

## Sports brief

### Curry invited to WNBA workouts

Former Oregon basketball player Ednisha Curry is off to Chicago to participate in the WNBA Pre-Draft Camp this Friday and Saturday at the Moody Bible Institute.

The 80 WNBA hopefuls, composed of players from more than 60 colleges and universities, will showcase their skills during the two-day combine.

Curry, an honorable mention All-Pac-10 selection this past year, averaged 9.8 points, 3.3 assists and led the team with 1.9 steals per game. The 5-foot-6 point guard helped Oregon (22-13) win the WNIT championship in March.

All 16 WNBA teams will be scouting players in preparation for the WNBA Draft, which begins at

8:30 a.m. April 19 at the NBA Entertainment studios in Secaucus, N.J. For the second straight year, ESPN2 will nationally televise the event, and additional live coverage will be provided on NBA TV and WNBA.com.

Curry, who starred for three years at Cal State Northridge before transferring to Oregon in 2000, will try to become the third player in school history to be drafted by the WNBA. Last year, Jenny Mowe was the first draftee in Oregon history as the Portland Fire made her the 20th overall pick in the second round. Also, the Cleveland Rockers chose Angelina Wolvert with the 43rd overall pick in the third round.

WNBA training camps will open April 29 at teams' respective training facilities, while the preseason begins May 9 and the regular season May 25.

—from staff and wire reports

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Oregon's 27 points in the team competition.

"It's a pretty big blow to the team, but hopefully it can bring the team closer together," Stiegeler said. "You don't see the character of a team until something like this happens."

Stiegeler, who used his redshirt year as a backup placekicker at Oregon State before coming to Oregon, said he will apply for a special medical redshirt this season.

### Oregon Prone

Stiegeler is not the only defending NCAA champion on the Oregon squad to suffer an injury this season. Senior Santiago Lorenzo, last season's national champion in the decathlon, has yet to compete in an outdoor meet because of a quadricep injury suffered late in the indoor season.

Oregon officials would not put a timeline on Lorenzo's comeback, saying that the decathlete makes

his decisions week-to-week.

Lorenzo's fellow decathlete, senior Billy Pappas, has also missed the entire outdoor season with an injury, but will likely return to action this weekend in the Washington Dual. Pappas finished eighth in the NCAA decathlon last season.



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### Simon Says

With the bevy of injuries to stars of the men's team, middle-distance runner Simon Kimata echoed the sentiments of many when he asked, "Where will the points come from?"

The Washington Dual meet this Saturday is one of only four scored meets of the season, where the Ducks compete directly with other teams. The two remaining scored meets are the Pacific-10 Conference Championships and the NCAA

Championships.

So with point-scorers like Stiegeler and Lorenzo not competing this weekend, the injured Kimata said he will compete in the meet because he "feels bad." Kimata is one of three NCAA automatic qualifiers from the Oregon team this season — Stiegeler and distance-runner Jason Hartmann are the other two — and his points in the 800 meters could have a big impact on the team competition, especially with so many injuries.

Kimata has a strained left Achilles tendon, but the injury is minor and Kimata has been doing rehabilitation workouts all week.

"I don't know the status of John and the status of Santiago, but we're going to do as much as we can to make up for their points," Kimata said.

Oregon and Washington will square off starting at noon on Saturday in the Washington Dual at Hayward Field.

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