

## Cross country

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in Minnesota, hadn't run a collegiate race in three years.

"It was basically starting from scratch," the 22-year-old Andrus said. "I saw where I'm at and where I need to improve for the next races. So it was a great learning experience, but obviously, I didn't finish as high as I would have liked."

The Roy Griak was also true freshman Seth Pilkington's first collegiate race. A highly sought-after recruit from Roy, Utah, Pilkington appreciated the help he received during the race from other Oregon runners. Andrus and John Lucas stayed somewhat close to Pilkington during the

meet, and the young freshman said that it helped during the tough times in the race to have a familiar face nearby.

### Coach Smith's runners

"The reason I am here at Oregon now is to be coached by Martin Smith," Andrus said. "He's the best in the business."

Andrus, who took a two-year hiatus from competitive running for a religious mission in Mexico, followed Smith here from the University of Wisconsin.

Pilkington also came to Eugene thanks to Smith's coaching style.

"I felt like Coach Smith was the right coach for me, and I have a lot of confidence he can take me to the next level," the true freshman said. "He seems like a strength-oriented coach, and that's my

background also."

Under Smith, the team is melding well together. Andrus described the teams as being "very like-minded" and said that they bring their cohesiveness onto the track as well.

### On the women's side

Head coach Tom Heinonen's squad will also travel to the Furman Invitational where many of the top teams in the country will be, including the No. 16 Washington Huskies and senior Sabrina Monro.

Monro, in her first season at Washington since transferring from Montana, is three-for-three this season. She has won all of the races in which she has entered by an average of 32 seconds.

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You see, A-Rod, Seattle is a team without you, not a loose collection of players. They trust each other, they lean on each other, and they celebrate with each other. No Mariners player worries about hogging too much of the limelight, because there's no limelight to hog. Seattle's super season is a team effort, from top to bottom.

The Mariners' success this season proves you were the problem last year. You were the one-man wrecking crew — of your own team.

Players respond well to chemistry, A-Rod. Chemistry is a word you may never utter in your entire career, until you drop that bloated salary. Look at Bret Boone, who hit .256 in his last three seasons before coming to Seattle. This year, Booney broke out for a .331 average, fourth in the American League, and led the league with 141 RBI's. Countless other Mariners had career seasons, either on the field or at the plate.

I almost feel sorry for you, A-Rod. Almost. In an era of overblown salaries and bigger egos, you made out with both.

But you proved that the good

guys win. You proved that you don't need a star player to win baseball games, and you proved that money can't buy love, or wins. In that vain, A-Rod, I will leave you with a quote. Ironically, the quote comes from a fan who attended the Mariners-Rangers game Saturday night, when Kazuhiro Sasaki struck you out for the final out of the game and Seattle's 116th win.

The fan held up a sign that read "Victory — a feeling \$\$ can't buy."

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## Tennis

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"To meet our goals, we need to secure one more top player and then evolve with our mental toughness since we will not graduate anyone until June of 2002," said Russell, the Pac-10 coach of the year in 2000.

### Women's tennis skips Los Angeles tourney

With no seniors on the team, the women's tennis team finished 0-7 in the Pac-10 last season, but the Ducks never hung their heads.

"Last year was rough, but we knew that we're playing in the strongest conference in the country," senior Janice Nyland said. "Plus we had a lot of injuries that hurt us in those close matches."

The team finished 5-17 overall last year with seven one-point losses.

"Without the injuries, we probably win most of those close matches," Nyland said.

Nyland said staying healthy is a top priority for the team this fall.

"Right now we're all healthy and fit and were all able to run a mile in the required 6:25 time," she said.

Returning every player from last year means this year's team has Pac-10 experience, which Nyland said is key to their success.

"All the younger players have played conference matches," Nyland said. "We feel we can beat all these teams in the Pac-10."

The Ducks enter the regular season with two main goals: To make the NCAA Tournament, win at least one round and earn the respect of their peers.

"We don't think we're getting the respect of the rest of the Pac-10," Nyland said. "I know we finished last, but we know we can compete with the best in the conference."

Head coach Jack Griffin said the team also wanted national respect.

"We will earn the respect of

our peers in the Pac-10 and nationally for being a team that battled every match and competed with class and sportsmanship," Griffin said. "The team is dedicated to making strides in these areas and they are excited to get going with the year so that they can erase the frustrations of last year."

Griffin said he expects Stanford, UCLA, California and Southern California to finish in the top four in the Pac-10.

"Do I feel we will contend for a Pac-10 championship this season? No," he said. "But I do feel that we can move up the Pac-10 ranks and put a scare into some of the top teams in the conference."

Griffin canceled his team's trip to the ITA All-American tournament in Los Angeles because it's a single-elimination tournament and a bad seeding could send the team home early.

The team will use the extra time to prepare for the Rolex Regional tournament in Palo Alto, Calif. The tournament begins Oct. 26.

# Duck golfers fare well on Monday

Senior Kathy Cho matched the best round of her career with a 73 on Monday to help the Oregon women's golf team tie for 11th after the first round of the OSU/Shanico Invitational, being played at the 6,072-yard, par-72 Trysting Tree Golf Course in Corvallis.

Cho, a senior from Honolulu, Hawaii, finished the first round in a tie for 12th after shooting a 38 on the front nine, and carding an impressive 35 on the more difficult back nine for her 1-over score. Cho notched her first round of 73 at last spring's NCAA West Regional that was also played at Trysting Tree.

"Kathy played a very solid round," Oregon head coach Shannon Rouillard said. "She stepped up and did the job she needed to do as a senior and as a leader."

Of the 19 teams in the tournament, California took the first-day lead by shooting a 286, followed by Arizona in second at 289, Stanford at 295, Brigham Young at 296 and Oregon State at 298. The Ducks had their lowest round of the season, a 309, and were tied with Idaho for 11th. Immediately in front of the Ducks were Nevada-Las Vegas and Northern Arizona at 307 and Long Beach State at 308.

"We are certainly in a position to catch some of the teams ahead of us," Rouillard said. "We still need to make sure we're putting and chipping well. I witnessed a few three-putts that we didn't need to have. But we're doing a better job of hitting greens in regulation, which was one of our focuses this week. So if we can eliminate some of the three-putts and do a better job of chipping, we should be in good shape."

Freshman Jonna Nealy carded the lowest round of her young Oregon career with a 4-over 76, and was tied for 24th. Freshman Jess Carlyon had a 6-over 78 to tie for 46th.

Stanford's Kim Kouwabunpat shot a blistering 5-under 67 and finished her round with a one-stroke lead on California's Ria Quiazon and a two-stroke lead on Brigham Young's Jessica Gardner in the medalist chase.

The rain mostly stayed clear of Trysting Tree on Monday, as play

was disrupted only once by a brief passing shower. A high pressure system is supposed to move into the region in time for the second round, scheduled to get underway at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

### Men finish in top 20

Three golfers placed among the top 20 as Oregon fired rounds of 303 and 297 to stand in fourth place at 600 following the first two rounds of the Pepperdine Club Glove Invitational in Somis, Calif.

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head coach, Oregon

Oregon's John Ellis was tied for 13th at 4-over 148 on Monday at the 6,884-yard, par-72 Saticoy Country Club. The junior from San Jose, Calif., was the only Duck to shoot par Monday with a 72 in the second round. Also in the top 20 for the Ducks were senior Aaron Byers, tied for 17th at 5-over 149, and junior Chris Carnahan, tied for 20th at 6-over 150. Carnahan, a junior from Albany has fired five consecutive rounds of 75, dating to the Oct. 1-2 Husky Invitational.

In the team competition, Pepperdine forged a 14-stroke lead after the first two rounds. The host Waves shot 292-288 for a 580 total. San Jose State was second at 594, followed by California at 595, Oregon and then Fresno State at 602. Colorado State and UC Santa Barbara were tied for sixth at 603, followed by San Diego State at 606, Alabama-Birmingham at 608, Southeastern Louisiana at 611, Long Beach State at 616 and Oregon State rounded out the field at 625.

Pepperdine's Jason Allred shot a 3-under 141 for a three-stroke lead in the individual competition going into the final round. Alabama-Birmingham's Daniel Ozley and San Diego State's Scott Henderson were tied for second at even par. Allred's teammate Michael Beard was two strokes back.

Final round action is slated to get underway at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

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