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# Athletic Department plans to add women's sport

Senior Associate Athletic Director Renee Baumgartner says Oregon has six potential sports, and a new one will be added by 2004

By Chris Cabot  
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Duck fans will soon have another varsity sport to cheer for.

With increased revenue from the expansion to Autzen Stadium and a desire to provide a more gender-equal opportunity for future Oregon athletes, the Athletic Department will likely add another women's sport to its repertoire by 2004.

"We are looking at a variety of sports, and obviously putting together information on facilities, budgets and start-up costs, and trying to make the best decision for the University," said Renee Baumgartner, senior associate athletic director.

Baumgartner, who said that the timetable may change, listed six potential sports as being in the running

for the open slot, including crew, field hockey, gymnastics, lacrosse, swimming and water polo. She also mentioned equestrian as another potential option.

When the University added soccer as a women's sport in 1996, the Athletic Department noticed the general growth of the interest of women's soccer in the state and in Eugene and "felt like that was an interest that we should meet," Baumgartner said.

The decision for the next sport will be made by a similar process — by weighing the interest of the region and the economic interests of the University. The Athletic Department has sent out surveys to students and community residents regarding their preferences of what should be the next

women's sport at Oregon, and the results have varied.

Presently, crew and lacrosse are women's Club Sports teams at Oregon, and as a result, they could make the transition to a varsity sport easier than what it would take for swimming or water polo — which would require building an entirely new facility.

Crew coordinator Erin Koenig said that turning the open weight women's crew team into a varsity sport "would be a great opportunity."

"To make us varsity would allow us to be competitive with schools like Washington and Cal," she said.

During the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships on May 18, Koenig and her three fellow rowers in Oregon's top

women's open weight boat defeated the strong Stanford boat.

There may be potential complications that arise if crew is adopted as a varsity sport. Only the open weight women would achieve varsity status, leaving the men high and dry, which could cause controversy with funding and boathouse space.

Despite the unforeseen potential problems, the Athletic Department is looking forward to its new addition.

"I think that we are making really good progress and are excited about the opportunity to add another women's sport," Baumgartner said.

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## Holliday, Linnen at odds in pole vault

■ If nothing else, a heated rivalry in the pole vault has come out of the Pac-10 Championships

By Hank Hager  
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Going into Sunday's pole vault competition at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships, Oregon junior Becky Holliday was ranked third in the conference, just behind UCLA's Tracy O'Hara and Arizona's Amy Linnen.

O'Hara currently holds the top spot in the nation in the outdoor season, while Linnen — the indoor season leader — is third, just behind Holliday's best mark of 14-1.25.

When the numbers gave way to action, Linnen came out on top at the Pac-10 meet, while Holliday took second, followed by O'Hara at No. 3.

Suffice to say, Holliday and O'Hara are not happy Linnen was able to overtake them in Pullman, Wash. But adding even more fuel to the fire, Holliday and O'Hara are good friends, while Linnen is on an island all her own.

That has created some hard feelings. "We are both kind of bitter about the whole Amy Linnen thing," Holliday said, upset while riding on a bus back to Eugene on Sunday.

Despite the results at the Pac-10 Championships, Holliday is confident she and O'Hara will be able to overtake the Wildcat when the three meet again in Baton Rouge, La., at the NCAA Championships next week.

Linnen "already had her good meet," Holliday said. "She had her day, and she never has two good meets in a row."

If anyone is looking for a hyped-up event next week, look no further than the pole vault. It has the makings of being something special, if not a trash-talking bonanza.

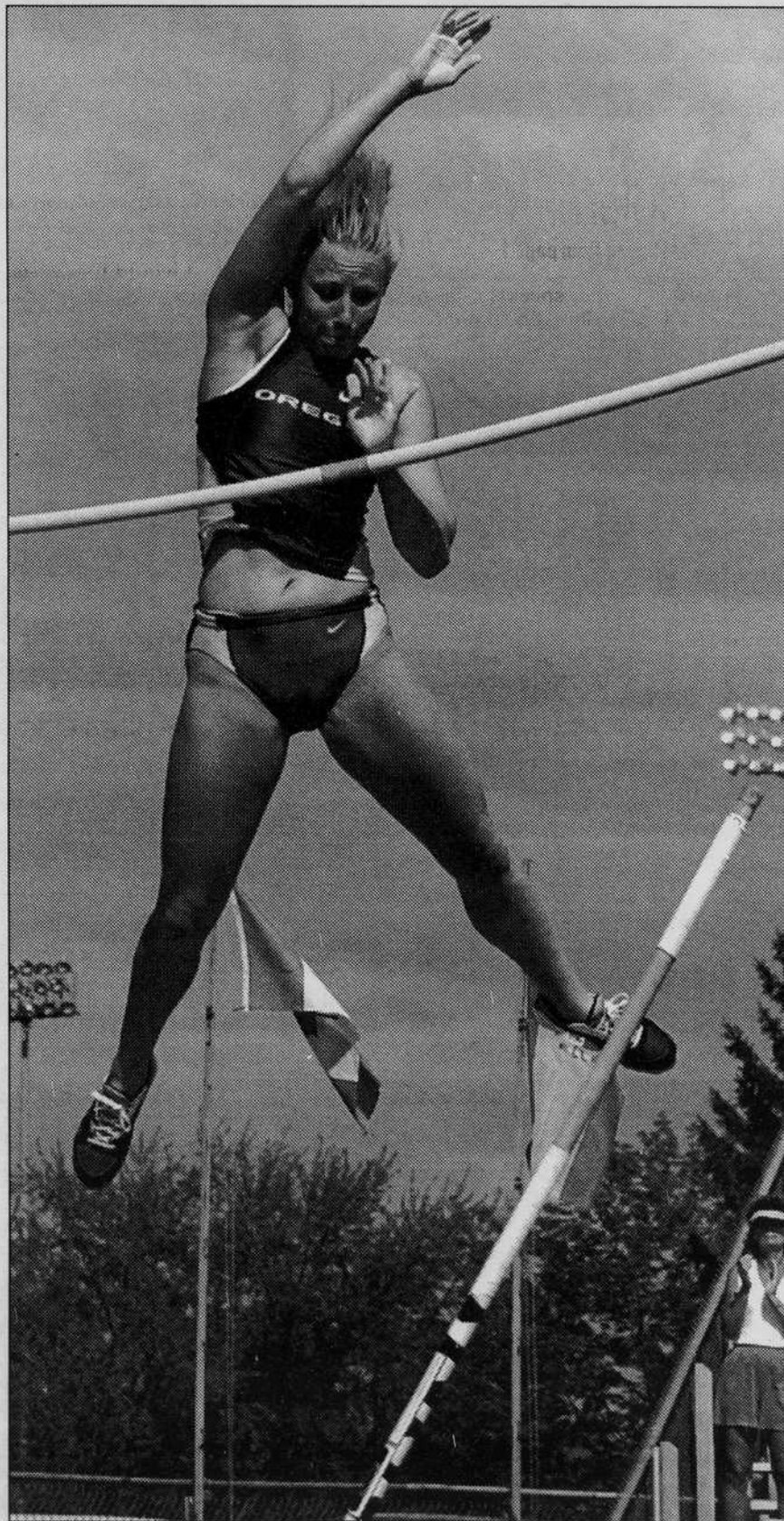
### Duck meat

For the third straight season, Oregon was shut out of the Pac-10 Championships, failing to win a single individual event.

The team saw Holliday, sophomore Sarah Malone (javelin) and junior Jenny Brogdon (high jump) take second place. However, no Ducks were able to break out past that barrier and give Oregon a much needed 10-point boost.

The last Duck to take an individual event?

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Junior pole vaulter Becky Holliday was unhappy after finishing second in Pullman, Wash., on Sunday. However, she is confident she can overtake Arizona's Amy Linnen for first place.

## UO golfers 'proud' despite missing cut

■ Although it 'should be' in the NCAA Tournament, the Oregon golf team is happy about its 2002 season

By Jesse Thomas  
for the Emerald

It's all said and done now — just a little earlier than they anticipated. The greens are a little quieter and the fairways a little smoother.

The season has come to a close for the Oregon men's golf team, with the Ducks finishing 12th on a three-round total 885 at the NCAA West Regional in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Ducks fell just three strokes shy of 10th place, which would have given them a bid to the NCAA Championships.

"With the talent that we had, we should still be getting ready for nationals," senior Aaron Byers said after finishing his last collegiate tournament. "There is no reason why we're not."

The most upsetting part is that Oregon did not get the job done at regionals, mainly because of the first round of 300, head coach Steve Nosler said. But that does not matter anymore, because the Ducks said they had a great season.

"We've showed that we can play with anybody," Nosler said. "Our scores were as low as anybody in the nation."

The Ducks proved that they could compete with the best and beat the best. After the TaylorMade Waikoloa tournament in Hawaii from Feb. 13 to 15, the Oregon men began pulling it together.

In their next tournament, two weeks later, the Ducks finished second, and then at the end of March they went on to win their own tournament, the Duck Invitational. And through their next three tournaments, Oregon finished in the top six every time.

Despite not making their first NCAA Tournament since 1999, the Ducks said the most important thing is the relationships they built with one another.

"We grew stronger as individuals and as a team," Byers said. "The friendships and bonds will last a lot longer than just one tournament."

Those bonds and friendships were made between the five consistent tournament competitors — Byers, senior Brandon Harnden, juniors John Ellis and Chris Carnahan and sophomore Mike Sica.

As individuals, Byers played first for Oregon with a season stroke average of 72.3, followed by Ellis at 72.7. Carnahan's stroke average was 73.4, with Harnden at 74.0 and Sica anchoring with a 75.4 average.

Oregon will lose Byers and Harnden next year. Both of the graduating Ducks plan to turn professional in the fall.

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