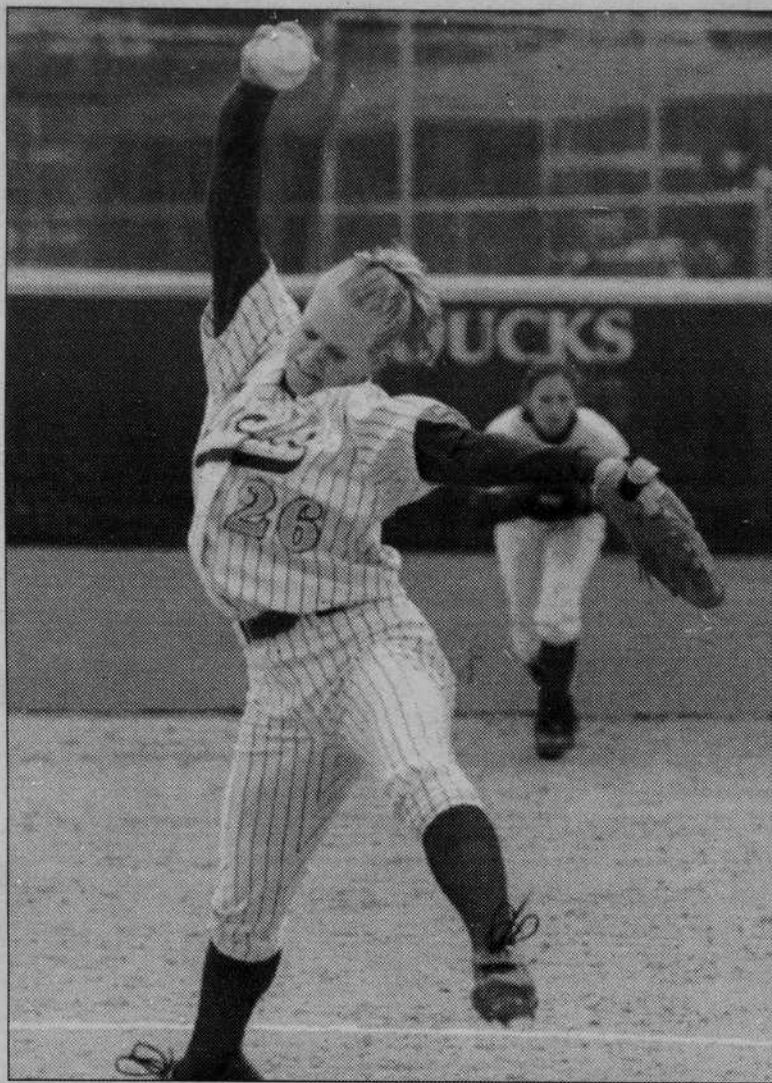




R. Ashley Smith Emerald
Sophomore hurler Lisa Wangler showed off her solid stuff to an appreciative Howe Field crowd in game one, pitching the complete game shut out against the Sun Devils.

Softball

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10-1 win. Beach's three-run shot came in the bottom of the sixth after a 20 minute rain delay.

The loss Saturday afternoon concluded an up-and-down week for the Ducks. Oregon started Spring Break by dropping a doubleheader to Santa Clara, then split two decisions with St. Mary's of California.

On Friday, the Ducks faced a tough No. 2 Arizona team to open Pacific-10 Conference play, and lost 11-1. After Saturday's game with Arizona State was rained out, Ore-

gon was forced into the Sunday doubleheader.

"We have to be pretty pleased to come out with a win this weekend," Gamez said.

The split with the Sun Devils moved the Ducks to 23-19 on the season, 1-2 in Pac-10 play.

"Our team's coming together tighter, and I think that's helping us more than anything else," Wagner said.

The Ducks will travel to Portland Tuesday to square off with Portland State in a doubleheader. After those contests, Oregon will face No. 3 California twice and No. 5 Stanford once in the Bay Area.

Duke, 'Zona play for it all

By Eddie Pells
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Somebody asked Lute Olson what Arizona's biggest challenge would be against a Duke team few opponents have stopped this season.

Five minutes later, Olson wrapped up his reply.

Duke's Mike Krzyzewski has a similar laundry list about Arizona's strong points.

Such is life when the two teams considered the best in the country in the preseason actually make it to the NCAA title game.

Sure, there have been good matchups in the past, but the Duke-Arizona final Monday night has been almost universally regarded as one of the most exquisitely balanced championship

games anyone can remember.

"I'm sure it's going to be a very interesting 40 minutes for everyone," Olson said.

Arizona was ranked first and Duke second in the preseason poll. The Wildcats had some well-documented problems along the way, while Duke made it through with only four defeats despite the temporary loss of starting center Carlos Boozer to a foot injury.

In the end, however, college basketball will get a true champion — not just a good team on a hot streak — a group good enough to cope with great expectations.

"It's fitting that the two best teams are meeting to play for the championship," Duke All-American Shane Battier said. "That's the way it should be."

Arizona is trying to duplicate its 1997 achievement of beating three top-seeded teams on the way to its title.

The differences between 1997 and this year's team are too numerous to list. Most notable among them are the difficulties this year's team has endured, especially the death of Olson's wife, Bobbi, like a mother to many of these players.

On the court, the 1997 team was a plucky underdog; this team has had visions of a title since the first practice.

"From the start of the year, their focus has been on getting to this game and having a chance to win the national championship," Olson said. "And there may have been some difficult times along the way."

Track

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tional in Tempe, Ariz., March 23.

Redshirt sophomore Jason Slye made a successful debut in the decathlon, winning the event with 6,677 points.

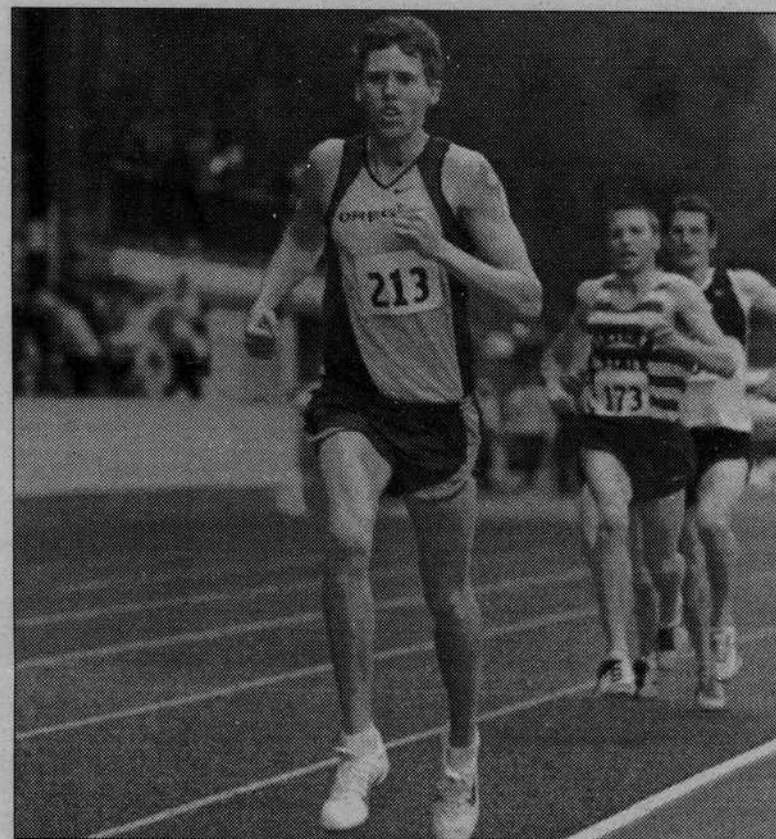
The former pole vaulter ran a strong 1,500 meters; the final event, to surpass Kansas State's Pat Pyle. Slye competed well in the pole vault (16-0 3/4), 100 meters (11.36) and the long jump (19-11 3/4).

Junior Cody Howell vaulted 16-4 3/4 on his first attempt in the pole vault to edge Indiana's Chris Mack and teammate Trevor Woods.

Sophomore John Steigeler tossed the javelin 230-1 for his second win and second NCAA automatic qualifying mark of the season.

Other Ducks who placed included junior Micah Harris (second in the 110 hurdles), junior Jason Boness (third in the high jump) and Adam Jenkins and Ryan Keith in the javelin.

The Ducks return to action this weekend in Austin, Texas at the Texas Relays.



Emerald
Redshirt sophomore distance runner Jason Hartmann will be making an appearance in the 10,000 meters at the NCAA Championships at Hayward Field at the end of the year.

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