

# Sports

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**Mowe alternate on Jones Cup team**

Oregon center Jenny Mowe is one of five alternates selected for the 12-member USA Jones Cup team, which competes in Taiwan on July 16-20 and then again in Hawaii on September 3.

Forty one of the nation's top collegiate players tried out for the squad last week in Colorado Springs, Co.

Mowe, who averaged more than two blocks per game last season, was also an alternate on the 1999 World University team and a member of the 1997 USA Junior World Championship team.

The Ducks' starting point guard Shaquala Williams also participated in last week's trials.

**Second walkway closed after accident**

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — State engineers Monday ordered a second walkway at Lowe's Motor Speedway closed until they can learn why the track's other pedestrian bridge collapsed, injuring 107 people.

Investigators believe corrosion caused the first walkway to fall onto U.S. Highway 29 Saturday night. The walkways, 500 yards apart, are no more than 5 years old.

The second bridge has a rust spot — described as no bigger than a nickel and the only visual sign of possible trouble — but that was enough to lead to its indefinite closure.

With the second walkway out of commission for Speed Week, which begins Wednesday with qualifying for Saturday's Coca-Cola 600, fans will have to use a crosswalk to navigate U.S. 29.

"We will not allow the reopening of this bridge until we know what went wrong, and the track agreed to close it," said Benton Payne, division engineer for the state Department of Transportation. "We will need to see a report on why the bridge collapsed and make sure the other bridge doesn't have the same problems before it can open."

**Beating the bridge**

SEATTLE (AP) — The 7,900 participants in the annual Nordstrom Beat the Bridge run raised more than \$700,000 for charity, organizers said.

The eight kilometer race is billed as the sixth-largest running competition in the country. It challenges runners to beat the raising of University Bridge in north Seattle, and money raised goes to the Western Washington Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

The race has raised a total of \$3.5 million over the last 18 years.



**Best Bet**

NBA Playoffs:  
New York vs. Indiana  
5:30 p.m., TNT

## Ducks look forward, reflect back

■ The men's golf team fell just short of the NCAA Championships, although that doesn't define its season

By Peter Hockaday  
for the Emerald

The Oregon men's golf team was expecting to be booking a flight to Alabama right now.

The Ducks were supposed to be going to the NCAA Championships for the third straight year, and the program was supposed to gain that last pinnacle that would vault it into the category of the nation's best golf teams.

Instead, the No. 19 Ducks were stunned by five lower-ranked teams at the NCAA West Regionals in Fresno, Calif., last weekend and missed a trip to the Championships by one stroke.

But a season is not defined by one tournament. Even though they are disappointed, the Ducks are not jumping off buildings because of what happened in Fresno.

Instead, two days after it all ended, the Ducks are accentuating the positives of their season.

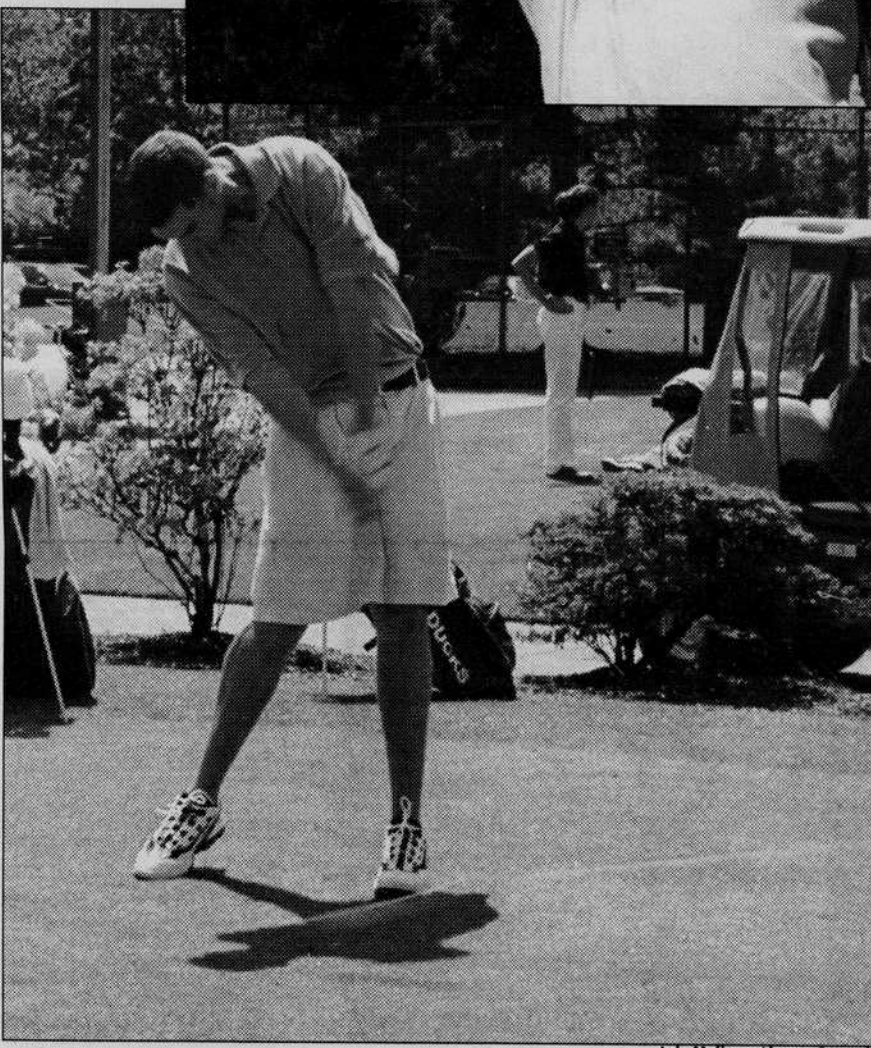
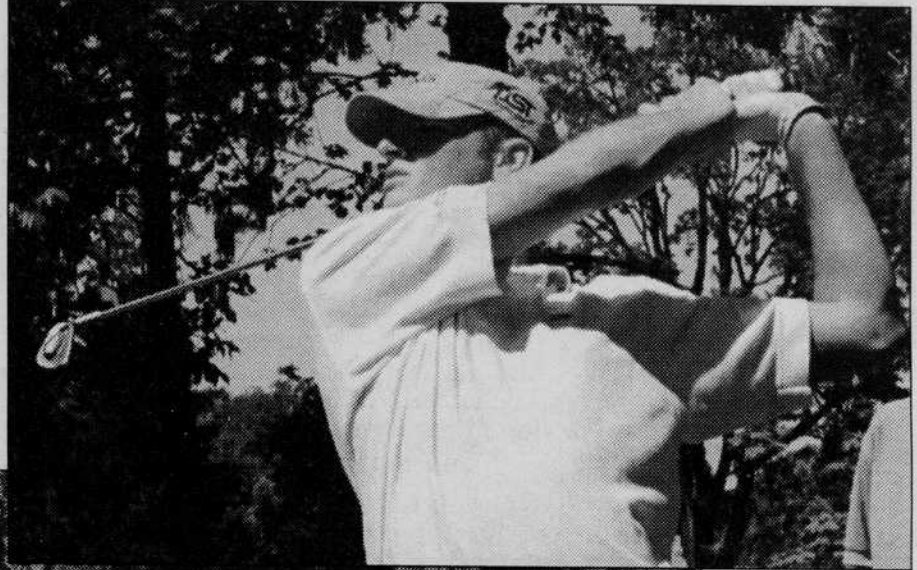
"We had numerous successes this year," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said, "almost too numerous to mention."

For one, the Ducks' results this year are impressive. They placed better than fifth nine times in 13 tournaments. They finished worse than 10th only twice — and just got unlucky that one of those times was when it really counted.

The Ducks didn't win a tournament this year, but had two second, two third and three fourth place finishes.

Oregon finished fourth at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships but finished behind six Pac-10 teams at the regionals. The Ducks garnered a No. 19 ranking towards the end of the season and felt they could be higher.

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(top) Senior co-captain Andrew Tredway shot the Ducks' lowest round at the West Regionals last weekend but is graduating. Freshman Chris Carnahan (bottom) is Oregon's best hope for the future.

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head coach

## 'Sheed, Blazers keep cool and crush L.A.

■ Portland's 20-0 third quarter run dooms Los Angeles' hopes of heading to the Northwest with a 2-0 advantage

“They had us back on our heels.”

Phil Jackson  
Lakers' head coach

By Bob Baum  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — He is a 6-foot-11 portrait of grace and skill at his best; hot-tempered and self-destructive at his worst.

Rasheed Wallace was at his best Monday night, and in an incredibly dominant third quarter, so were the Portland Trail Blazers.

Wallace, on his best behavior after being ejected from Game 1 for getting two technical fouls, had playoff career highs of 29 points and 12 rebounds as the Blazers stunned Los Angeles 106-77, the Lakers' most lopsided loss of the season.

"We just kind of took it to them," Portland's Scottie Pippen said.

Wallace made three 3-pointers in a 20-0 third-quarter outburst as Portland evened the best-of-seven Western Conference finals 1-1.

The series doesn't resume until Friday in Portland.

"No one said it was going to be easy," Shaquille O'Neal said. "Now we've got our hands full."

The way the Blazers played the third quarter there was no reason for the "Hack-a-Shaq" strategy that sent O'Neal to the line a playoff-record 25 times in the fourth quarter of Game 1. O'Neal was 5-for-17 from the line, but it was academic. O'Neal, averaging 30.8 points

in the playoffs, had 23 points and 12 rebounds, but 14 of his points came in the fourth quarter when the Lakers never got closer than 18.

"When you're the road team coming in, you're trying to shift the homecourt advantage back," Portland coach Mike Dunleavy said. "That was our goal, we accomplished it."

Kobe Bryant was the only other Los Angeles player in double figures with 12 points, but was only 2-for-9 from the field.

The Lakers lost at home for the first time in eight playoff games and the second time in 26 games since losing to the Blazers on Jan. 22. Los Angeles is 43-6 at home.

Wallace, who drew his second technical in Game 1 for

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**Game Leaders**

**Scoring**

<b>Blazers:</b>	
Wallace	29
Smith	24
<b>Lakers:</b>	
O'Neal	23
Bryant	12

**Boards**

<b>Blazers:</b>	
Wallace	12
Pippen	11
<b>Lakers:</b>	
O'Neal	11