

## Sports briefs

### Track team signs three prep stars

The Oregon men's track and field team announced the signing of three of the nation's top high school seniors, eligible to be freshmen for the 2002-2003 collegiate season.

The Ducks welcome sprinter Matthew Scherer of Red Hill High School in Bridgeport, Ill., and a pair of high jumpers — Teddy Davis of White Salmon High in White Salmon, Wash., and Jeffrey Lindsey of Mansfield High in Mansfield, Texas.

Scherer ranked sixth nationally

in the 400 with a season best of 46.84 that also ranked him fourth in his class. In the 2001 Illinois 1A state championships, he placed top four in four events.

Lindsey's 2001 season best of 7-foot-1-inch ranked him fifth nationally and third in his junior class. A week later, in the 2001 Texas 5A state championship, he took fourth as a junior (6-8) while competing with an abdominal muscle injury that occurred after leaping his personal best the week before.

Davis won the Washington state 2A high jump title (6-11) by a seven-inch margin and also scored in the triple jump (third, 43-6) and long jump (seventh, 20-6).

— from staff and wire reports

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scored a career-high 29 points against Oregon in January.

Oregon center Chris Christoffersen noted the importance of containing Borchardt tonight.

"Last time he got the best of me," Christoffersen said of Borchardt. "He's a great player. It's going to be another challenge for the big guys to step up."

Stanford's most glaring weakness this year has been its lack of depth. Other than Jacobsen, who averages 21 points per game, and Borchardt, the Cardinal get 11 points per game from junior guard Julius Barnes and promptly drop off from there. Stanford's other two starters, sophomore forward Teyo Johnson and senior guard Tony Giovacchini, both average four points per contest.

When Stanford came to Eugene, the Cardinal were as shallow as a wading pool. Behind Jacobsen's 32 points and Borchardt's 29, Stanford's next highest scorer had five. "The Big Two" accounted for 77 percent of the Cardinal scoring.

But when you cut through the hype, tonight's game is about one thing. Can the Ducks win a key game on the road to stay on top of the Pac-10 race? They've proved it once, beating Arizona at the McKale Center, but now they've got back-to-back chances to beat marquee teams on the lonely road.

For the players, it's all about simplifying the situation.

"It might not be the building," Oregon guard Freddie Jones said about Oregon's long losing streak at Maples Pavilion. "We're going to have to beat their team more than beat their arena."

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## 2002 Football Signees

### Junior College

David Dixon, DB, 5-9, 166, Compton, Calif. (Palomar College)  
Tate Pittman, LB, 6-0, 226, Mechanicsville, Va. (Scottsdale CC)  
Junior Siavii, DL, 6-5, 335, American Samoa (Butte College)  
Chris Solomona, DL, 6-5, 278, San Pedro, Calif. (El Camino College)  
Kellen Taylor, WR, 6-0, 180, San Jose, Calif. (City College of San Francisco)

### High School

Marques Binns, DB, 5-10, 153, Los Angeles (Dorsey)

Andy Collins, QB, 6-1, 197, Zillah, Wash. (Zillah)  
Aaron Gipson, DB, 5-8, 170, Alta Loma, Calif. (Etiwanda)  
Robert Hamilton, LB, 6-2, 195, Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)  
Cory Larsen, LB, 6-5, 222, Gresham, Ore. (GHS)  
Enoka Lucas, OL, 6-4, 287, Honolulu (Kamehameha)  
Parris Moore, DB, 5-11, 173, Santa Ana, Calif. (Fountain Valley)  
J.D. Nelson, Athlete, 5-11, 186, Mountain View, Calif. (MVHS)  
Haloti Ngata, DL, 6-4, 324, Salt Lake

City (Highland)  
Shawn Perkins, DL, 6-5, 258, Pendleton, Ore. (PHS)  
Jermaine Randolph, OL, 6-5, 251, Fremont, Calif. (Serra)  
Tarell Richards, DB, 5-10, 176, West Valley City, Utah (Hunter)  
Darius Sanders, TE, 6-5, 228, Los Angeles (Lynwood)  
Matt Toeaina, RB, 6-2, 225, Pago Pago, American Samoa (Samoana)  
Anthony Trucks, Athlete, 6-1, 197, Antioch, Calif. (AHS)  
Terrence Whitehead, Athlete, 5-10, 199, Los Angeles (Crenshaw)

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from El Camino College in San Pedro, Calif., who was ranked as the No. 3 junior college lineman in the country.

"I'm not sure where Chris will play (on the line), but we're obviously very excited to have him. He's a quality football player who will make an immediate impact," Bellotti said.

With the loss of both starting defensive backs from last year's Fiesta Bowl championship squad, Bellotti signed five corners this year, including David Dixon, a 5-foot-9, 166-pound transfer from Palomar College (Compton, Calif.), which played for the junior college national championship last season.

Bellotti described this year's signing class as an athletic group, with several players able to play on both offense and defense.

In particular, Darius Sanders, a

senior at Lynwood High (Calif.), could end up as a tight end, where he recorded 25 catches and six touchdowns last year, or on the defensive line, where he had 10.5 quarterback sacks.

"Obviously, tight end has been integral to our success, and we're always looking for people that can play that position," Bellotti said. "I told (Sanders), 'If you can catch, why waste that?'"

Overall, Bellotti said he was pleased with this year's recruiting class. But despite the team's success in recent years — the Ducks are the winningest Pacific-10 Conference program in the last eight years and have consecutive top-10 finishes — Bellotti has had some trouble landing top recruits. ESPN.com didn't even rate Oregon's recruiting class in the Pac-10's top-5 this year.

"It's always harder than I thought it would be after what we've accomplished here," he said. "We don't have a large, captive local population, so we are going outside our state for ap-

proximately 80 percent of the student athletes."

Just two recruits from Oregon signed with the Ducks.

Of the 13 recruits who attended the muggy, rainy Civil War game on Dec. 1, Bellotti said he might be able to sign three.

"I think the weather on that day scared the kids," he said.

Two to four more recruits may still sign with the Ducks, Bellotti said. Albert Toeaina, a top offensive line prospect, may be one of them. Toeaina originally committed to Washington, then changed his mind and agreed to Oregon State, but Oregon is still a possibility. His cousin, fullback Matt Toeaina, has signed with the Ducks.

Hershel Dennis, one of the top running back recruits in the country, signed with USC on Tuesday. He had narrowed his decision down to the Trojans, Oregon and Washington.

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### Horoscope by Linda C. Black

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 7). Your challenge this year is finding a balance between your home life and volunteer activities. It would be nice if you could fit in some quiet time for yourself, too. You can, of course, if you schedule ahead.

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'd better start thinking about getting serious soon. This is a warning. An influential person, somebody who could be very good for your career, is about to ask some tough questions. Be prepared.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - Money that's been withheld should start showing up, much to your relief. Don't complain to the person in authority. Wait a couple of days until the check clears, then say thank you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - An anchor you've been dragging around is about to slip away. You can do without it. Maybe you pay off an old debt, leaving more money for you. Maybe something you've been practicing finally becomes easy. It could be both. Celebrate!

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - Do you have to do everything? Are there more people asking for favors than you could ever hope to oblige? You're a nice person, but you don't have to be a doormat. Either learn how to say "no," or get help.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 10 - Doing what you're told doesn't have to be all that bad if you're obeying somebody you admire - somebody who has your best interests at heart. If you're not in that position, find a way to get there.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - It's hard to imagine the finished project when you're

in the middle of a huge mess. Your luck is changing for the better. It'll soon be easier to get what you've requested. Keep at it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - You're lookin' good! You're attracting the attention of important people. Someone you knew years ago could reappear to tip the scales in your favor. You're thankful now that you never burned those bridges.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - You may start out working harder, but you'll be working smarter before long. Whatever it takes to keep the money rolling in - as long as it's legal, of course.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You have talent as a philosopher. You understand lofty concepts and explain them well. Now, let's see how practical you are. Can you build a foundation under this latest castle you've built in the sky?

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Feel like you've been pushing against a locked door? Well, something just shifted. Due to circumstances beyond your control, that door may soon be opened. Try again.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - The feedback you get from friends is highly supportive, and with good reason. You go to a lot of trouble to think of everything that might go wrong. Before it does, graciously accept their compliments.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Make the necessary changes to achieve your goal as quickly as possible. Your imagination should be working well, so use it. And continue to listen to an experienced friend.

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