

# Rugby team has high hopes for its weekend

■ The rugby team seeks vengeance on Sacramento State; the Aikido Club holds its Winter Gassuku 2001

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The Oregon Club Sports men's rugby team travels to the Bay Area this weekend to seek revenge.



Last October, Sacramento State defeated the Ducks, 34-20, which left the team with unfinished business.

"We are in a position to give these guys some payback," head coach Bob Snyder said.

When the Ducks were defeated during the fall, they lost some key players to injuries. Now, they've gained good experience from younger players who have stepped up.

Heading into the fall, Sacramento State was ranked 16th, while Oregon was right behind at 18th. The Ducks have a record of 3-4 in the winter season, and have something to prove in this weekend's game.

When Oregon lost to Sacramento State, which was the 1999-2000 Second Division National Champion, it came down to the final minutes. According to club coordinator Will Middleton, the team couldn't keep ball possession and couldn't get its offensive arsenal to execute.

"This will be a close game, but we

will pull it out," Snyder said.

## Aikido Club holds seminar

The annual Oregon Aikido Club Winter Gassuku is happening this weekend at the Student Recreation Center.

The guest instructor this year is Tom Read Sensei from Northcoast Aikido in Arcata, Calif. One of his specialties is Aikibojitsu and he will be giving thorough demonstrations on all aspects of the sport of aikido. Everyone is invited to watch and participate.

"Students will learn about the basis and philosophy of Aikido and see some free-flow and energetic techniques," said Sasha Tavenner, Aikido Club coordinator.

Aikido is one of the only clubs that doesn't participate in competitions,

but rather holds seminars. At such events, students are supervised on tests of their ability levels, from beginner to most advanced.

"The tests involve a lot of attacking with give and take and is pretty interesting to watch," Tavenner said.

## Hockey returns home

The Oregon Club Sports hockey team faces off against Southern California this weekend on its home ice.

After the letdown in Los Angeles earlier this season, the Ducks are ready to get their revenge.

"There is not one team out there I want to beat more badly than USC," Oregon team captain Tyler Shaffar said.

While the Trojans have more depth than Oregon, the Ducks will play up their strengths of speed and

intensity.

"They have players who can score any time," Shaffar said. "But what we lack in talent, we can make up in speed and intensity. Hockey is one sport that lets you do that."

A team meeting Tuesday evening refocused and regrouped the Ducks, goalie Josh Hardin said.

"We're trying a different formula," Hardin said. "[Last] Friday's game [against Weber State] showed us we can play with the No. 1 team. We know we can play with the best in the league. We have to beat USC."

With a fierce will to beat the Trojans in front of a home crowd, the Ducks are hoping for a large turnout to cheer them on.

Both Friday and Saturday's games will be played at the Lane County Ice Arena at 7:30 p.m.

**haze** (origin unknown)

- 1A) to **intimidate** by physical punishment
- 1B) to **harass** by exacting unnecessary, disagreeable, or **difficult** work
- 1C) to harass or try to embarrass or disconnect by banter, **ridicule**, or criticism

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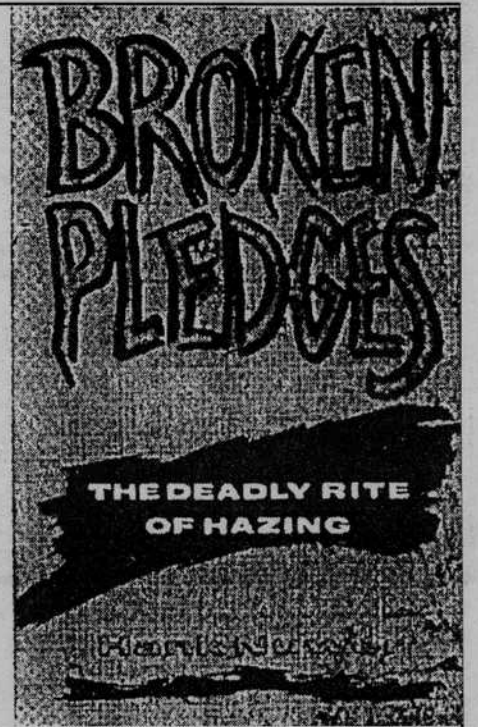
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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 19). Friends boost you over the top this year. Promise to do something you can't accomplish on your own. You're determined and imaginative in January, an awesome combination. Dump feelings of worthlessness in February, and demand what's coming to you. In March, learn faster than the students you're teaching. They'll keep you on your toes through April. Make time for an old sweetheart in May. The perfect words bring new business in June. Take care of others in July and they'll take care of you. Keep a low profile during the summer, then push hard in November. Have an extra-special celebration in December.

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 7 — As the day continues you'll feel stronger. A difficult situation is starting to fade. Win or lose, the tough part's over. Get together with friends to celebrate your victory.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — You're about to enter a phase when you can advance in your career, but there will be a test. Hopefully, you've done some studying in the last few weeks. Your luck improves if you are prepared.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Finish the worst of a tough project. Somebody you think is attractive is also ready to relax. Why not go somewhere interesting this weekend? If nobody asks, you do the asking. You're great at that.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — The work routine changes, and it's directing attention to you. If you requested a new tool to make the job easier, it will. Things will go slower during the learning phase, however.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Your sweetheart could throw you a curve, and it's something you secretly hoped would hap-

pen. It's a good time to make a commitment. If the other person doesn't speak up first, get the game going yourself.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Are you trying to change things at home? Are you moving? It's a great time to recycle. Get rid of all the stuff you don't want anymore, which does not necessarily mean your roommate — but it could.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — All the work you've done around your home is starting to pay off. This weekend you'll be ready for rest, relaxation, and romance. Schedule a private conversation, and make a long-term commitment.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — By now you should know what you want, especially in household furnishings. It's a good weekend for a makeover at your place, starting tonight.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — The facts should be clear by now, so let people know what you really think. Nicely, of course.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Gather your resources, then figure out how to allocate them. A scheme that's hanging around in the back of your mind is starting to take shape. Don't rush it, let it develop naturally.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You're getting stronger, and your team is getting more creative. Get together with those who share your goals, to see what you can come up with. It ought to be awesome.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — If you've been thinking about asking for a promotion, do it. You might take an older person by surprise, but that's OK. Your boss may have a few surprises for you, too.

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