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'Girls can hit too'

■ Rugby is the fastest-growing phenomenon in the country, and the women's Club Sports team is showing why

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The dictionary says a barbarian is a "fierce, brutal, or cruel person."

To put the term in context, though, and perhaps making things a little clearer, the dictionary should merely include a picture of the Oregon Club Sports women's rugby team. Even the team's ball says so, with a "BARBARIAN" logo plastered across the white, football-like toy.

"Rugby is different than most sports," said first-year Oregon coach Greg Farrell, a 19-year rugby veteran. "It's a full-contact sport. And either

you love it or you hate it.

"It's not for everybody."

Senior captain Shelby Frail said rugby — only just beginning to gain recognition across the United States — is not for the weak-minded.



"It's kind of like soccer, but a lot more intense. It's both mentally and physically demanding," Frail said. "It's so

physical that it's hard to get up sometimes after a hit. But we have some very strong girls on this team."

In its final competition of the year, Oregon came home this weekend from Missoula, Mont., with a breath of confidence after going undefeated at one of the biggest tournaments in the

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Since it was established in 1997, the Oregon Club Sports women's rugby team has quickly joined the ranks as one of the better squads in the Northwest.

Collins decides to leave Stanford to join brother in NBA

Junior Jason Collins becomes the sixth Pac-10 player this year to jump ship for the chance to be a pro

By Jeff Smith
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The Pacific-10 Conference has lost another talented underclassman to the National Basketball Association.

Stanford's 7-foot, 260-pound center, Jason Collins, announced Monday that he will forgo his senior season on the Cardinal's men's basketball team to test his luck at the next level.

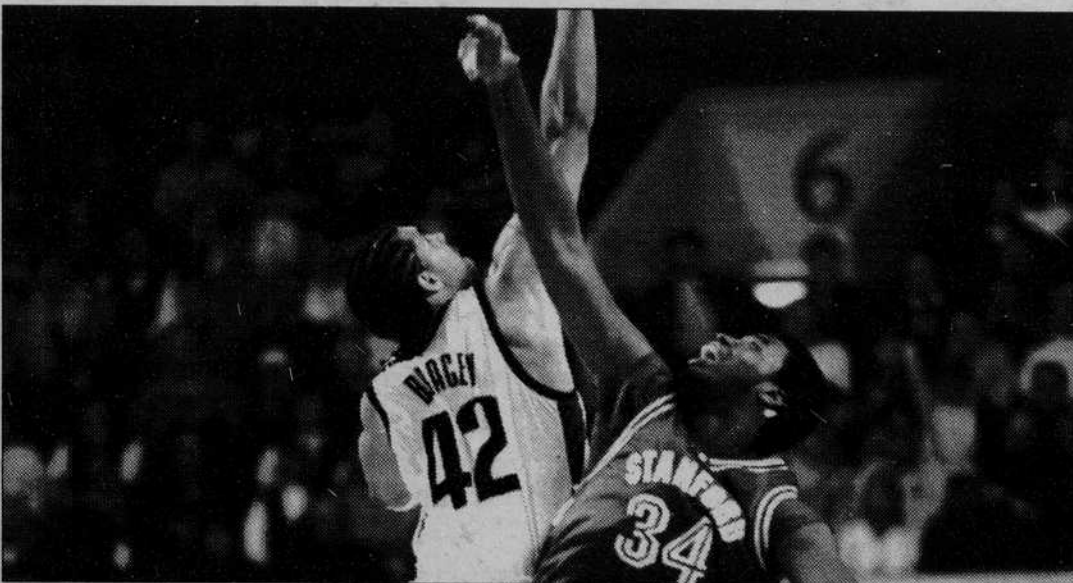
"I have decided that now is the time to take on this new challenge," Collins said. "As a basketball player, the ultimate challenge is to play in the NBA."

Collins joins Southern California's Sam Clancy and an Arizona quartet of Gilbert Arenas, Jason Gardner, Michael Wright and Richard Jefferson as Pac-10 players who have declared early this spring for the 2001 NBA Draft.

Collins was part of the literal twin towers for the Cardinal with his twin brother, Jarron, who was a senior this past season. Collins was only a junior because of a medical redshirt season in 1997-98.

"I especially look forward to playing in the NBA with my brother Jarron," Collins said.

Jason Collins played an integral role last season in leading



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Stanford's Jason Collins (34) will be one of many college athletes, including Oregon's Bryan Bracey, hoping to be drafted.

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