

UO rugby beats opponents, baseball loses weekend trio

■ Oregon men's rugby defeats OSU but misses nationals, and men's baseball loses its first weekend tournament

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The Oregon women's club water polo team had a great weekend, winning its regional tournament and defeating some tough teams in the process.

First, the Ducks demolished Oregon State, 18-2. Then, Oregon defeated Washington, the defending national champions, 11-8. Next up, Western Washington lost dead in the water, 15-3, and the Ducks' final win came against Simon Fraser.

"They did an outstanding job, and it was a good team effort," Oregon coach Lea Bonebrake said.

The weekend leaves the Ducks sitting pretty with the No. 1 seed going into the championship tournament, where they will face the same teams as this weekend. In order for the Oregon women to go to nationals, they must win the championships.

"We can't be satisfied with this weekend," Bonebrake said. "We need to keep the hunger."

Men's Rugby wins Civil War

Well, through it all, the Oregon men's rugby team didn't advance to the national tournament.

But things did end on a positive note, with the Ducks defeating arch-rival Oregon State, 29-25, this past weekend.

"We gave them the scores that they got, and we are a way better team," Oregon coach Bob Snyder said.

The Ducks did their part in doing what they had to, but needed Washington to defeat Central Washington and it just didn't work. Central won that game against the Huskies 16-12.

"It was a great season, and we are looking forward to next season already," Snyder said.

The men still have a few more games, though, and will play Colorado at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Southbank Field.

Last fall, the Ducks were spanking Central 31-5 at halftime, but the Wildcats came back strong to win that game in the end. If the Ducks had won, would they have made nationals? No one will ever know.

Men's Baseball goes 0-3 to open season

Strike 1, 2, 3... and you're out.

This is what happened to the Oregon men's baseball team as it went 0-3 in weekend play.

The Ducks first played Utah State and lost 4-2, after the score was tied at 2-2 in the 6th inning. Then Eastern Washington scored three runs in the top of the seventh and the Ducks could only answer with one run and were defeated 4-5. Strike 3 came against Montana, where the men lost 10-0.

"We played exceptional, but the late innings cost us," Oregon player/coach Kurt Langworthy said.

Many of the men stepped up, though, and played strong, including catcher Keyon Maljai and along with center fielder Shanti Perry and first basemen Ryan O'Donnell, who were both strong hitters. Pitcher Regan Schaller allowed only two runs in five innings against Utah and pitcher Langworthy went four innings, allowing no runs against Washington.

The Ducks have some work to do on offense, according to Langworthy, but there is still a long season ahead.

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Agent shrugs rumors of Jordan comeback

NEW YORK - Could Michael Jordan's next big acquisition for the Washington Wizards be... Michael Jordan?

Citing a source identified only as being "very close to Jordan," Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly reported in this week's edition the former NBA great is "90 percent committed" to making a comeback next season with the Wizards.

A Jordan comeback has been fueled by reports he is working out - with some saying he was spending up to six hours a day in a gym to get back into playing shape.

Jordan told The Washington Post on March 8 that a comeback "has not crossed my mind, but I will never say never."

"The first time I said never, I ended up coming back, but I can say that there's a 99.9 percent chance that I am not coming back," he said.

Jordan's agent, David Falk, ridiculed the report.

"I think that there is less than one-tenth of 1 percent of a chance that Michael will play again in the NBA. When you hit the last shot in the last second of his last game for a three-peat, how do you top that?" Falk told the Boston Globe.

"He wouldn't play for the veteran minimum; he'd play for the Michael Jordan minimum," Falk said. "And that would only come about if every team chipped in \$2 million or \$3 million because that's how much it would mean. But money isn't the issue. I wish you would print this so we can put an end to all this foolishness."

Falk wasn't the only one discrediting the SI story. Maureen

Nassar, director of PR for the Washington Wizards, said as far as the team knows, there is no truth to the report.

Nassar added the Wizards would love for Jordan to come back, but the team has not received any notice of a plan by Jordan to return.

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Michael Jordan
former NBA player

Jordan told the Post that the main reason he has no intention of playing is that he would have to sell his interest in the Wizards, which he does not want to do. He owns between 5 percent and 10 percent of the team, with the option of owning up to 20 percent.

He acknowledged to the Post that he has been working out, but only because he is up to 240 pounds and wants to "get back to a respectable weight to help me get back into my suits."

Jordan, who last played in 1998, did not return a telephone call Tuesday from The Associated Press.

He is not in Washington - Jordan still spends most of his time at his Chicago home - and the team does not expect him to attend Wednesday's Wizards home game against Detroit.

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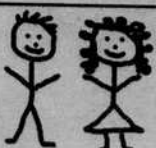
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