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Despite a respectable fourth place finish at the Western Regional meet Saturday, the Ducks were snubbed by the selection committee and denied a berth at the national meet.

The snub breaks a long chain of NCAA berths in which Oregon teams qualified for 29 of the last 32 NCAA meets.

Head coach Martin Smith will send two individuals to the national meet — sophomore Jason Hartmann and senior Michael Kasahun, who placed second and fourth at the regional meet, respectively.

Qualifying standards for the national meet take into account a team's national ranking, its record against other top-25 teams and its placing at the conference and regional meets.

Although Oregon was ranked 10th in the nation, it trailed Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo at the regional meet by eight points. Cal Poly

beat only one NCAA qualifying team in the regular season and also failed to qualify for the NCAAs.

Instead, the rest of the Oregon team will stay at home while 12 other teams that Oregon soundly defeated in the regular season will run at nationals.

In the polls

As startling as the men's team snub by the national committee was, the women's acceptance in the national meet was just as surprising.

The Oregon women's team was among the fourth group of teams accepted into the NCAAs. After mediocre performances all season, the Ducks broke out of their slump at the regional meet, placing fourth overall and beating out two other ranked teams.

"At nationals, we know we can be a top-20 team, but it won't be easy," head coach Tom Heinonen said. "If we race like we're capable of, we can beat a lot of teams."

The Ducks climbed back into the top-25 polls this week at No. 22, the final poll of the season.

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throughout the second half, and were able to stay always one step ahead of Oregon.

AIA made 11 of 14 free throws down the stretch, including seven of their last eight, to stave off the Ducks, 84-80.

The Ducks' reactions to the loss were mixed.

"We should have beat those guys," Ridnour said. "Mentally, we didn't get it done."

Kent compared Tuesday's exhi-

bition to Oregon's first match with the Basketball Travelers last Monday.

"The Basketball Travelers didn't force you to think defensively, you could play them straight up," Kent said. "Tonight we faced a smart team."

Bracey was actually "glad" the Ducks lost.

"This was a test for us, as far as our chemistry, to see if we can bounce back," Bracey said.

Oregon will try to do just that against Mississippi Valley State Friday in their regular-season opener at Mac Court.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 15). Finish what you started last year. The tough part's over now, so gather the rewards of your efforts. Make a list of who owes you what in November. Discover a buried treasure in December. Heed a loved one's advice in January. Try something different at home in February. Stay cool at work in April, and by May the job will be a breeze. Dig up new information in June and follow your dreams to a distant shore in July. Keep an old promise to yourself in September.

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 — Can you manage to stay home, in bed? You could get up once in a while to get more chocolate. Telling your boss that your astrologer said you could take an extra day off, however, might not go over well. Think of something else.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — You've made it, and you should celebrate. You and your partner should go out and do something special. You've been promising yourselves a treat, so don't weenie out of it. Something in town must be open on a Wednesday night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 4 — The finances you're expecting could be less than you thought. Don't spend the check until it clears the bank. Go over your budget and cut out the frills. Scrimping a bit is a good idea. You may end up a little sadder, but a lot wiser.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — A recent turn of events is good for you. Your questions have been answered, or soon will be. Schedule a private meeting with your soul mate, or the person who you suspect might fall into that category. Do some planning. Take notes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 4 — Keep a low profile. A box of chocolates would be a good companion. A romance novel might be OK, too. Don't read anything that will get you upset, however. You're kind of edgy. No point in making it worse. This, too, shall pass.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — You handled a recent difficult situation well. Your friends admire your diplomacy and tact. Don't bother trying to hide how smart you are. It's out in the open now. People think you're great, too. Relax and enjoy the attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 4 — Your energy level's low, but that's OK. You'll gain more from listening than talking, anyway. Don't tell anybody off, either. You'll learn and earn more by keeping your opinions to yourself, than you will by sharing them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — You're looking good. The travel-related problem passed. You can make contact with a person you've played phone tag with all week. You'll soon discover the next step to achieve your goals. That's true in romance, as well as business.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 4 — You're under stress from different directions. Don't talk about what you've learned or what you've accomplished. Don't say much of anything, actually. Finish up whatever you're doing. Conditions will improve soon. Tough it out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — If you're single, a friend could fix you up with a keeper. If you're married, a double date with your favorite couple is a great idea. You've promised yourself an evening of fun and games for a while. Go ahead and check that off your list.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 4 — You're working hard and not getting paid enough for it. If your dreams seem to be falling apart, don't get depressed. Some things can't be figured out; they just have to be taken on faith. This is a good time to practice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — You're drawing attention from people you admire. You could get the promotion you're after, too. You're smart, and your intuition should be excellent. Finish projects you've been working on, in business and in romance. Don't start new ones, yet.

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