

## Sports briefs

### Williams says no thank-U

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Roy Williams' worst fear — that he would hurt those he cared about — came to pass on Monday.

Minutes after an emotional meeting at 4:40 p.m. EDT at Allen Fieldhouse where he told Kansas' players he would take the men's basketball coaching job at North Carolina, one Jayhawk standout reacted harshly.

"I gave my right arm for him, literally," said sophomore forward Wayne Simien, who missed much of the season with an injured shoulder. "I gave my right arm for that man."

Williams spent a week considering

his choice between staying at Kansas — where he coached for 15 seasons and led the Jayhawks to four Final Fours — and his alma mater of North Carolina. He knew his decision would be greeted with joy at one school, and with despair at the other.

Three years ago, facing the same decision, Williams turned down North Carolina, saying he would stay at Kansas out of a sense of loyalty to his players. This time it was Kansas' turn to be disappointed.

—David Scott, Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

### Wrestling hands out 2003 awards

The Oregon wrestling squad gave out its 2003 season awards on Sunday

at a team banquet.

Shane Webster was named Most Outstanding Wrestler. The sophomore went 31-8 at 174, finishing with an All-American honor and sixth place at the NCAA Championships.

Senior Tony Overstake won his second consecutive Dave Abraham Award — given to the wrestler exhibiting tremendous passion for the sport — after finishing the season with a 22-12 record at 149. Overstake finished his collegiate career with an 89-48 record, including the 157 Pacific-10 Conference championship as a junior.

Jason Harless also earned an award for the second straight season — the Johnny Miller Award, given to

the wrestler who gives 100 percent in academics, athletics and citizenship. The junior finished the season with a trip to the national tournament and a 17-15 record at 133 after battling late-season injuries.

Junior Branson Phillips won the Jed Kesey/Lorenzo West award for the most improved wrestler. Phillips earned the starting spot at 157 in early January and finished the season earning fifth place at the Pac-10 tournament.

Tony Rolen, who became the Ducks' only true freshman to start regularly, was named Most Outstanding Freshman. Rolen went 6-15 at 184 in his first season — highlighted by a winning streak of three matches.

—Mindi Rice

### Kriz named field athlete of the week

Oregon's Adam Kriz was named the Pacific-10 Conference Field Athlete of the Week in the first 2003 edition of the awards on Monday. The honor came after he launched a seven-foot personal best in the hammer in Saturday's Pepsi Team Invitational at Hayward Field. The heave put him fifth on the national list and fifth all-time at Oregon in the event.

A trio of USC athletes swept the rest of the Pac-10 weekly awards. Ryan Wilson won the men's track award, Virginia Powell won the women's track award and Julianna Tuda won the women's field award.

—Peter Hockaday

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she saw into right field for her fifth home run of the season.

Harris showed she was human in the top of the fifth, when she gave up a solo home run between the second and third out.

In the top of the sixth, after a flawed attempt by Oregon to pad its 5-2 lead, Vidlund pulled a Mariners' bullpen and let the bases fill with one out. She came back to strike out the next two batters on six straight pitches to end the inning.

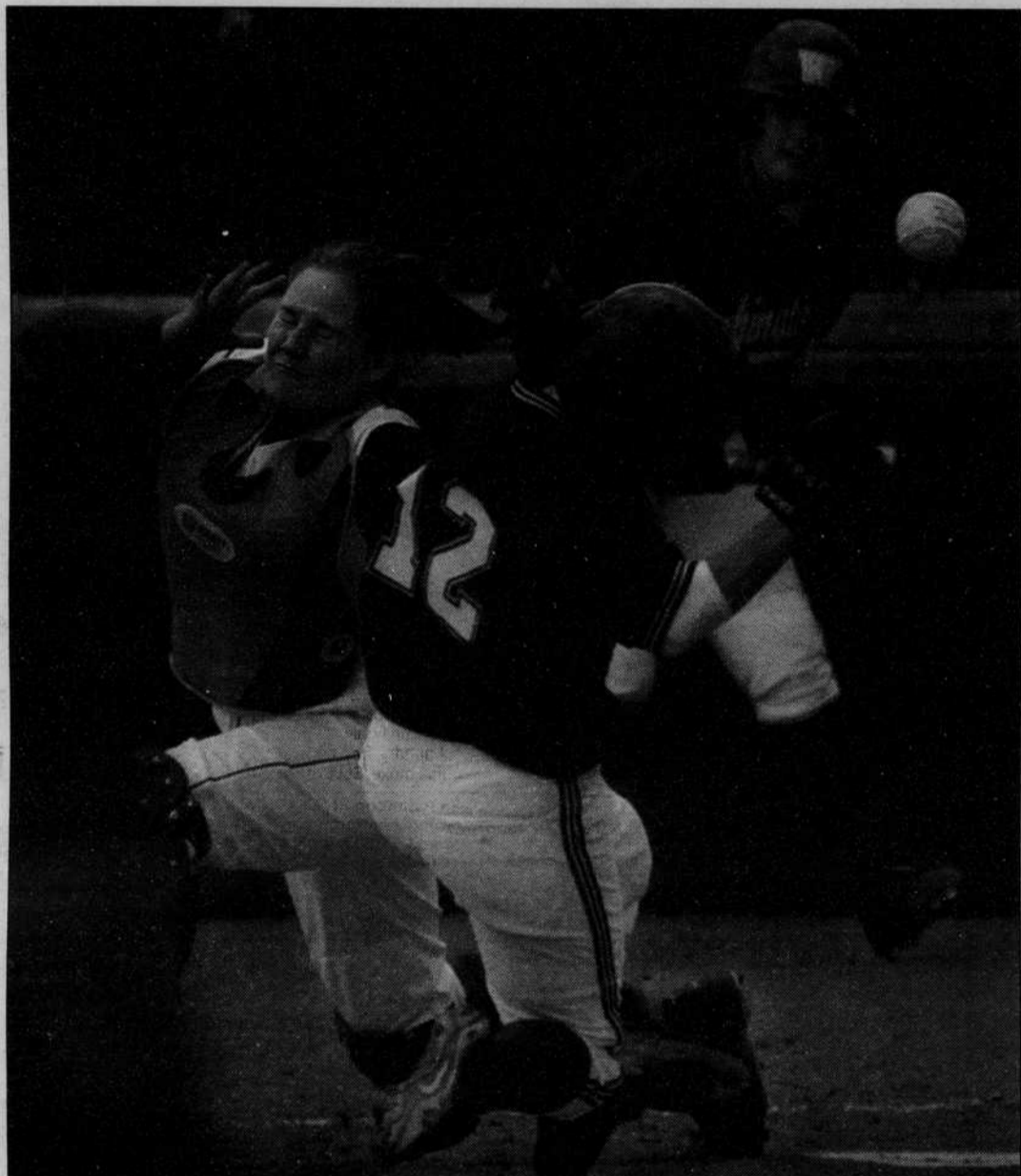
The Ducks struck out three times in the bottom of the sixth to pull themselves to three outs away from a win.

Vidlund gave up three singles and one run to start the seventh. She struck out the next batter with runners on first and second. UCLA followed with a single to score another run, and moved the tying run to second.

On their feet and as nervous as Mariner fans in September 1995, 327 fans watched as, three pitches later, UCLA hit into a double play. The win for Oregon tied its combined Pac-10 win total — three — of 2001 and 2002.

As the major league plays on outside of Oregon and the Eugene Emeralds don't begin their season until mid-June, the softball team is the perfect transition from television baseball to summer minor leagues.

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Jen Poore (left) can't stop Washington's Rita Roach in the Huskies' 9-0 victory at Howe Field on Friday.

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Saturday, it seems a little motivation was just what the Ducks needed.

"It was wonderful to hear his view," Arendsen said.

### Oregon vs. Ducks — the tale of two uniforms

In their five home games during the past week, the Ducks wore two different home uniforms.

Against Portland State, Oregon debuted its new home jersey — with the crisp, Athletic Department-sponsored font, reading "Ducks."

While the squad kept that jersey on for the Washington game and the Sunday loss to UCLA, Oregon switched it up for Saturday's win.

The three-year-old "Oregon" jerseys the team wore date back to the 2000 season — when the Ducks won six conference games and made their last NCAA Regional Tournament visit.

Sometimes bringing back the winning threads can win the games — as long as they're thoroughly washed.

### Duck of the Week

"Andrea Vidlund had an incredible weekend," Arendsen said. "Three home runs off of UCLA's All-American pitcher."

Combine her weekend performance with Wednesday's Portland State doubleheader and Vidlund batted .500 — seven for 14, including five home runs. The senior also had eight RBIs and scored eight runs. Add in a little flavor with four innings pitched, where Vidlund earned a win and a save.

The eight RBIs move Vidlund to only 23 short of Oregon's all-time top five, while the five home runs put her seven away from breaking the school record.

"It was a great feeling to get my offense going," Vidlund said after Sunday's game. "I had been struggling a little bit and this was a great time to come out of it this way."

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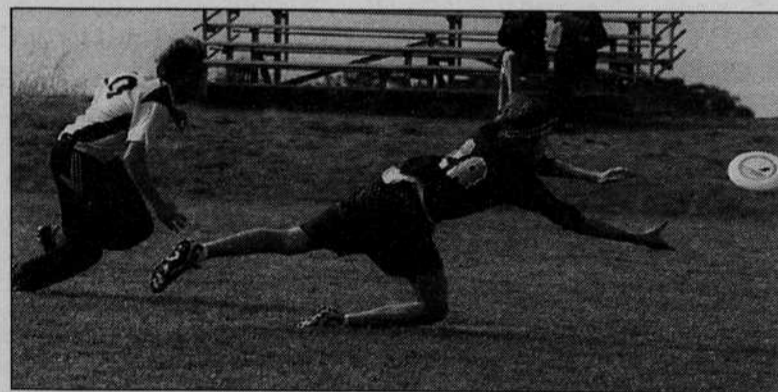
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The Ducks won the first major tournament of the year, defeating California in the finals of the President's Day tournament in San Diego. In three tournaments since, Oregon was crowned champion and was bounced twice in the quarterfinals and once in the finals, losing to North Carolina State in the Ultimax tournament. While most would consider this four-tournament stretch a success, the Ducks will accept nothing but the best.

"We're not real happy with how we've done," Parrell said. "Both quarterfinal losses were disappointing."

Unlike most other competitive sports, Ultimate relies on sportsmanship and honor, as there are no game officials. Players make their own calls and are governed by a "Spirit of the Game" policy. Though having no game officials leaves the opportunity to cheat wide open, players usually follow the rules.

"We don't have the culture of,



Jeremy Forrest Emerald

Jeff Trench lays out for a disc over a Cal opponent. The Bears are No. 2 in the nation.

"Let's see what I can get away with," Parrell said.

When playoff time comes around, games are monitored by neutral observers who are the deciding factor when a call is disputed.

"We pride ourselves on enforcing spirit within our own team," Wiggins said.

The Ducks will compete in the sectional tournament this weekend in Corvallis. After that, it's on to Vancouver, B.C., for the Northwest regional tournament on May 3 and 4. If the Ducks can win their region, they will get one of

16 bids to the national tournament held in Austin, Texas, during Memorial Day weekend.

As May 23 approaches, the Ducks will look to make all the plyometrics, weight training and pool exercises in the off-season pay off by bringing home a national title.

"We're one of the top three teams in the country," Wiggins said. "If we make it out of our region, we'll be highly favored to win the national title."

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