

Regionals prepare water polo for nationals

■ The water polo team loses a close one to Washington in the regionals, but then receives a generous gift

By Jesse Thomas
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In a hard-fought battle through three pain-staking games, the Oregon women's club sports water polo team finished second last weekend in the Regional Championships.

The Ducks competed in their first two matches on Saturday where they defeated Simon Frasier 17-5 and also delivered a 12-2 beating to Oregon State.

As the women expected, it came down to Sunday's match with Washington to decide who would be crowned champion and have an automatic bid to nationals.

The Huskies came out fighting hard and scored two quick goals that caught the Ducks somewhat off-guard. But Oregon roared back to make the game close and even forced a tie on two occasions. It just wasn't enough, however, as Washington prevailed, 11-8.

"Their depth was a little too much for us in the end," Oregon head coach Lea Bonebrake said. "There was a little disappointment but Washington deserved to win that game."

Then the unexpected happened, as Washington head coach Mike Wallen announced the team would be deferring its nationals bid to Oregon. Washington decided this because four or five starters from its team would not be able to make it to the national competition and the Huskies realized they wouldn't be able to best represent the Northwest.

"It wouldn't be fair to not take the same team that was able to qualify," Wallen said. "University of Oregon is the best team to represent the Northwest."

Bonebrake said it was very admirable on their part to do such a tremendous thing. Now though, the women must have better communication and get their conditioning back to a high level in order to be a strong contender at nationals in Oxford, Ohio, on May 5-6, according to Bonebrake.

The Ducks will have one more tournament in two weeks in Arizona to prepare for the nationals and after that it will simply be a matter of working and practicing

hard. Sophomore Jordan Scheffler, who was the leading scorer throughout the regional tournament for the women, is confident that Oregon will be strong and surprise other teams.

"The goal is to represent the Northwest the best," Scheffler said. "University of Oregon is something bigger than people think we are."

Triathlon club has successful weekend in Corvallis

With clear, blue skies and despite one flat bike tire, the Oregon triathlon club had an outstanding performance last weekend in the Beaver Freezer Triathlon.

The men and women competed in a 500-yard swim, an 11.4-mile bike ride and a 3.1-mile run where 11 of the 13 people who competed received awards. The event took place on the Oregon State University campus.

The top men's finisher for the Ducks was Ignacio Rodriguez, who finished third overall out of 211 competitors. In the women's race, Terry Legg finished fourth in her 20-24 age group, which was the fastest time for the women.

"For my first triathlon in three years, I did pretty good," Rodriguez said. "The team overall did very good."

It was the Ducks first competition this season and the training is all leading up to the National Intercollegiate Wildflower Triathlon in San Louis Obispo, Calif., on May 5-6. With one triathlon under their belt, the Ducks feel strongly about their outlook on the upcoming season.

"It's a good feeling that it was so successful for everyone," coordinator Jay Williams said. "It gives us a deep sense of pride."



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 11). Odds are good you'll end up somewhere else this year. It's not fear that's pushing you to run. More likely, it's love. Fantasize in April. Make your plans in May. Study in June and prepare in July. Relax in August while also getting into shape. Check off the details in September. Launch in December. Accept the applause in February.

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 9 — You are lookin' good! But you must know that by now. Admirers are coming from miles around to throw themselves at your feet. Be gentle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Follow through on something you heard through the grapevine. An insider tip could help you make an excellent deal. You may not get to spend the money for a while, but you'll feel better just knowing it's there.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Go along for the ride, but only if others are headed in the right direction. They're so busy bickering, they don't have much time for you. So if they serve your purposes, use them. Otherwise, bail.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — The work must be done quickly and well, but it's complicated. Don't get resentful or blue, because that won't help. Instead, focus on whomever you're serving. The job will get done, your skills will improve, and you'll feel much better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 10 — Wow! Is that right? A 10? Well, it looks as if you're powerful and lucky, as well as irresistibly cute. You're attracting admirers from near and far. Conflicts are minimal, and with your attitude, it's doubtful they'd slow you down anyway. Yep, you're a 10!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — It's possible to fix up your place substantially without going into debt. It'll be a lot of work,

though. The temptation to just charge whatever you want is enormous. Don't act in haste if it means you'll have to repay debts for years.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — Today is an 8 — Love and learning are both very important in your life right now. Does this mean you'll be the teacher's pet, or are you the teacher? Either way, you're apt to learn a thing or two. You won't have to take notes. This is a lesson you'll remember.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 4 — There's too much work. There may also be too much money. Wait a minute, that's ridiculous! You can never have too much money! Pick yourself up by the scruff of the neck, and toss yourself back into the fight!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You've come through recent difficulties smelling like a rose, and deservedly so. You've been tested, and you passed with flying colors. Stand proud. You're gorgeous!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 4 — If you keep your ears open, you're liable to find out all sorts of interesting things. Some of it will be worthless gossip, but, some of it could hold the clues you've been seeking to put together a tough puzzle. You can share what you learn with your roommate, but nobody else.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Working with a team is your best bet now. You'll inspire them, and they'll do the same for you. It could get a little crazy, but you'll come up with some awesome material. You may break clear out of the box!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — You may be temporarily stymied. The opportunity is there, but can you live up to your promise? Somebody else's expectations (or what you think they are) could have you stopped in your tracks. Relax, and you'll get smarter. Continuously.

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