

# Malone will redshirt '03 outdoor season

The star Oregon javelin thrower will sit out the 2003 season with a serious back injury

## Women's track

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Sarah Malone, Oregon's school record-holder in the javelin, will redshirt the 2003 outdoor track and field season.

Malone, a junior who was an All-American in her freshman season, has a herniated disc in her back that, while it may or may not be in remission, will keep her out of her workout routine and therefore out for the season.

"I just don't think I can compete at the level I want to compete at for the season," Malone said Monday.

The Newberg native said she has been in constant contact with doctors recently. She said that while a doctor told her the disc may be in remission, she is still in pain and can't throw regularly. She also said the doctors advised her to sit out the season.

"It's extremely painful, and my workouts need to be altered be-

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junior javelin thrower

cause of it," she said.

Malone holds the school record in the javelin at 179 feet, 2 inches and made the NCAA Championships in both her freshman and sophomore seasons. She finished seventh and 14th in those two national championships, and second in both Pacific-10 Conference Championships she has competed in.

The junior will miss head coach Tom Heinonen's final season, and she said the move to redshirt was in no way affected by the recent announcement that both the men's and women's track teams will merge next year under the direction of men's head coach Martin Smith.

"I'm sure (the coaches) aren't happy," Malone said. "I know coach (Heinonen) wanted to go out with a bang. But it wasn't anything I had control over."

Malone leaves a talented javelin



Malone was an All-American her freshman season at Oregon, but a herniated disc will keep her out of the 2003 season.  
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squad that will still miss their leader. The squad includes two returning All-Americans in sophomores Elisa Crumley and Roslyn Lundeen.

"They're totally supportive of me," Malone said of her javelin-throwing counterparts. "They see me in pain all the time. I have the

full support of all my teammates."

The Ducks don't kick off the outdoor season until March 22. That first meet will be the Oregon Preview at Hayward Field.

That still leaves some time for Malone to change her mind if she feels strong enough to compete.

But the thrower said she has been knocked so far off her training schedule that she doesn't anticipate returning to action this year.

"I'm definitely redshirting," Malone said.

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## Men's

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86-75 win over Oregon on Saturday. "Winning (at McArthur Court) is big-time for us, and we're showing signs that we're not going away and that we're going to win the Pac-10."

Arizona also has four of its final seven games at home, but its three road games are at Arizona State, Stanford and Cal, the teams right behind the Wildcats in the standings. The Wildcats, who needed overtime to beat Washington on Thursday and

didn't pull away from lowly Washington State until the final minutes, say they must do some soul-searching before the NCAA Tournament.

"It's getting more frustrating the further into the season we go," Arizona senior Luke Walton told the Tucson Citizen. "This should be one of the best teams around. A team that people are talking about, but the way we're playing right now, we're just doing that in spurts."

Oregon (16-6, 6-5), by the way, has virtually no hope left for defending its conference crown. The Ducks are fifth in the Pac-10, four games behind

Arizona, with five of their final seven games on the road, including the Civil War in Corvallis on Saturday.

### Another coaching controversy

UCLA's Steven Lavin isn't the only Pac-10 coach who may soon be looking for a new job.

Paul Graham, in his fourth year as Washington State's head coach, has twice finished 1-17 in conference play and his Cougars are 0-11 in the Pac-10 this season (5-15 overall). WSU hasn't had a winning season since 1995-96, and is 18-87 in the

Pac-10 since then. Worse yet, the Cougars are averaging just 2,098 fans per game this season, the lowest attendance figures in school history.

A season-ending injury to its best player, Marcus Moore, has hurt the Cougs, though they have played tough against Arizona and Oregon in recent weeks.

"To be honest with you, I don't think Washington State is good at all," Oregon State's Jimmie Hayward told reporters after the Beavers' win over WSU last month. "They are missing a lot more than just Marcus Moore. It would have

been the exact same game as it was even if they had him."

The buzz around the Palouse is that Graham's tenure in Pullman may be over, but the coach is remaining optimistic about his future.

"I don't have any less enthusiasm or confidence that we can do it than I did four years ago," he said. "If anything, I'm probably more determined than I was four years ago because I want it to read someday that those guys got it done. There's no quit in me."

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