

Today's crossword solution

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## Lacrosse

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### The difference

Women's lacrosse is vastly different from men's lacrosse for one reason.

The men check.

The women don't.

Women's lacrosse players are allowed to stick-check other players, meaning stick-on-stick contact only, and only if the offensive player is carrying the ball. In men's lacrosse, the players are

heavily padded, wearing helmets and allowed to body check each other much like hockey. The women don't wear pads or helmets.

### The history

Lacrosse is one of the oldest sports in North America. American Indians played the game prior to the 1600s to, as legend has it, settle territorial disputes.

The sport took off and was modified by French settlers in Northeastern territories, in what is now Canada. Now, it's the official summer

sport of Canada.

The modern college game is dominated by East Coast schools, most of which have had programs since the mid-1900s. The first men's national championship was held in 1971, and the first women's championship was held in 1982.

Maryland has won the most women's championships, nine, after dominating the sport from 1995-2001. The Terrapins won all seven national titles in that time span, going undefeated in four of those seasons.

## The Ducks

All of that may seem daunting for a fledgling West Coast program, but the Oregon women will be pioneers of the sport on the left coast. They will play in the Mountain Pacific Lacrosse League with Stanford, California, California-Davis, St. Mary's and Denver. They'll start play in 2004-05.

Which means you'll have to wait two more years to use all that newfound lacrosse knowledge.

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## Wrestling

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only wrestler who has competed at 174 for Oregon this season. All four of Webster's losses were to ranked opponents. He also has five wins against ranked opponents to his credit.

Mitchell pinned Arizona State's Jeremy Mendoza on Sunday for his sixth pin of the season. Of Mitchell's five dual meet matches, he has pinned three opponents. He upset No. 9 Skyler Holman of Oklahoma

State 8-6 on Jan. 26.

Even with the Ducks sitting in the top half of the Pac-10, head coach Chuck Kearney still emphasizes the things Oregon needs to work on in order to win matches, or at least to finish them well.

"We've got to do the little things," Kearney reiterated after Sunday's loss to Arizona State.

The little things are important in wrestling. Webster's loss to Owen came because of a 5-0 first period. It got the ball rolling in Owen's favor, and Webster couldn't come back.

## Hager

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Division I competitors.

In 2001, Smith led Wagner to a 9-7 record, which shows she knows how to build a program and keep it competitive.

Because she is at Virginia, Smith may be a hard sell to the advantages

of starting up a new program.

For that matter, most East Coast coaches would be the same way. But out there is the coach that is perfect for the job at Oregon, that could bring the Ducks to national prominence.

Isn't that what all D-I programs are ultimately looking for?

Oregon needs, more than anything, to be wise in its search.

"(Owen)'s the kind of guy you can't afford to give up a five-point cushion to," Kearney said.

Freshman Tony Rolan has won four of his last six matches, including a major decision over Arizona State's Ron Renzi. Rolan had Renzi pinned twice but couldn't hold him for the count.

The Ducks will stay in California after facing Cal-State Bakersfield and Cal Poly to battle Menlo College and Fresno State on Friday.

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The names are out there, but the head coach Oregon chooses must be more than just a name.

It matters because this one decision could resound in the walls of the Casanova Center for years to come.

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