State
20. Oklahoma State
21. Notre Dame
22. Illinois-Chicago
23. OREGON
24. East Carolina
25. Florida Atlantic

### Few viewers watch NCAA finals

The men's game drew a record low number of viewers, and basketball in general has seen its TV audience decline. **PAGE 10**

### Trips to the ballpark will cost a lot more

The average ticket prices have increased more than 11 percent over last year, but fans can be treated to three brand new baseball parks. **PAGE 10**

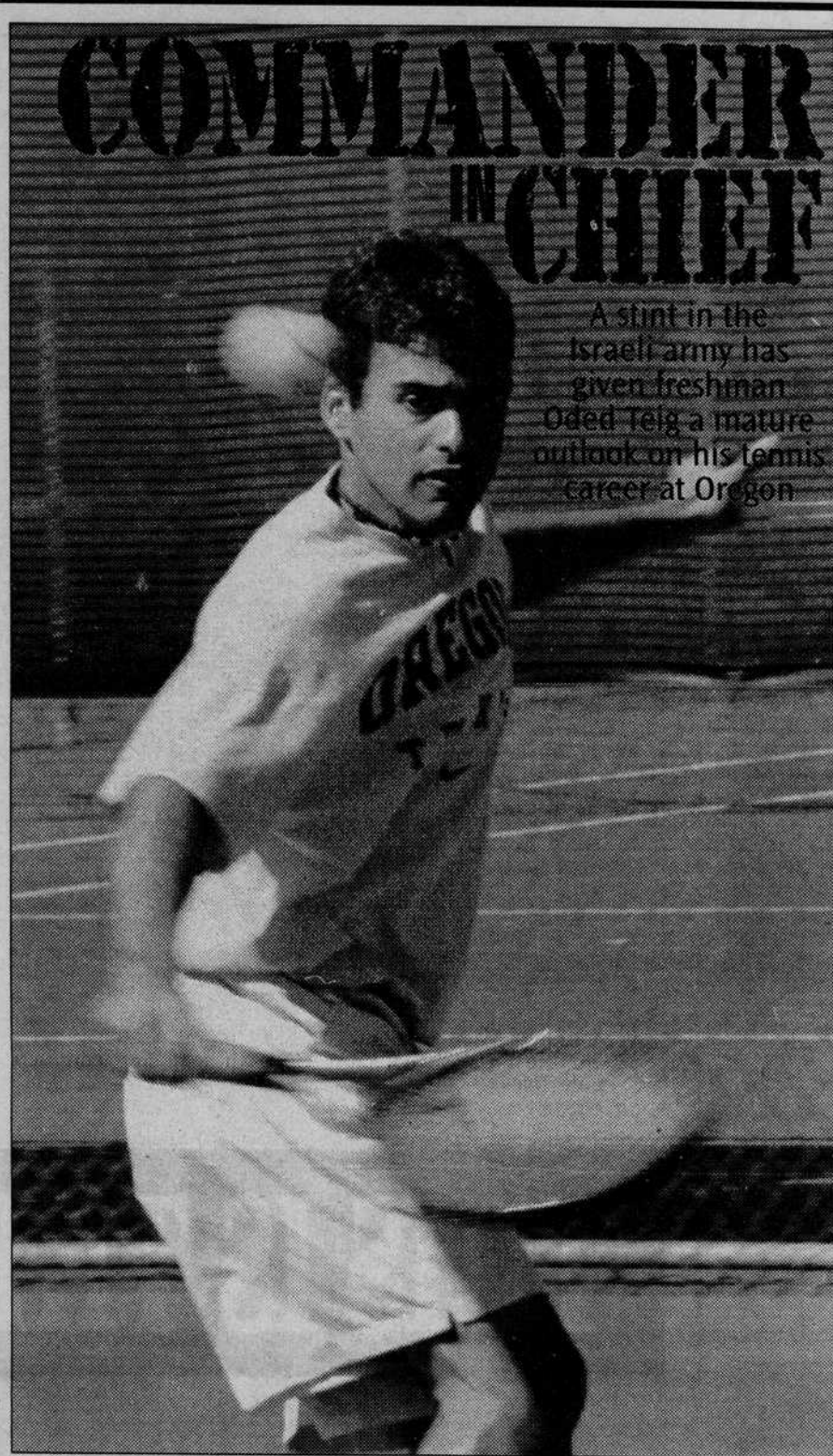
### McGwire hopes to be back in on Wednesday

The Cardinals' star believes he prevented more serious injury by taking himself out of the game Monday after a back strain. **PAGE 12**



### Best Bet

NBA: Houston vs. Portland  
7 p.m., FoxSports Net



After a stint in the Israeli army, Oded Teig comes to the Ducks as a most-reliable freshman.

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## COMMANDER IN CHIEF

A stint in the Israeli army has given freshman Oded Teig a mature outlook on his tennis career at Oregon

By Robbie McCallum  
for the Emerald

The road to Oregon has been a long one for Oded Teig. The freshman from Holon, Israel has had to deal with numerous obstacles in his quest to study and play tennis here.

The 22-year-old freshman has waited three years to play tennis at an American university, because Teig, like all Israeli males, had to fulfill mandatory military service for his country.

Before joining the army, Teig was well on his way to stardom. He was a top junior, ranked No. 4 in the Israeli 18-and-under division and had made it to the finals of the Israel Junior Championships.

Following high school, he spent three years in the Israeli Army, rising to the rank of lieutenant commander. He was in charge of an artillery unit of between 10 and 15 men. He had many responsibilities as a unit leader.

The army "makes people more mature," Teig said. "I'm happy that I did it, but I'm glad it's over."

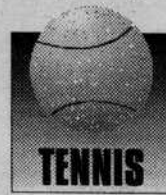
During those three years in the army, Teig had little time for tennis.

"I'm sure it hurt my game," Teig said. "I missed [tennis] a lot. I got to play a little on the weekends, but nothing much."

When Teig got out of the Army, he quickly was recruited by Oregon head coach Chris Russell.

"Everything looked good [in Eugene]," Teig said. "I wanted to compete at a high level and I think the Pac-10 is the highest."

But yet another obstacle got in Teig's way. The NCAA found that Teig's acceptance of funds while in the army was an infraction of its regulations. As a re-



TENNIS



### Oded Teig

Oregon's No. 3 player

Height: 5-foot-9

Year: freshman

Born: July 3, 1977 in Holon, Israel

The right-handed player was ranked No. 4 in Israel in the 18-and-under division before serving three years of mandatory military duty for three years ... 19-6 overall record second only to senior teammate Guillermo Carter ... last fall he went 7-3, including a win against No. 85 Jeremy Berman from Washington.

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## Golfers fourth, but count small victories

The men's golf team is led by the play of captain Ryan Lavoie at San Jose State's Western Intercollegiate

By Peter Hockaday  
for the Emerald

The Oregon men's golf team may have placed fourth at the Western Intercollegiate Tuesday, but it earned an important victory nonetheless.

The Ducks took on five Pacific-10 conference opponents at San Jose State's tournament and — a week and a half before the Pac-10 Championships — beat all five.

Oregon (859, 19-over par) finished the tournament in fourth place behind No. 7 Fresno State (838, two-under), Pepperdine (845, five-over) and Kansas (857, 17-over).

The Ducks were aided by Long Beach State's poor performance in the final round. The 49ers shot a round-three 13-over par and let the Ducks,

who played consistently all tournament, move up to fourth.

Senior co-captain Ryan Lavoie, who has carried the Ducks all season, did it once again at the Western. Lavoie shot three-under par over the final 36 holes at the tournament and finished in third place of 100 golfers.

Sophomore Chris Carnahan and senior co-captain Andrew Tredway shared spots in the top-20 with Lavoie. Carnahan finished 14th, while Tredway finished in a tie for 20th.

The Ducks got their third straight top-four finish Tuesday. But, more importantly, they proved their ability to defeat Pac-10 conference foes on a tough golf course. The Pasatiempo Golf Course is one of the best — and hardest — courses in the country. Combine that with three ranked conference opponents and the Ducks' fourth place finish begins to look impressive.



### Western intercollegiate leaders

Top teams	dine (-11)
1. Fresno State (838, -2)	2. Ryan King, Fresno State (-3)
2. Pepperdine (845, +5)	3. Ryan Lavoie, Oregon (-1)
3. Kansas (857, +17)	
4. Oregon (859, +19)	
Top individuals	Gordy Scutt, Washington (-1)
1. Jason Allred, Pepper	

The Ducks were one of two top-30 teams to survive and finish in the top five at the Western. No. 8 Brigham Young finished ninth, No. 14 Stanford finished 12th, No. 15 Southern California finished 15th and No. 23 Washington finished sixth.

The play of Lavoie was crucial for the Ducks at the Western Intercollegiate, but he is used to the pressure. The co-captain from Pasco, Wash., has been Oregon's top finisher at four tournaments this year. Last year

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