

# Oregon Club Sports volleyball team wins it all

■ Oregon Club Sports volleyball team heads to Dallas and defeats Purdue to take its second championship in two years

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The Oregon Club Sports volleyball team did it again.

After defeating Purdue to claim the 2001 National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Championship, the women from Oregon defended their trophy with

honor. So much honor, in fact, that they took the 2002 championship as well, held in Dallas.

"We were the team that everybody hated, and everyone wanted to knock us out because we were not supposed to win," team coordinator Stacey Terry said. "It was a different feeling this time. We were the ones on top who had to stay on top."

The Ducks defeated Miami of Ohio to claim this year's championship in the gold bracket, taking the final match in three sets (25-22, 17-25, 15-10).

On their way to winning the second title, the Ducks had to win nine matches in three days, including four on the tournament's final day, April 20. Their win over Florida on the final day included a first-game win of 25-0.

"We have always known we would go back and have a chance to run at it again," Terry said. "We knew we could do it again and just needed to do it at that time."

With the win also comes top honors. Oregon, headed by fifth-year coach Cody Banner, claimed the

Tournament MVP as well as three all-tournament players.

Senior Carli Halligan, who earned an all-tournament selection in last season's tournament, was honored as the top player in the 2002 version. She is joined by senior Annie Pogue, last season's MVP, and senior Nicki Daman as all-tournament selections.

"The club team tends to attract very strong players who want that high level of play," said Club Sports coordinator Sandra Vaughn. "(The championship) brings a lot of credit to the

club program. I think this speaks highly of the players and coach."

Next season may be a challenge for the Ducks to claim their third straight championship. Of the nine players on this season's squad, five will be graduating, including Halligan, Pogue and Daman, as well as Terry and fellow senior Tina Austinson.

The Ducks, however, will return juniors Jessica Mae Van Ourkerk and Heidi Swanson, sophomore Nina Bakos and freshman Christina Chun.

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## Heinonen questions honesty of foes

■ With the Oregon Invitational on Saturday, individual marks are put closely under the radar

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Three weeks ago, after the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays, Oregon women's track head coach Tom Heinonen was a bit peeved about marks entered for opposing athletes.

According to Heinonen, some entries from other schools may have had marks entered for them that were too high. This forced some of Oregon's competitors to participate in lower sections of an event.

With the day-long Oregon Invitational taking place Saturday, the same situation could happen again. With such a broad spectrum of athletes coming from schools such as Arizona State and Army, there is no way to verify all the marks that are entered, Heinonen said.

"When you're on the entering end and you know that people enter bogus marks, you get mad," he said. "When you're on the receiving end, you don't have the time to deal with it."

Because Oregon coaches and of-

ficials are the meet directors, more than verifying marks must go into planning for the Invitational. This doesn't allow for much fact-checking on other team's athletes.

"Getting into these relays with a bogus mark is the way a lot of people play the game," Heinonen said.

### Fun with computers, Part 2

Want to know who would win between a matchup of the Oregon women and Stanford? How about the Ducks and Arizona State?

The Web site www.team-power.org ranks collegiate teams based on power points. The Ducks are currently 13th in the country with a point score of 324.8, far behind first-place UCLA (389.34).

The site also allows users to pit school-against-school. If the Ducks were to face-off against the Sun Devils, Arizona State would squeak by Oregon, 99-96.

According to the site, the Ducks would not fare well against the rest of the Pacific-10 Conference. Using each team's highest marks, UCLA would dominate against Oregon, 127-73, while Washington State would barely win, 103-97.

But have no fear, Duck fans. In a

simulation against Washington, the Huskies came out on top, 102-98. In the real thing two weeks ago, the Ducks were the victors, 105-95.

### Injury time out

"This is an important meet for us," Heinonen said of the Oregon Invitational. "There's solid competition for virtually everybody. In the field events, anything can happen."

For that reason alone, it is vital for the Duck women to be healthy this weekend. And save for a few bumps, bruises and pulls, Oregon is the healthiest it has been for a while.

Freshman Roslyn Lundeen and sophomore Sarah Malone are both nursing injuries but expect to compete this weekend.

"Obviously, Sarah and Ros are day-to-day," Heinonen said. "We're not going to risk anything."

Heinonen said sophomore C'Rel McAllister and freshman Michelle Donovan, two of the team's track athletes, are "iffy" and that junior Alicia Snyder-Carlson, another of the team's runners, has been training in the pool with a sore foot.

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"Aaron can take it about as far as he wants to go," Nosler said.

### Men ready for Pac-10's

The stage has finally been set for the 2002 Pac-10 Championship.

And with a course close to home and the momentum they are carrying, the Ducks say they could not be more ready.

Oregon will play the Trysting Tee Golf Course in Corvallis, with 36 holes scheduled today and 18 each on Friday and Saturday.

"We need to go out and play four solid, good rounds," Carnahan said.

The Ducks got off to a horrible start in the 2001 Pac-10 Championships at Stanford and never recovered. Oregon rallied on the last day to finish eight, just avoiding last place.

But what a difference a year has made. The Ducks have five consecutive top-five finishes and enter five golfers with postseason experience into this year's tournament.

Byers will make his final "home" appearance in his third Pac-10 Tournament. Junior John Ellis will fill the No. 2 spot with

a 72.7 stroke average. Carnahan is No. 3, with senior Brandon Harnden and sophomore Mike Sica filling the four and five spots, respectively.

Oregon will face a more competitive field than ever this time around.

"From top to bottom there are more teams who could win than ever in the history of Pac-10," Nosler said. "The perception of your program is based on this single event. We have to play good."

### Women finish last at Walla Walla

The Oregon women's golf team did not have the final day it wanted and fell one spot to 10th in the final round of the 2002 Pac-10 Championships.

The Ducks shot a final round 318 Wednesday at the Walla Walla Country Club in Washington. Senior Kathy Cho was the Ducks' low golfer, shooting a four-over 76 to finished tied for 17th at 230. Cho was Oregon's only player to finish in the top 40.

Arizona defended its title by shooting an 891 to just hold off UCLA by eight strokes.

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## Horoscope by Linda C. Black

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 25). You could do quite well in business this year. Find a need and fill it. It's something for which you have a natural talent. This is going to be a lot of work, but nothing you can't handle.

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 a 7 - Your brain is bubbling over with questions, ideas and creativity. Luckily, you have somebody to talk to about it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Your financial concerns should be alleviated soon. The work you've been doing will increase in value. If you stick to your budget, you'll achieve abundance.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You're getting stronger in more ways than one. Venus, the planet symbolizing love, is going into your sign. Mars, for assertion, is already there. So is Saturn, for experience.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Want to brighten up your home at a price you can afford? Martha Stewart has nothing on you! Use your imagination and show her how it should be done.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Somebody who was rather intimidating is becoming more of a friend. Your charms are working! That, and the effort you've made to understand.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Past efforts finally start paying off, and not a moment too soon. Money that's due could finally arrive, or perhaps you'll get that raise or promotion.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is an 8 - All that

effort and hassle doesn't get you nearly as far as one lucky break can. Look for such a break. Even a jealous person's critical comment won't mess up your chances. Later is better.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Sometimes there can be a link between love and money. For example, not having enough of the latter can make the former more difficult. But planning for your future together is very romantic. Do that now.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Did you know that yours is the sign of wisdom? But you still have to go through the steps. You'll be amazed at how much you can learn now. Keep an open heart.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Time to turn in the paperwork. Let people know what you've been doing. Send out bills for your services. You don't usually like this part of the job, but it could be almost fun.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - See? Isn't it getting better? Funny thing is, it doesn't much matter if you won or lost. Either is cause for celebration.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - A loved one is having difficulty now, and you can help. This person needs to take a more round-about route to whatever is being sought. An older person you know can help. Put in a good word. Be the link.

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