

Bonebrake, Barbour earn coaching honors

■ The club lacrosse and water polo coaches take top honors in their respective sports

By Jesse Thomas
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Two Oregon Club Sports coaches received their sports' highest honors this week.

Lea Bonebrake, women's water polo head coach, and Josh Barbour, head coach of men's lacrosse, received the honors.

Shortly after the conference meets for both Oregon teams, the coaches were surprised with the honors. A total of five club coaches voted for the water polo award, while 14 coaches voted in the lacrosse tournament.

"I thought it might happen after our change in our record from last year," said Bonebrake

of receiving his honor. "I didn't think it was anything I had done, but had more to do with the girls. I was surprised. A lot of coaches did a really good job."

Bonebrake, in his third year as Oregon coach, said he was very happy with the way his Ducks finished the season. In their conference meet, the women had six of 12 team members make the all-conference team, and the Ducks advanced to nationals.

At the Collegiate Club Nationals, held May 4-6, the water polo team placed fourth and received even more individual honors. Two Ducks made the all-tournament team.

"I thought it was an outstanding year," Bonebrake said. "Everyone gets along well, and we're like a big family. It's only going to get better."

For Barbour and the men's lacrosse team, the 2001 season was a complete turn-around from 2000. Overall, the Ducks had a 7-5 record and went 6-2 in league play. In the League

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thought that turnaround won him the coach of the year award.

"It was the players that did it who came out every day," Barbour said. "We are at a point where our program is becoming solid."

Bonebrake said he hasn't decided whether he will coach the water polo team again next year. On the other hand, Barbour said he plans to come back for his third season at Oregon and said he is optimistic about his team's chances in the conference next year.

Cycling members complete successful races

Everything is going their way.

Two members of the Oregon Club Sports cycling team raced in the Ecology Center Classic last weekend, and the two cyclists were "pleased" with their performances.

Sophomores Zach Winter and Dave Johnson competed in

street sprints, a 10-mile time trial and a criterium race Saturday and Sunday. Winter had top-15 performances for the three races and Johnson was top-15 for the trial and sprints, but took 16th in the criterium.

Those were just warm-up races for the Ducks. Winter raced 52 miles on the road Monday and Johnson doubled that distance with a 104-mile race.

The cyclists said the conditions were windy, but they both fought hard and worked off other cyclists. Winter finished fifth overall Monday, and Johnson sprinted hard in the end to beat his group of cyclists and take a first place finish.

"It was a good race," Johnson said. "I was really happy."

The win was Johnson's biggest of the season, and Winter also walked away "very satisfied" with his performance. All the races were part of the Lance Armstrong Championship Series.

Tiger offers support to his ex-roommate

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — Tiger Woods knows better than most what Casey Martin feels as he struggles to walk a golf course. He watched as Martin dealt with his pain while the two were playing at Stanford.

So it's little surprise that Woods consistently supported Martin in his fight with the PGA Tour, even as his fellow pros took the other side.

That didn't change Wednesday after Woods completed a practice round at the Memorial, where he is the two-time defending champion.

"I'm extremely happy for Casey," Woods said. "To see Casey now go out there and play with peace and quiet and not having this over his head will be beneficial for him."

Woods, who was Martin's road roommate when he was a freshman at Stanford, said Tuesday's ruling by the Supreme Court should help Martin concentrate on getting his game better so he can regain a spot on the PGA Tour.

But he also said he understood — and generally supported — the tour's position that it should be able to make its own rules.

"This is a question about that," Woods said. "You would think we'd be able to govern our own sport. Sometimes it just doesn't work out that way."

Woods returns to the PGA Tour for the first time in three weeks to try to do something even he hasn't been able to accomplish in his remarkable career — win the same pro tournament three years in a row.

That could change this week in a field weakened by the absence of such names as Phil Mickelson, Davis Love and David Duval, and on a course where Woods feels very comfortable.

"My goal is not to make a cut or show up and play half decent," Woods said. "My goal is to win."

Woods has already done that four times this year, the last coming at the Deutsche Bank-SAP Open in Germany two weeks ago. He took off a few days after that win, then began beating golf balls once again.

Woods, of course, is trying to peak for the U.S. Open at Southern Hills in two weeks. He played a practice round on the course Tuesday and said his game is solid.

"I really feel like I'm swinging the club like I know I can," he said.

M's beat Orioles, 12-5

By Jim Cour
Associated Press

SEATTLE — For those who thought April was a fluke, the Seattle Mariners are one victory from doing it in May.

A win Thursday night against the Baltimore Orioles would complete a three-game sweep of the series and would give the Mariners 20 wins for the second straight month. In April, they were 20-5. In May, they are 19-7.

"Everybody felt we had a good team coming out of spring training because of our pitching and defense, but we've been getting good hitting, too," John Olerud said after helping the Mariners beat the Orioles 12-5 Wednesday night.

Olerud had a three-run homer in a seven-run eighth inning that cemented Seattle's seventh victory in

a row and gave the Mariners a 39-12 start, the best record in baseball.

"We didn't have this kind of start in Toronto in our championship years," said Olerud, who won the World Series with the Blue Jays in 1992 and 1993. "But it's a long season. We have to keep going."

Third baseman David Bell drove in Seattle's first three runs. His RBI single in the sixth gave the Mariners a 3-2 lead.

The Mariners won their seventh game in a row and their 14th of 17 series this season. After 51 games, only six teams in history had better starts than the Mariners.

"We've played awfully well," manager Lou Piniella said. "But there's a lot of baseball left to be played."



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