

Club baseball drops two at regionals to end year

■ The club baseball team runs into trouble at regionals, while the crew teams put on a show down in California

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The pitching seemed to be the only thing going for the Oregon Club Sports baseball team last weekend, as they finished off their season in Spokane, Wash.

The Ducks entered their regional tournament with confidence, but did not click together from the beginning of play.

Oregon knew Boise State would be tough in its first game, but didn't

expect to commit six errors and still have a shot to win. Oregon pitcher Regan Schaller threw nine strong innings, but the Ducks couldn't provide the run support in a 6-2 loss.

"We didn't come through where we needed to come through," Oregon coach Kurt Langworthy said.

Oregon felt good about its chances in its next game, versus Eastern Washington, but failed to produce a hit until the fifth inning.

The Ducks' pitching remained strong as freshman Ty Button threw a solid game, but four more defensive errors were a key factor in Oregon's 6-3 defeat.

"We [remained] optimistic through our games," Button said. "It was a decent ending, but we just could not hit."

Oregon left the tournament with two

losses and an unsatisfactory finish, but it's not hanging its head too low.

The Ducks had a shorter season this year due to weather conditions and felt that if they would have had more games the outcome probably would have been different.

"We had a great team, the best team in the league, but could not piece it all together at the same time," Button said. "We are going to have a lot to build up next year."

Added Langworthy: "We had a lot of potential that we did not quite capitalize on."

The up-and-down season has now come to a close for Oregon baseball, and though there is some obvious disappointment, the Ducks know they'll be strong next season with several players planning to return to make another run at it.

Crew performs admirably in top competitions

For the Oregon club crew teams, it was a weekend of mixed emotions, tough weather conditions and steep competition.

The Ducks headed to Sacramento, Calif., for the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships and Pacific-10 competitions.

Oregon left satisfied after capturing two medals in the PCRC competition.

The women's novice lightweight eight boat team earned a gold medal, beating out the second-place finisher by 31 seconds, which meant that the Ducks were the fastest boat on the West Coast.

"It was a great way to end the season and our hard work paid off," said Oregon freshman Brantley Harrison, a member of the gold medal winning team.

Also for the women, the novice open weight eight B-boat earned a silver medal in its category.

As for Pac-10 racing, the men's

varsity open weight eight boat has become the 10th fastest collegiate boat on the West Coast. The Ducks placed fifth in their heat and raced against California, whose roster includes five Olympians. As a result of that strong race, the men advanced to the petite finals, where the Ducks took fourth-place thanks to a strong sprint at the end to finish strong.

"We knew it would be a tight race," Oregon senior Kurt McCulloch said.

As for personal honors, Oregon seniors Mari Lee and Joe Neron were elected to the All-Pac 10 team.

So, after a weekend of starvation to make weight, excessive heat and a strong headwind during the races, as well as teammates crying with one another after they were finished, the Oregon crew teams feel content as they close the chapter on their season.

"All in all, it was a successful weekend by representing the club well," McCulloch said.

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