

# Sports

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## Blazers beat weary Jazz

*The Portland Trail Blazers blew a 16-point lead to the Utah Jazz, but held on to win 90-86 in Salt Lake City after Steve Smith and Greg Anthony hit a pair of big three pointers to seal the deal.* **PAGE 10**

## Scoreboard

### Basketball:

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers took center Arvydas Sabonis off the injured list Monday, activating him for their three-game road trip.

Team spokeswoman Sue Carpenter said Sabonis would be in uniform Monday night, but she was unsure if he would play against Utah.

Sabonis sprained his right foot when he fell while leaping for a pass during a home loss to Detroit on March 22. He was placed on the injured list two days later.

### Soccer:

NEW YORK (AP) — Parlaying deep-pocketed investors, a strong television presence and the popularity of the World Cup champions, a women's professional soccer league plans to begin play next spring.

The Women's United Soccer Association said Monday it approved teams for eight cities: Atlanta, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Orlando-Tampa, San Diego, San Francisco and Washington.

Listed as alternates were: Chicago, Columbus, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, Portland, Raleigh-Durham and St. Louis.

### Football:

HARTLAND, Wis. (AP) — Mark Chmura of the Green Bay Packers was arrested and jailed today after his 17-year-old baby sitter accused him of sexually assaulting her at a party after a prom.

Chmura's friend, Robert Gessert, was also arrested and accused of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman in a hot tub at the same party at Gessert's home in Hartland.

The 31-year-old player, one of the NFL's best tight ends, and Gessert, 42, have not been charged, District Attorney Paul Bucher said.



Sophomore pitcher Connie McMurren and the Ducks are due for a Pac-10 win — and they know it. *Kevin Calame Emerald*

## UO plans to disregard latest losses

■ The No. 22 Oregon softball team goes for its first Pac-10 win of the season against the No. 11 Beavers today

By Matt O'Neill  
Oregon Daily Emerald

It's time to jump right back on the horse for Oregon softball.

Two days removed from a weekend sweep, the No. 22 Ducks (24-16 overall, 1-5 Pacific-10 Conference) try to rebound against Oregon State today at 3 p.m. at Howe Field.

The task does not get any easier for head coach Rick Gamez and his team as the No. 11 Beavers (26-12, 0-6) come to town looking for their first conference win of the year.

"We're going to continue to battle," Gamez said. "The Beavers are in the same boat we are. Now it just becomes a matter of forgetting about everything that's happened, and it's Civil War time."

Forgetting about this past weekend is just what the Ducks want to do because against UCLA and Washington the team only scored one run in three games. But the Beavers didn't fare any better, dropping all three of their games by a combined score of 19-10.

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### On tap

**What:**  
softball  
Civil War

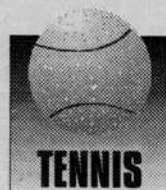
**Who:**  
No. 11 OSU  
vs. No. 22  
Oregon

**When:**  
3 p.m.

**Where:**  
Howe Field

## Improved doubles play gives UO confidence

Superior play by the men's tennis team has led to wins and a shot at the post season



By Robbie McCallum  
for the Emerald

If anything dictates how the men's tennis team will do, it is doubles play.

When the Ducks win the ever-important doubles point — which requires winning at least two of the three doubles matches — then Oregon almost certainly wins the match.

The Ducks have captured the doubles point in all but one of their last 10 matches. The recent doubles success has produced wins in eight of the last 10 matches.

The team of sophomore Thomas Schneider and freshman Oded Teig has won nine of its last 10 matches and are 13-4 on the season.

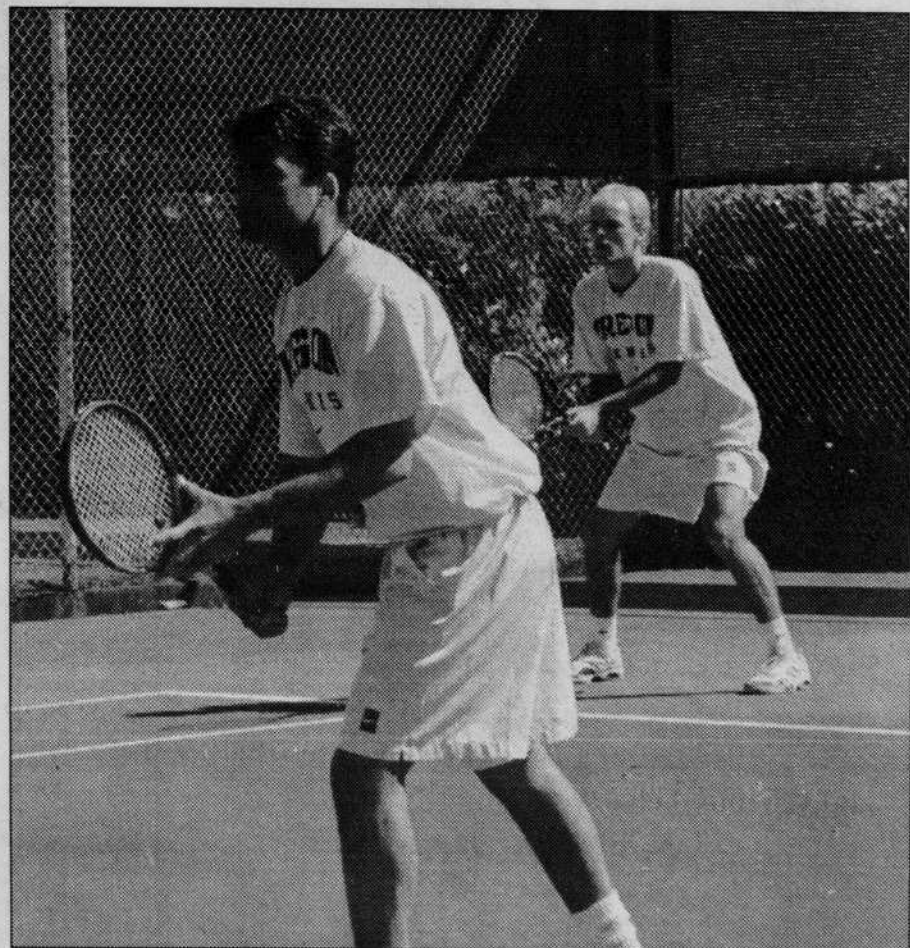
Senior Guillermo Carter and freshman Leslie Eisinga have won nine of 11, including an 8-6 upset over then-No.1 Geoff Abrams and Alex Kim of Stanford. At one point during the season, Carter and Eisinga were ranked as high as 47th.

Senior Joaquin Hamdan and junior David Becker have also been key in Oregon's doubles success.

### Streaks

With Oregon's recent success

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The Ducks' No. 2 singles player, sophomore Thomas Schneider, has won seven straight matches and will likely be ranked for the second time in his career when the new polls are released this Wednesday. *Azle Malinao-Alvarez Emerald*



### Best Bet

MLB: Boston vs. Seattle  
5 p.m., ESPN