

You cheated... and we like it.

So, it's time once more for Peter Hockaday's Weekly Sports Poll, and we must say that last week we noticed a little fishy business going on with our poll. A little "cheating," if you'd like to be so harsh.

You see, we announced the poll in Thursday's paper, a few days after we actually put it on the Web site. The question was "Who has the best chance to win a national title?" at last week's NCAA Championships. Of course John Stiegeler had already

won the javelin championship. However, after we notified you of the poll's existence, distance runner Jason Hartmann's votes kept climbing. Hartmann, who finished third in the 5,000-meter race Wednesday night, would eventually win the poll with 49.2 percent of the vote. Stiegeler, who won the javelin, and Santiago Lorenzo, who won the national decathlon title, each received 16.9 percent.

This week we've got a doozy of a poll for you all. In a tie-in with our season-ending "Emerald Emmie" awards (to be announced in Monday's

final issue), we ask you which Oregon athlete was the Most Valuable Player of the 2000-01 season.

So who was MVP? Was it women's basketball star Angelina Wolvert, quarterback Joey "Heisman" Harrington, women's soccer's all-time leading scorer Chalise Baysa or Lorenzo, the national champ?

Go online to www.dailyemerald.com and click the "sports" link to vote in the poll.

And this week, please don't cheat. The brief is now over.

Go vote.

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The Padres also made their presence felt in Portland, as they picked up the resurrected Portland Beavers as their Triple-A affiliate.

"San Diego has been terrific," Beban said. "I've known Kevin Towers (Padres general manager and native of Medford) a long time and they were my number one choice. They draft a lot of high level college players, so that will be good for us."

Tuesday marked the first day of

the Major League Baseball Draft and the Padres selected 12 college players in the first 14 rounds, including Oregon State outfielder Josh Carter.

Carter may be one of the 25 or so players wearing an Emeralds uniform on June 19 when they open up their campaign on the road against Yakima.

"We're all very excited to start the season," Beban said. "The success of the Seattle Mariners has whet the appetite for the fans in this community to come out to the park. I can't wait."

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 6). You and your mate have found the buried treasure. Now what are you going to do with it? Learn about investing this year, and make both of your futures secure. Even a small amount, planted with care and nurtured, can grow into abundance. Don't wait for others to take care of you. You're the smart one. Take care of them.

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 an 8 — You're getting just slightly more cautious than you were yesterday. This is perfectly natural, and it could save you a great deal of money. That's nice, because you'll soon think of something you want for your home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — How long has it been since you bought a new outfit or a new hairdo? Sure, you like the way you've always been, and you should. But with Venus going into your sign, you're just a little more confident. More charismatic, naturally. Might as well show off the new you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — You may start to feel more protective about feelings you once professed boldly. This doesn't mean you're losing interest. It could mean you're starting to get serious. Select the perfect words.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 4 — Mercury went retrograde on Monday, which explains some of the breakdowns you've experienced. Those breakdowns are associated with communication errors, as you may rec. all. Hand-deliver whatever you can. That'll help—if you don't get a flat tire. Keep laughing!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Discretion is advised. You're gathering all kinds of information, as well you should. People tend to trust you with it. Prove you're worthy of that trust by keeping what you hear to yourself. You don't have all the pieces of the puzzle yet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Others are looking upon you with favor. You're smart, you're cute, and you're learning quickly.

Who wouldn't be charmed? Don't ask, just focus on the people who are smiling on you, and keep coming up with new questions — carefully considering each consequence, of course.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — Today is a 9 — You have an unfair advantage. No, don't stop to try to balance things out. This time it will be OK. It's just that you're getting straight A's. Be a good teacher as well as a student, and everybody will love you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — You're getting luckier in love, in a very subtle way. It'll be most noticeable inside of commitments. Also, get your financial situation straightened out. The more secure you feel, the more love you'll generate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You'll be spurred to take action, and why not? The person you find most irritating is actually your best coach. He or she won't let you rest any longer, but that's OK. You were just about to get going anyway, right?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — There's still a lot of confusion, which you're managing quite well. You're getting better at it as you gain experience. You're also getting luckier. Listen to your guardian angel, not your personal doubt demon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — You've got a lot of friends, and maybe even a lot of people you're dating. Most of your relationships are intellectual, but you may start feeling an urge to settle down. You may even want to make, or remake, a commitment. Don't be afraid. It'll be wonderful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — Your luck is getting better, especially in love. Since that's your specialty, you know how to make every little bit count. Let the storm rage around you. Be an island of serenity. Not for your sake, but for the sake of the others.

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