

Ultimate teams sweep at sectionals

■ Club ultimate, crew and triathlon protect the home turf as baseball plays three close ones in Washington

By Jesse Thomas
for the Emerald

The Oregon club sports men's and women's ultimate Frisbee teams took care of business last weekend by going undefeated on their home turf.

The Ducks hosted the sectionals tournament, and with their sweep, the Oregon teams advance to regionals on May 5-6.

"It was good to defend the home turf and be the state champions," Oregon men's head coach Joshua Greenough said.

The teams' goal is to advance to nationals in Boston, but the Ducks will have to place first in regionals and that means defeating powerhouse teams such as Stanford and UC-Davis.

"We need to play at a consistently high and intense level," Greenough said.

Crew performs well at home regatta

The Oregon club men's and women's crew teams were determined last weekend and it showed, as all of the teams placed in the top-three.

The Ducks competed in the eighth annual 2001 Covered Bridge Regatta on Saturday at Dexter Lake. Several teams competed for Oregon with men's and women's novice and varsity boats all showing their talent.

The toughest competition for both the men and women was in-state rival Oregon State, who has a varsity funded program. The Beavers were successful in defeating all of Oregon's boats except for the varsity men's open eight boat, which defeated the Beavers by four seconds.

"It was close, and we rowed so hard," Oregon coordinator Kurt McCulloch said.

The Ducks also co-hosted the tournament with the Oregon Association of Rowers. Next up, the teams head to Tacoma, Wash., this weekend for the Cascade Sprints.

"I think it was a really fun weekend," McCulloch said. "It was a big success."

Triathlon pulls off a winner at the 'Chill'

After pulling several all-nighters, which included some members marking the bike course at 3 a.m., the second annual Duck Bill Chill was a success for the Oregon triathlon club.

With a clear blue sky, the 50 competitors began three heats on Sunday at 7:30 a.m., and they completed a 500-yard swim, a 12.4-mile bike ride and a 3.1-mile run.

In a solid performance, the top men's finisher was Riccardo Caruss in 1:03:00 and the top women's finisher was Liz Wilson in a time of 1:12:25.

Awards were also given to the winners of each age group along with random prize drawings at the conclusion of the afternoon.

"It was a good experience for many as their first triathlon, and as a team for us in putting on the triathlon," Oregon coordinator Jay Williams said. "People were really satisfied with the course."

Baseball gives strong effort, drops two out of three

The Oregon men's club baseball team traveled north this weekend to face Western Washington in a best-of-three series and finished 1-2.

The Ducks were defeated in game one, 5-4, but came together for the second game on Saturday to defeat the Vikings 6-4.

Oregon came ready to play on Sunday but couldn't quite get over the hump and lost by a count of 5-4.

In both their losses, the Ducks entered the bottom of the seventh tied up at four, but the Vikings pulled through in each game and came up with the winning fifth run.

Oregon felt as if the wins were well within grasp considering the Ducks out-hit Western Washington in every game.

"It was a very productive weekend," Oregon head coach Kurt Langworthy said. "We proved something to ourselves."

Sports brief

Mariners 6, Rangers 4

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Coming back to Safeco Field was a mistake for Alex Rodriguez. Two of them.

The \$252 million shortstop made two errors and went 1-for-3 at the plate as his Texas Rangers lost to Seattle Mariners for the second straight day, 6-4 Tuesday night.

John Olerud and Carlos Guillen hit two-run homers for the Mariners, 4-1 against Texas this season and 11-3 overall, for the best start in their history.

Ichiro Suzuki, a seven-time batting champion in Japan, went 4-for-4 with a triple and an RBI, raising his batting average to .377. The right fielder robbed Rafael Palmeiro of a possible home run in the second, catching a drive at the top of the fence.

Rodriguez, a four-time All-Star, threw low to first on Edgar Martinez's first-inning grounder and misplayed Mike Cameron's grounder in the seventh. Rodriguez has three errors in 15 games; last year, he had 10 in 148.

Rodriguez is 2-for-8 during his first series in Seattle with Texas and 6-for-19 (.316) with no homers and two RBIs in the five games against the Mariners. In 10 other games this season, he's 13 for 36 (.361) with four homers and 13 RBIs.

There were more signs deriding Rodriguez, and one fan stood up in the fourth holding a throw-rug-sized placard designed to look like a dollar bill.

There also were real dollar bills with "A Wad" written on them that floated down from the upper decks.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 18). Your objective is to make a difference. But how? You'll get the chance this year, but you'll wind up different, too. In April, start out with a group of people who share your ideals. A lack of funding could stop you in May, but why should it? By June you can get the word out, and bring in more helpers. Evaluate and put in corrections in July and September. Heed someone with an objective point of view in October. Follow a hunch in November, a whim in December, and the crowd in February. In March, let your conscience lead you.

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 — There's a recession coming, and it's perfectly natural. You need to hide out for a while and contemplate what you've accomplished. The expansion phase is ending, and the maintenance phase is coming.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Conditions are changing in your favor. Friends are coming to your rescue. Soon, you'll be the one with all the power. Sure, you've suffered, but don't dwell on that. Instead, set up something fun for the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — You've been having a good time lately, but the day of reckoning is coming. It might arrive as early as tomorrow. Are you ready? Learn from experience, and admit right away where you went wrong. Don't try to blame it on your partner, either.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Delays are frustrating but not fatal. Don't get impatient about having your prayers answered. Your luck is changing for the better, but you can't rush it. All in due time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — You and your mate, partner and/or attorney need to have a serious conversation about mutually held finances, mutual funds and mutual goals. It won't hurt the mood to plan for the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Yesterday you were content to keep your nose to the grindstone, but today you're more easily distracted. A gorgeous person who wants to spend time with you is the culprit, but it's partially your own fault, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — It appears somebody else is in control, but you know different. The other person may be at the wheel, but you're the navigator. You're the one who instinctively senses exactly what to do next. The other person knows this, too. That's why you're there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — The pressure you're under is eased a bit, due to the touch of a friend. But your love is so much more than that. The quality you want most is compassion. You want to be with somebody who can hear and understand what you're not saying. By the way, don't forget to say "thanks."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Fixing up your own place could be lots of fun tonight — if you and your sweetheart don't mind making a big mess. Tear out the old and put in the new. But plan ahead. Anticipate as many problems as you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You're getting smarter, and it's partially out of necessity. You may have to try out two or three crazy schemes before you come up with one that works. Keep at it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You're about to go from fantasy into reality, from the design phase into actual construction. From talking and thinking about it to doing it. Hold on to your hat, because this could be a wild ride.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — You're getting stronger. You're capable of taking on more responsibility and making more money. You might find a chance to do that. Look around. It never hurts to know what's out there.

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