

# SPORTS

**Sports Editor:**  
Adam Jude  
adamjude@dailyemerald.com  
**Assistant Sports Editor:**  
Jeff Smith  
jeffsmith@dailyemerald.com

**Best Bet**

NBA: Toronto at Sacramento,  
5 p.m., TBS



Tuesday, November 13, 2001

## BCS gives Oregon new hope for national title

### BCS Standings

	Record	Points
1. Nebraska	11-0	2.20
2. Miami	8-0	7.31
3. Oklahoma	9-1	7.89
4. Oregon	9-1	11.97
5. Florida	8-1	11.98
6. Texas	9-1	13.51
7. Tennessee	7-1	14.81
8. Washington St.	9-1	17.99
9. Stanford	6-2	23.61
10. Illinois	8-1	24.17
11. Michigan	7-2	25.16
12. Maryland	9-1	25.29
13. BYU	10-0	28.03
14. Colorado	8-2	33.65
15. Syracuse	8-2	33.97

■ The Ducks, near a Fiesta Bowl berth, have also put themselves in contention for another visit to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl

**By Jeff Smith**  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Nebraska is one. Miami is two. Oklahoma's three.

And the Oregon Ducks, who reside in the wacky West Coast Pacific-10 Conference, are still in the hunt for the national championship at the fourth spot.

In the latest Bowl Championship Series rankings released Monday, Oregon leaptfrogged Texas and Tennessee up to No. 4 with a total of 11.97 BCS points, where less is best.

"Who would of thought that?" Oregon tight end Justin Peelle said. "I thought they had all written us off by now."

Just behind the Ducks (9-1 overall, 6-1 Pac-10) at the fifth spot, with 11.98 points, is Florida, followed by Texas, Tennessee, Washington State and Stanford.

The top two teams in the final BCS rankings on Dec. 9 will meet in the Jan. 3 Rose Bowl and play for the national title. Which leaves the Ducks with two weekends off to watch and wait to see how it

all plays out, before worrying about Oregon State on Dec. 1.

As of Monday, though, Oregon would rather just enjoy its 21-20 win over UCLA and not worry too much about all the pesky little details regarding the BCS standings.

"Won't catch no rise out me," cornerback Rashad Bauman said. "It ain't no big deal if it ain't one or two. I mean, that's what everybody's shooting to get at and three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, they're all in the same bracket in my book."

"It's definitely exciting to be rated that high; it's awesome really, but whatever happens, happens."

Bauman can hardly be blamed for not wanting to think about all that has to happen for the Ducks to make a return trip to Pasadena. The BCS standings can be quite confusing when considering that they're formulated using both the coaches and media polls, eight separate computer rankings, the strength of schedule, the teams' records and added points for "quality wins," which are victories over teams currently in the BCS top-15.

For Oregon, that win is against Washington State, giving the Ducks reason to root for the Cougars this week despite what a loss by them would mean.

Turn to BCS, page 10

### Confused?

The Bowl Championship Series bases its rankings on five main categories: poll average, computer average, schedule rank, losses and quality wins.

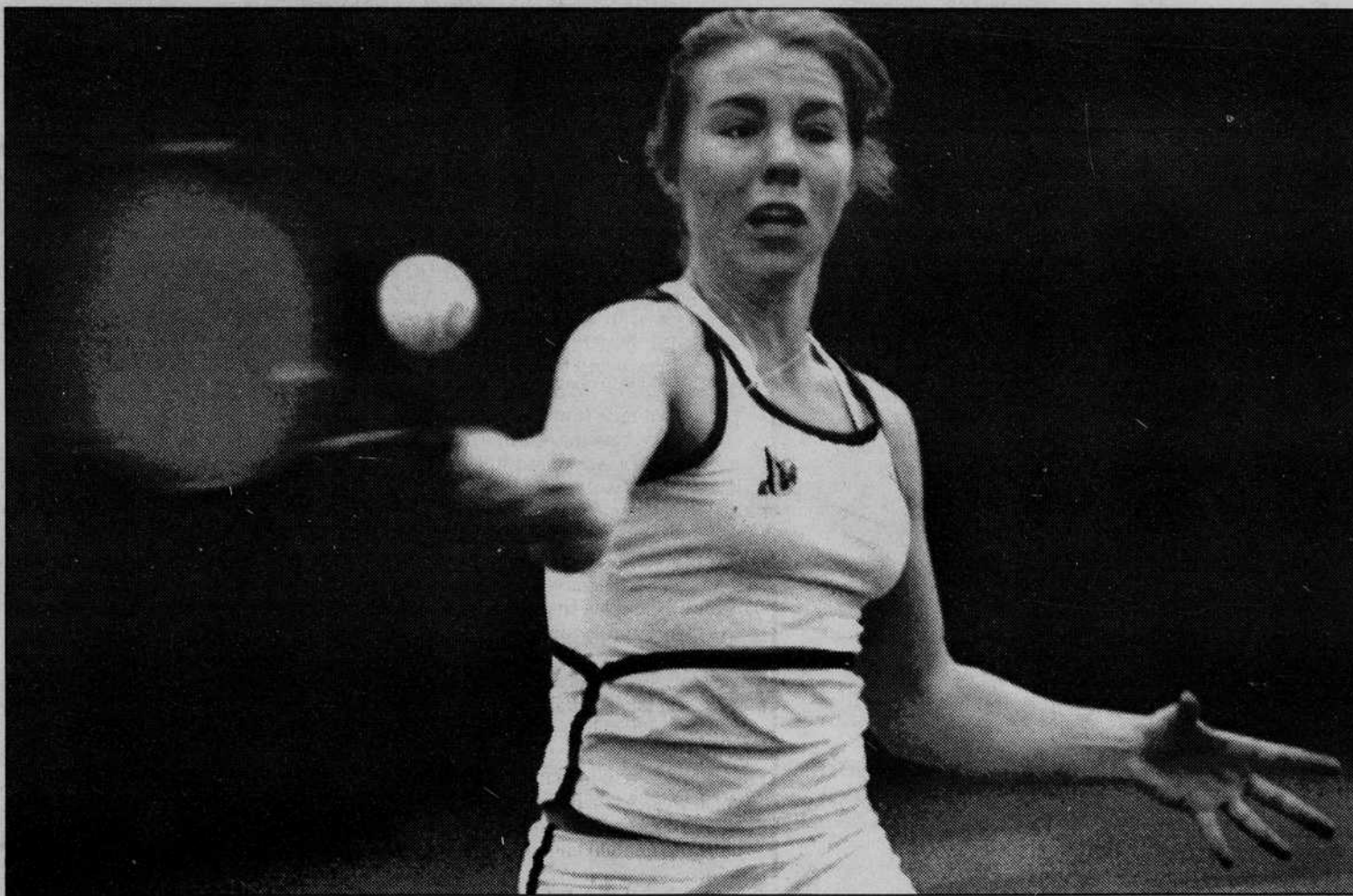
**Poll average:** Average ranking of USA Today/ESPN coaches poll and the Associated Press media poll.

**Computer average:** Average of eight other computer rankings from across the nation. The highest and lowest rankings are thrown out for each team.

**Schedule strength:** How schedule compares to other Division I-A teams. Calculated by records of teams' opponents (two-thirds) and records of teams' opponents' opponents (one-third).

**Losses:** One point for each loss.

**Quality wins:** Takes into account wins against other BCS-ranked teams. Ranges from 1.5 points for a win against the No. 1 team and 0.1 points for a win against the No. 15 team. Total is subtracted from totals of previous categories to give final score.



Adam Amato Emerald

Sophomore Courtney Nagle, along with partner Monika Gieczys, defeated Tulsa on Sunday, one of just two doubles victories for Oregon at the Duck Invitational.

## UO women's tennis ends fall season with 19 wins

■ Behind a strong singles play, the women's tennis team finishes its fall season in the Duck Classic

**By Peter Martini**  
for the Emerald

The Oregon women's tennis team finished its fall season with 19 victories in the Duck Classic last weekend.

The Ducks dominated in singles by winning 17 of the 21 matches played.

"I'm really pleased with how we played in singles," head coach Jack Griffin said. "It's still very early, and they are handling themselves very well."

Oregon struggled, though, in its doubles matches, winning just two of nine over the weekend.

"We were up early, but couldn't hold it," said Janice Nyland, who lost three doubles matches with partner Davina Mendiburu, one by a score of 9-7. "We still have a lot of work to do."

Adeline Arnaud and Ester Bak won the first doubles match for Oregon on Saturday. Courtney Nagle and Monika Gieczys won the second Sunday.

"We must work on our service returns," Griffin said. "We are inconsistent on the

starting points and it's really hurting us."

Teamwork is an area that the Ducks said they don't need to improve on before they begin the regular season in January.

"We've been playing together for a while now," Mendiburu said about Nyland. "We know how each other plays the game."

The tournament included players from Brigham Young, Tulsa, New Mexico and Portland. Oregon won seven of its 10 matches against New Mexico on Friday, the first day of the tournament.

In singles, all eight Ducks won matches, with Bak, Gieczys and Vickie Gunnarsson

Turn to Tennis, page 12

## UO runners receive bid to NCAAs

■ The No. 14 men's cross country team was granted an at-large invitation to NCAA Championships

**By Chris Cabot**  
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Oregon men's cross country team has achieved its goal: to be invited to the NCAA Championships.

The 14th-ranked Ducks received word Monday that they would be among the 31 teams who will compete on Nov. 19 at the Furman University Cross Country Course in Greenville, S.C.

"Our No. 1 goal from the first practice this season was to position ourselves to have a chance to advance to the NCAA Championships," head coach Martin Smith said. "We're excited as a program to match up against the nation's best teams and see where we stand."

Oregon will have to choose seven runners to compete in the national meet and eight have stood out this season. Two-time All-American Jason Hartmann, who has run in the past two national competitions individually placing 37th in 1999 and 35th in '00, has led the unit that includes redshirt senior Adam Bergquist, sophomores John Lucas, Brett Holts and Noel Paulson, redshirt freshmen Ryan Andrus and Eric Logsdon and true freshman Seth Pilkington.

This trip to Furman will mark the 27th time the Oregon men's team has advanced to the NCAAs since its first trip in 1963. They have four team national championships and four individual championships, three of which belong to Steve Prefontaine, as well as seven team runner-up finishes.

The last time the Ducks competed in the NCAAs was in 1999, when they came away with a sixth-place finish.

Chris Cabot is a sports reporter for the Oregon Daily Emerald. He can be reached at chriscabot@dailyemerald.com.