

## SPORTS

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## Ducks add Litzenberger for defense

■ Ernie Kent and the Oregon men's basketball team pick up veteran coach Fred Litzenberger from the women's staff

By Peter Hockaday  
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Basketball coach Fred Litzenberger has officially made the switch.

Litzenberger, an assistant under former Oregon women's head coach Jody Runge for six years, switched locker rooms and will serve under Ernie Kent on the men's staff next year.

"I'm really excited for this opportunity," Litzenberger said. "Ernie and I have worked together before, and we know each other's styles well."

Kent and Litzenberger both served as assistants under Boyd Grant at Colorado State from 1987-89. All told, Litzenberger has 25 years of experience as a coach and 16 trips to the NCAA Tournament with various men's and women's clubs.

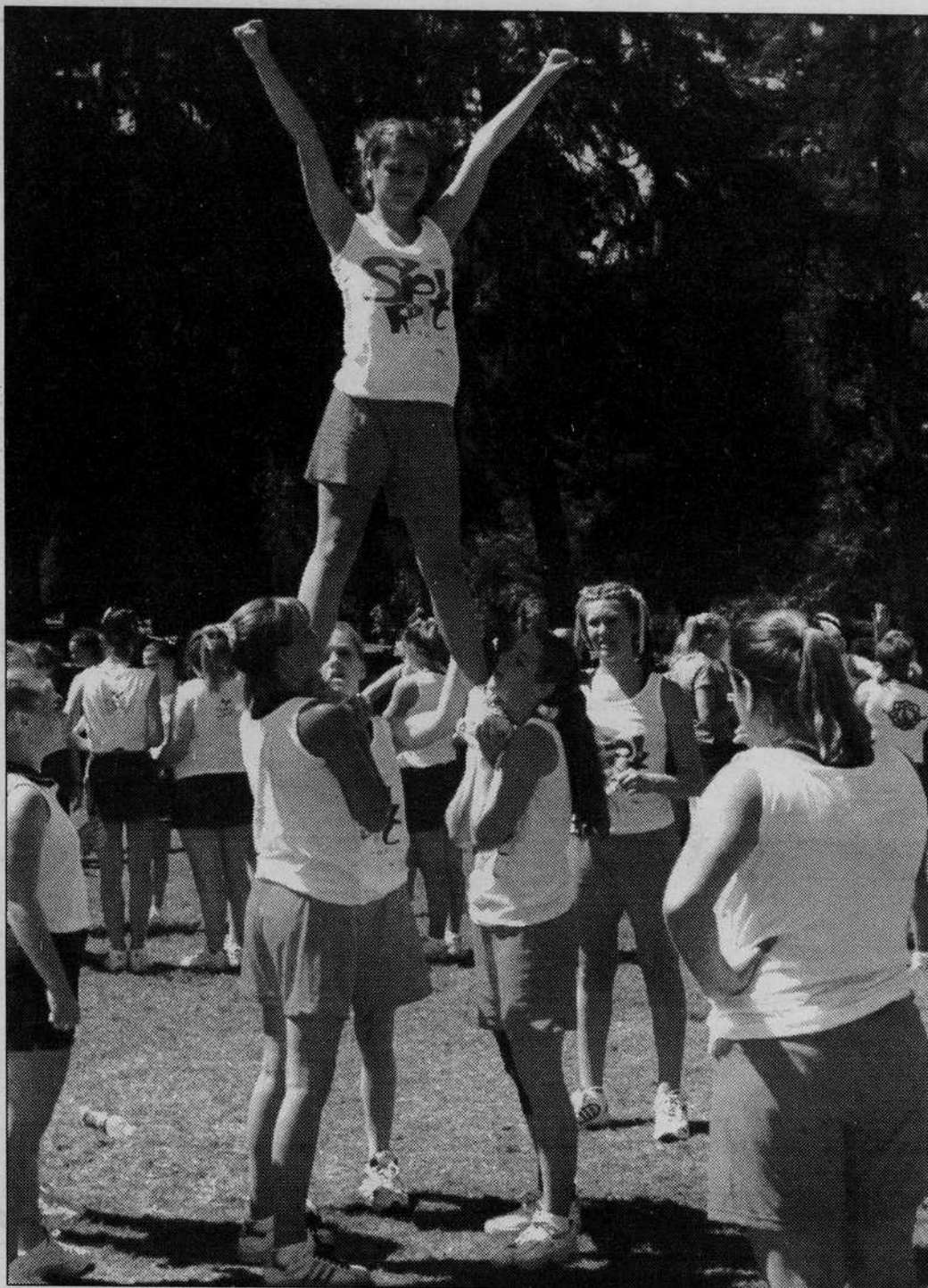
As valuable as his long list of coaching experience is, Litzenberger's renowned skill is molding a team's defense. The Longmont, Colo., native turned the women's team into one of the most formidable defensive teams in the Pacific-10 Conference. Under Litzenberger's defensive schemes, the Ducks led the league in scoring defense three times and in field-goal percentage defense twice.

Litzenberger said he looks forward to improving the men's defense, which ranked 10th in the conference in scoring defense last season and eighth in field-goal percentage defense.

"They just need to work on little things here and there," Litzenberger said of the men. "It's the little things that make the big things happen."

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## Camps provide opportunities for kids



The cheerleaders of Gilde High School, located outside Roseburg, learn the proper way to do aerial stunts.

■ While some who attend the University for the summer may not realize it, the campus is often overrun with young sports campers

By Kara Winters  
for the Emerald

Visitors be wary, or you may find yourself entangled in groups attending an array of sports camps that the University is facilitating this summer.

For the past two weeks, Oregon track and field and cross country camps have been in session. Residing in residence halls across from Hayward Field, around 400 campers ages 14-19 from all over the country have access to the track, field event areas, weight rooms and various running trails.

The camps are broken up into two sessions, and both include all skill levels. The first session, which includes track athletes up to 400-meter runners, took place last week. Distance event runners, 800 meters and up, come to the second session.

Camp administrator Renee Smith manages advertising and camp brochures and provides information to the coaches. She said the number-one thing she wants the kids to take away from the camp is their own success.

"I want the positive experience of being at this camp to help these kids achieve their goals," Smith said. "To give them the inspiration to achieve what they want out of this."

Smith said campers love the coaching, as the camp is staffed by individuals who have coached or competed at national and world-class levels.

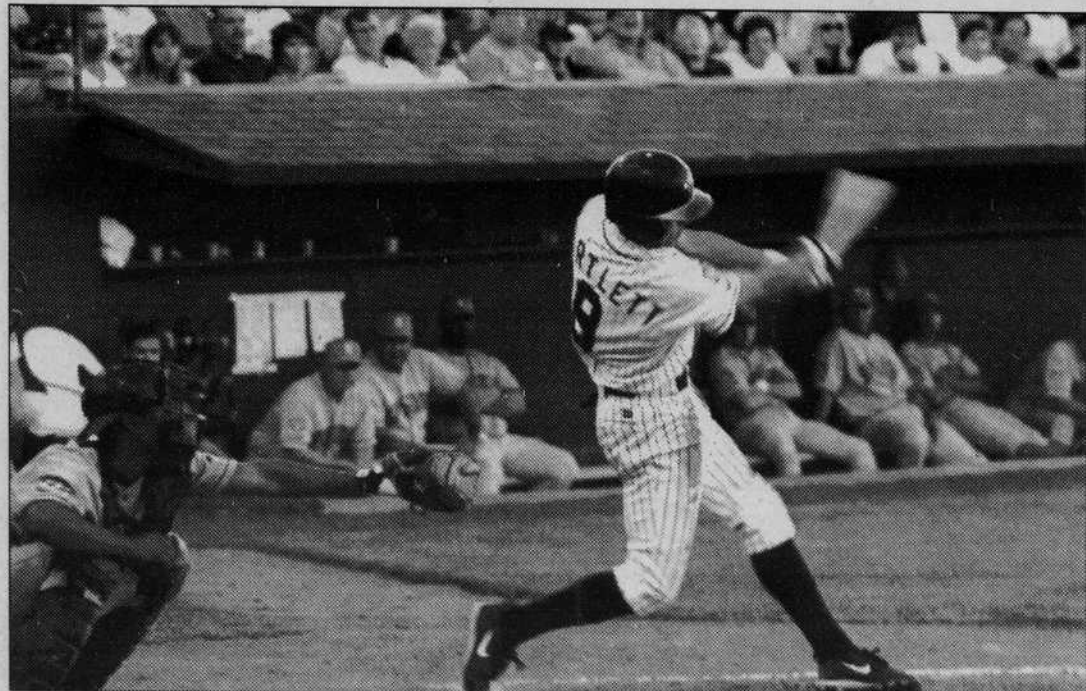
The track and field and cross country coaches at Oregon organize the camps for the kids.

"Each coach at University of Oregon, by virtue of their position, is allowed to have a camp," Smith said. "The camp is not affiliated with the University. It's run or owned by the head coaches."

Women's track and field and cross country head coach Tom Heinonen has led the Ducks to 27 national top-10 finishes and three NCAA titles in track

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## Emeralds swing back into contention with seven-game streak



Emeralds shortstop Jason Bartlett, seen here connecting with a pitch, leads the league in hitting and on-base percentage.

■ Despite a big loss Sunday, Eugene uses sweet hitting and an addition of speed to the lineup to contend for the NWL lead

By Peter Hockaday  
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Ouch. Put a bandage on that one — it hurt.

The Eugene Emeralds lost a big game Sunday afternoon at Civic Stadium, a 12-2 pounding at the hands of Spokane.

"You lose a game like we lost today," Emeralds manager Jeff Gardner said, "and you just move on."

Fortunately for Gardner and the Ems, Sunday was the antithesis of Eugene's recent play. The Ems — now one game over .500 at 13-12 overall — entered Sunday's contest riding seven straight wins over Spokane. The streak took the Ems from worst to first in the Northwest League's West Division.

After Sunday's loss, the Ems moved a half-game behind Salem-Keizer for the league lead. Eugene's game Monday

night at Everett was rained out.

Gardner said the Ems' recent spurt has come thanks to a shift in mentality.

"I think we realize we're a pretty good club," Gardner said.

And a good club the Ems have be-

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come, thanks to a heavy-hitting lineup and a dose of speed. Heading into Sunday's game, shortstop Jason Bartlett was second in the NWL in hitting with a .373 average, while designated hitter Greg Sain was first in home runs with six. Sain was also fifth in the league in hitting with a .350 average.

But the Emeralds have also added some speed with the late addition of Marcus Nettles. The rookie had been playing with Miami, the College World

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