

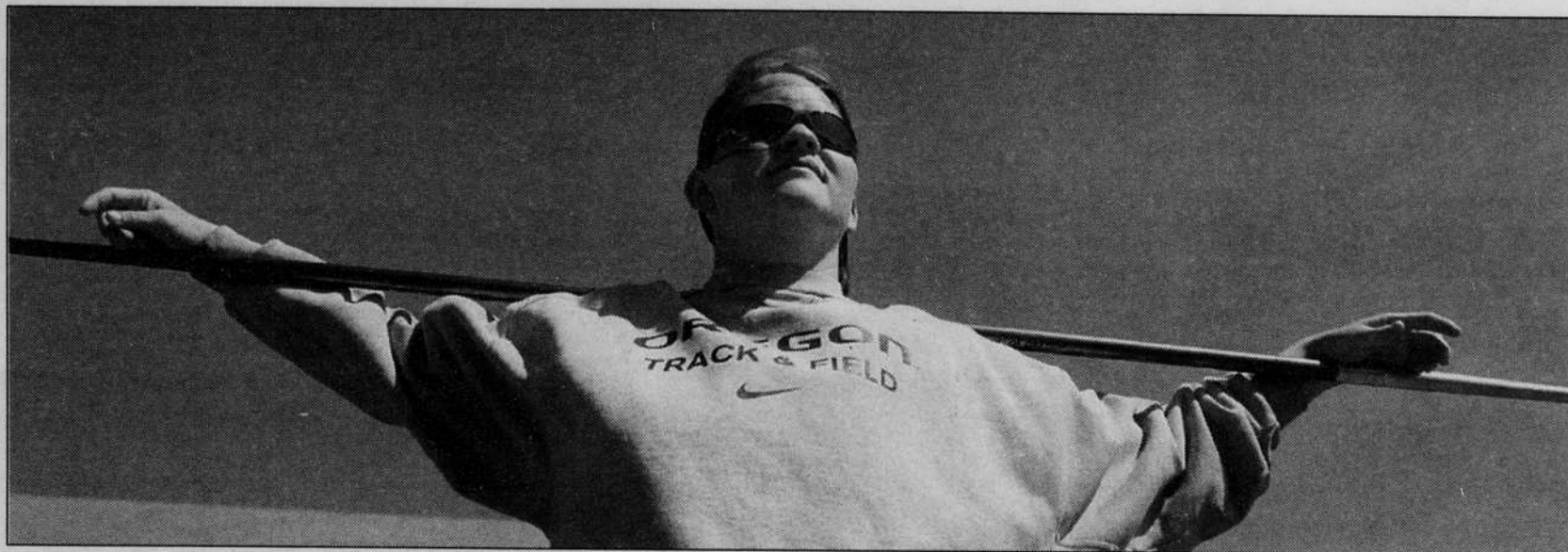
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Down and out outdoors



Adam Amato Emerald

Sarah Malone has a herniated disc in her lower back, and will have surgery to correct the problem. But the injury will force her to sit out the outdoor season instead of competing.

Malone, others will redshirt '03 season

The javelin star will sit out the rest of the outdoor season along with Rachael Kriz and a handful of other track athletes

Track and field notes

Jesse Thomas
Sports Reporter

If you were looking for junior Sarah Malone on the javelin runway at Saturday's Pepsi Invitational, she was there.

But she wasn't in uniform, didn't have a javelin in hand and was there only as a spectator to support her teammates.

After rumors regarding whether

Malone would compete this year, throws coach Sally Harmon said it's official: Malone will redshirt.

"It was a medical issue that, by continuing the level of training to get her competitive at the conference level, would theoretically cause more damage than good," Harmon said.

Malone has been suffering from a herniated disc in the sacral region of her lower back, which has caused her to not compete thus far.

The Newberg, Ore., native was an All-American in 2001 and is the school record-holder in the javelin with a mark of 179 feet, 2 inches.

"I'm suffering from injury and will be having an elective surgery," Malone said. "It's really difficult, especially when the girls travel, and it's

difficult to sit at Hayward Field to see everyone compete."

Junior Rachael Kriz, a high jumper and recent addition to the throws, has also opted to redshirt this season.

"I'm redshirting because I don't know if I'm as experienced as I could be in the javelin," Kriz said.

Kriz, who has focused on high jump in her first two years, picked up a javelin for the first time last season and found she was a natural.

The Toledo, Ore., native, who has a personal best of 5-7 1/4 in the high jump, has set marks in the javelin which qualify her for Pacific-10 Championships and regionals, but still feels she needs to learn more.

"Right now I'm concentrating on learning as much as I can about the

javelin while still learning about the high jump," she said.

Besides Kriz and Malone, seven other Duck women are redshirting or are absent from this year's team. Annette Mosey is the biggest loss of that group; the junior and former Pac-10 qualifier in the 800-meters and 1,500 suffered an injury in the fall and will not compete in the outdoor season. Throws standout Jamie Burk left the team after experiencing success on the MTV reality wrestling series "Tough Enough," and three freshmen will sit out their first seasons as Ducks.

On the men's side, a group of freshmen will be redshirting this season. David Moore, a prep All-American in the pole vault, is one of a handful of Ducks who will sit out their first sea-

sons to mature.

For Kriz, no big deal

When redshirt senior Adam Kriz hit 217-10 in the hammer throw Saturday, a personal best by almost seven feet, he was more disappointed than excited.

"I knew the entire throw it was going to be a good throw," Kriz said. "I threw that one on my third throw, and I wanted to do it on my first one, so I was little pissed off that I didn't do it on my first one."

And for Kriz, who received the first edition of the Pac-10 Track and Field Athlete of the Week honor in the men's field category, it's nothing worth jumping for joy about.

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Softball travels to Rose City for two with PSU

Senior Andrea Vidlund earns her first Pac-10 Player of the Week award after hitting three home runs in two games against the No. 2 UCLA Bruins

Softball

Mindi Rice
Sports Reporter

The No. 20 Ducks and Pacific-10 Conference Player of the Week Andrea Vidlund take a break from Pac-10 play today for a road trip to Portland.

Oregon (21-13 overall, 3-7 Pac-10) faces Portland State in a doubleheader at 2 p.m. after the games were rescheduled on April 1 due to rain.

"This is a huge doubleheader for us," head coach Kathy Arendsen said. "Portland State is tough (and) feisty."

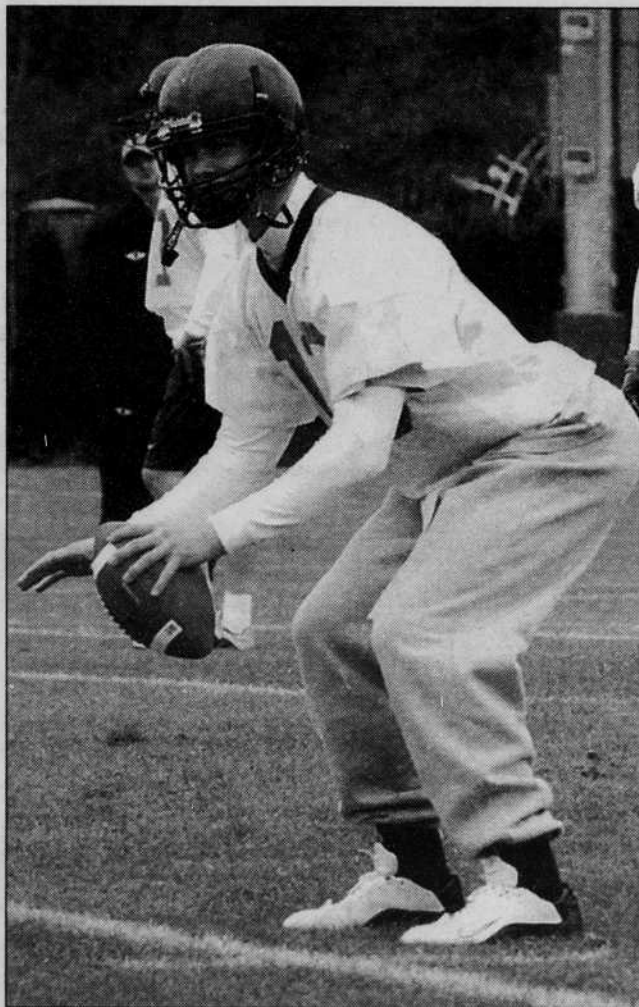
Wednesday, the Ducks and Vikings (13-19, 5-3 Pacific Coast Softball Conference) played a rescheduled doubleheader at Howe Field, with Oregon prevailing in both games.

In the first game, freshman pitcher Amy Harris held Portland State to two runs in four innings on the way to Oregon's 7-3 win. Junior catcher Jenn Poore and Vidlund hit home runs during the game, with Poore's coming during a five-run first inning.

The Ducks and Vikings stretched the second game into eight innings before the Ducks won, 3-2. The game-winning shot by senior third baseman Lynsey Haij was botched by Portland State's first baseman, allowing senior outfielder Amber Hutchison to score the winning run.

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Early entries make big impact



Danielle Hickey Emerald

Johnny DuRocher left high school early to join UO's spring practices.

Both Johnny DuRocher and Victor Filipe have had to adjust to college after leaving high school early

Spring football notes

Hank Hager
Sports Reporter

It's the time of year where high school seniors begin to think about prom, and then, when the night is over, thoughts of graduation seep into their minds.

That is, except for a select group of Oregon football players who decided to get a jump on their competition.

Quarterback Johnny DuRocher, wide receiver Jordan Carey, defensive tackle Dustin Holmes and defensive end Victor Filipe all finished their high school careers early.

"It's been a whirlwind," DuRocher said. "The first couple weeks are stressful. It kind of goes with how you're playing. If you're playing good, then everything is good. If you struggle, then you go home and kind of worry about it."

Carey is already out with an injury he suffered during the first week of practice, and will most likely be kept out of the rest of spring workouts.

DuRocher and Filipe both got their feet wet quickly when the Ducks held their first scrimmage Saturday.

DuRocher, who hails from Graham, Wash., was just 1-of-2 for eight yards, his lone completion to Tony Salazar. Filipe got a 9-yard sack during DuRocher's first series, downing the quarterback at the 38-yard line.

"I just have a long way to go mentally," said Filipe, a Salt Lake City native. "Physically, I've been able to handle (the move up)."

The biggest change for the two doesn't come from the field. Enrolling in classes, is, well, a big difference from their days in high school.

Like most freshmen getting their first taste of college, an

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