

## Sports Brief

### Women's cross country team qualifies for NCAA meet

After struggling all season, the Oregon women's cross country team placed fourth at the Western Regional meet on Saturday to earn an at-large berth. The women are ranked No. 22 in the nation.

"I'm proud of what we did as a team at Regionals in Fresno last week," Oregon head coach Tom Heinonen said.

However, the tenth-ranked Oregon men received more disappointing news. Despite strong performances all season long and a respectable fourth place finish at regionals, the men were denied an at-large berth.

The team will send two individuals to the national meet. Sophomore All-American Jason Hartmann and senior Michael Kasahun will represent the men's team.

# UO starts signing period with a bang

## Softball and volleyball add prep stars during the first week of signing season

By Adam Jude  
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It's a new season for all of the Oregon sports programs: Signing season.

Nov. 8 marked the day that high school seniors could begin signing letters of intent to attend colleges.

The Oregon Athletic Department has already got the ball rolling, signing five student athletes in the first five days.

### A southpaw will take the mound

Oregon softball coach Rick Gamez signed three players to letters of intent for the 2002 season.

Mari Lyn Petrick, a senior at Glencoe High School in Hillsboro, led the Metro League with a .438 batting average and was an All-State catcher last season.

The Washington 4A Conference Player of the Year, Ashley Richards (Richland, Wash.), also signed a letter of intent to play with the Ducks. The catcher/infielder is "very versatile," Gamez said. "We're going to be able to utilize her athletic ability at many positions."

Additionally, Lindsey Kontra, a native of Valencia, Calif., will contribute for Oregon as a left pitcher. Her 14-under team was crowned the national champion, and she helped lead her 16-under team to a second-place finish nationally.

"Lindsey is a big left-handed pitcher who will definitely have an impact immediately," Gamez said.

All three are expected to have quality playing time on the team during their freshmen season, Gamez said.

"We're very excited about this class," he said. "It's always big to get kids that can help us both athletically and academically. They are all really excited about becoming Ducks, as well."

Last season, Gamez guided the Ducks to a 36-29 overall record, and fell only one game short of the College World Series.

### Volleyball adds another setter

In his first season as the Oregon volleyball coach, Carl Ferreira has implemented the flashy two-setter offensive system that has produced 10 wins so far this season. The addition of another setter, Lauren Westendorf (Centennial High

School, Bakersfield, Calif.) should strengthen the system and the program even more in the future.

"Lauren has an infectious personality," Ferreira said. "She has 100 percent of the intangible characteristics that I think it takes to be successful in the top half of the conference. She's a highly skilled player, and I honestly believe that her attitude, intelligence and work ethic make her an above-average recruit."

Westendorf, a 6-foot senior who will also see action as an outside hitter, was named First-Team All-Area in 1999 and chosen the Best All-Around Player for her junior season.

"I'm really excited because I love the coaching staff and I think I can add a lot of things in terms of my mental and physical game," she said.

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 4 — You need to move carefully. It will be easy to hurt people's feelings and hard to make up. Others have expectations; some you know about and some you don't. Pretend you're walking through a minefield, and you should do fine.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Today is an 8 — Some people are having a tough time, but you seem to be above the fray. Your experience and a good partner's help give you a definite advantage. Use it to assist somebody who's quickly becoming overwhelmed.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 5 — Be careful. Stay out of traffic and don't make assumptions. Don't take anybody or anything for granted. Call to remind people of things they said they'd do and places they said they'd be. It's more work for you, but your chances of success will improve.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 6 — A disagreement with a roommate could disrupt your shopping trip. Pay separately for the special items that you want, to avoid a confrontation. If you don't get everything talked out tonight, don't worry. Sleep on it. Things will look better in the morning.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 4 — You want to be assertive, but it's not a good idea. Others are a little edgy. You don't need to raise your voice. Stifle, and you're more likely to get your point across without ruffling as many

feathers.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Don't get your hopes up too high. That raise you were looking for may not come through for a while. That doesn't mean you won't get it eventually. Be patient and don't let your imagination run wild. Your plans may take a little longer than expected.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 4 — An older person, a woman most likely, is liable to say something nasty. You want to snap back, but that's not a good idea. Don't tell anybody what you really think, especially this person who's being irritating. This is a test.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — You're good at choosing your words. That's the challenge. Rumors spread like wildfire when tensions are high. Pull rank, if necessary, to stay in control. Don't get people upset by telling them something they don't need to know yet.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 3 — Something you've been told isn't true. It doesn't matter if the person who told you outranks you. Don't gamble, either. Keep your money in your pocket and your opinion to yourself. Check with other sources on that information you're wondering about.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — You're strong, and you have a good team on your side. You have a good partner, too. Don't spend too much money, though. An item you're not familiar with may cost a lot less than advertised. Offer your good advice to a friend who's having troubles.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 3 — Your fantasy doesn't match reality yet. Your latest innovative idea needs to stay on hold just a little longer. The person who's paying the bills isn't going for it. You won't lose a thing by waiting.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 6 — This isn't a good day to travel. The meeting you're planning to attend won't turn out as well as expected, anyway. Can you get a min check? Somebody you care about would like to tell you a story. It would be nice if you could be there to hear it.

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