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Ducks' home-winning streak ends in heartbreak

■ Oregon's dreams are dashed as the Ducks blow a 14-point lead in the fourth-quarter and end their 23-game home-winning streak, 49-42

By Jeff Smith
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On an afternoon that began cloudy and ended sunny, Oregon's sunny season was suddenly clouded.

Before Saturday, the fifth-ranked Ducks were 6-0 and aiming for a realistic shot at playing for the national championship game in the Rose Bowl.

But after Stanford waltzed into Autzen Stadium and outscored Oregon 21-0 in the fourth quarter en route to a 49-42 upset victory, all the now 11th-ranked Ducks could do was scratch their heads and wonder.

Wonder what might have been had they extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 24 games in front of a sold-out Homecoming crowd of 46,021.

But now, any chance of a national title? Dashed. Joey Harrington earning the coveted Heisman Trophy? Most likely gone. And that Autzen win streak? Rewind to zero.

Because unlike the previous 23 home games, the Ducks (6-1 overall, 3-1 Pacific-10 Conference) couldn't come through in the clutch when it needed to the most to extend their magic carpet ride.

"You can only play with a dog so long 'til it bites you," Oregon cornerback Rashad Bauman said. "And we got bit today."

Oregon entered the fourth quarter with a comfortable 42-28 lead, but the tide turned decidedly in Stanford's (4-1, 3-1) direction when the Ducks' first two drives of the quarter ended with Jose Arroyo getting his punts blocked.

The Ducks dodged a bullet with the first block, as they held Stanford on a fourth-and-goal from the three-yard line. They weren't as lucky on the next block as the Cardinal recovered the punt on the 17-yard line and on their first play, back-up quarterback Chris Lewis

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Senior Josh Line walks off the field at Autzen Stadium on Saturday after Stanford ended Oregon's 23-game home-winning streak. The 49-42 loss was the Ducks' first defeat at Autzen since Oct. 11, 1997.

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Anthrax infection hits postal employee

■ The number of persons fallen ill climbs to nine with the prognosis of the latest case 'not great,' one health commissioner says

By James Kuhnnehn & Tony Pugh
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — A Washington, D.C., postal worker was in serious but stable condition Sunday after being diagnosed with a pulmonary infection caused by inhaled anthrax, adding a ninth victim to the roster of confirmed cases.

Law enforcement officials intensified their search Sunday for the source of the deadly germ as more than 2,000 postal workers in and around the nation's capital were encouraged to seek testing for anthrax exposure.

In the latest case, the man worked in a postal facility that handles mail addressed to congressional offices, prompting speculation that he might have been infected by an anthrax-tainted letter opened last Monday in the office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

Congressional leaders decided Sunday to return to work as planned on Tuesday. The Capitol will be open Monday, but nearby congressional offices will remain closed as investiga-

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Conference challenges U.S. policies

■ The weekend event focused on peaceful solutions and justice for the situation in Afghanistan

By Marty Toohey
for the Emerald

The people and the messages at the Peace, Justice and Globalization Conference this weekend at the University ran the gamut of liberal thought, but the overall message of the conference was clear: The United States should stop bombing Afghanistan, and citizens should organize to stop the attacks.

The conference's main coordinator, Dave Zupan of Eugene PeaceWorks, said the event went well and attendance was "amazingly good," despite low student turnout, which he attributed to homecoming weekend and upcoming midterms.

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Two men shot during Friday night confrontation

■ Police are following up on leads after an argument resulted in the shooting of two people on Hilyard Street

By Darren Freeman
for the Emerald

Two men were shot after an argument Friday night near campus, police said.

Police hadn't released the names of the two shooting victims by Sunday night, but said they were treated at Sacred Heart Medical Center and are expected to recover.

The men were outside the Hilyard Street Market at East 17th Avenue and Hilyard Street short-

ly before midnight Friday when an argument broke out among a group of people gathered there.

According to police at the scene, the perpetrator shot one person in the stomach and another person in the leg with either a small-caliber pistol or a high-powered pellet gun.

Police are looking for a 5-foot-8-inch man in his early 20s with dark skin, dark hair and possibly a goatee.

"There are several leads in the area, and we're following up," Eugene Police Department Acting Sgt. Bill Solesbee said Friday night, as a crowd gathered around the crime scene.

By midnight Friday, police

had blocked off Hilyard Street and were interviewing witnesses and searching the ground for evidence.

One witness, an area high school student named Joe who declined to give his last name, said the shooting stemmed from a confrontation between two groups of student-aged men.

"An argument ensued, some pushing and shoving went on and one guy pulled a gun," he said.

He said he saw a the perpetrator shoot one man in the stomach and cross the street, walking northbound along Hilyard Street. A friend of the first victim chased the shooter, who turned and shot

the pursuer in the leg, Joe said.

Hilyard Street Market employees heard the shots and called police.

"We heard the sounds inside the store, and we thought at first that somebody threw something against the wall," said Poramek Dengsot, who works at the market.

Tony Starr, who lives near the market and was watching police process the crime scene, said the shooting was "unsettling."

"I'm not really that stressed about it, but it does make an unsafe feeling in the area," said Starr, a junior philosophy major at the University.

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