

## Sports briefs

### Ducks earn academic honors

Several Oregon athletes in winter sports were honored by the Pacific-10 Conference for their achievements in the classroom.

Junior wrestler Jason Harless was the only Duck named to a Pac-10 All-Academic first team. Fellow wrestler Luke Larwin was named to the second team while Tony Over-

stake was given an honorable mention. Men's basketball center Jay Anderson was named to the honorable mention list. In women's basketball, Kourtney Shreve was named to the second team while Cathrine Kraayeveld and Amy Taylor earned honorable mention nods.

—Peter Hockaday

### MJ's last game ends in celebration

PHILADELPHIA — The crowd grew edgy. Ten minutes remained in

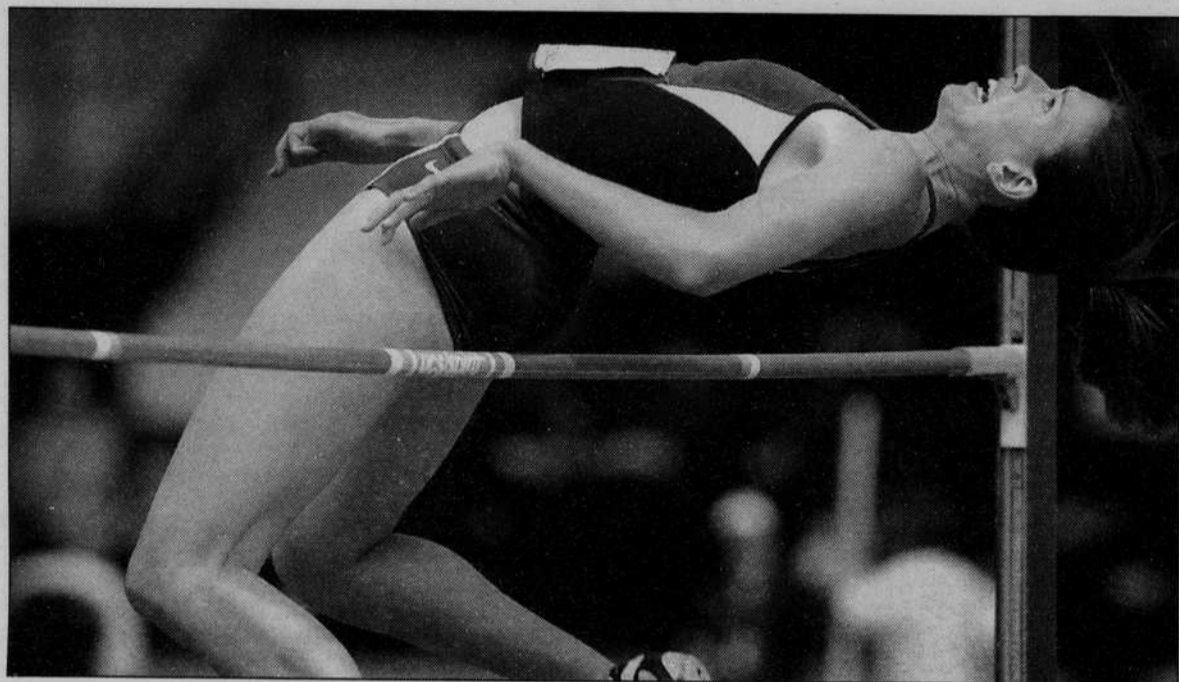
Michael Jordan's career, and there he sat on the Washington Wizards' bench, his long-sleeve pullover on.

The impassioned pleas began.

"We want Mike! We want Mike!"

Finally, with 2 minutes, 35 seconds to play and the Wizards coming out of a time-out, Jordan took the floor for a rousing standing ovation. He laughed with Eric Snow, and touched the ball for one last time.

—Ashley McGeachy Fox, Knight Ridder/Tribune Information Service



Mark McCambridge Emerald

Jenny Brogdon already qualified for the regional meet, so she says the rest of the year's meets will help to hone her jumping.

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"Even though things are going slower than expected, I've already jumped the NCAA regional mark, so I'm excited about the rest of the season," Brogdon said. "As the season has progressed, my approach has gotten more consistent, and consistency is everything."

But there are still some Ducks who haven't qualified for regionals yet. On the men's side, Jordan Kent will make his first crack at the 200-meter dash, Samie Parker will try to qualify in the 100 and newcomers Travis Anderson and Matt Scherer in the 400 and Jan Olszowy in the 800 will also try to qualify. On the women's side, Heather Murtaugh will make an NCAA try in the 100, Eri Macdonald will run the 1,500 after already qualifying in the 800 and

Dani Keyser will try to throw toward NCAAs in the shot put.

The most important race of the weekend from Oregon's perspective is tonight's men's 10,000. The 10,000 is one of two events — the decathlon is the other — that will not be run at the NCAA West Regional. So Oregon's Jason Hartmann has only a handful of chances to qualify for the NCAA Championships in his event, and perhaps his best chance will come tonight, even though the race is scheduled for a 10:30 p.m. start. Duck junior Ryan Andrus has already qualified for Pac-10s in the race, but Hartmann has yet to run a 10,000 this year.

We return to those athletes who have already qualified for Regionals, who have their tickets punched and don't need a refund. For those athletes, this weekend will be a chance to weigh themselves against the type of competition they might not see

again until Pac-10s.

"You've just got to compete, you can't think too much about how far you're going to throw; so that's what I'm looking for, just another chance to compete," said Adam Kriz, who was named this week's Pac-10 Field Athlete of the Week after a personal best in the hammer on Saturday. "Making finals is going to be a challenge. You just compete, try to stay the same, do what you do."

And of course, the Ducks are headed to California, which almost guarantees they won't have to run through rain drops.

"We're looking forward to nice weather," Brogdon said. "It's always nice to jump in Southern Cal."

So Oregon is coming 'round the mountain this weekend. The Ducks are just hoping not to get to the peak.

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Danielle Hickey Emerald

Clemens (11) and Jason Fife (12) are competing, once again, for the starting spot.

### Clemens file

**Born:** Kellen Vincent Clemens on June 6, 1983 in Lakeview.

**Before Oregon:** Ranked third-best quarterback in the nation by PrepStar coming out of Burns High School. A USA Today All-American and Oregon Gatorade Player of the Year in his senior season at Burns.

**Oregon:** Redshirted 2001 season. Completed 23 of 40 passes as a backup to Jason Fife in 2002. Saw the most action in Seattle Bowl, going 19-for-31 for 161 yards.



Clemens

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to improve.

"He still makes mistakes that I have a hard time with, in terms of flushing out of the pocket or rolling over to the top of the protection," Bellotti said. "Those are some of the things that are a function of what he did in his last two years of high school. That's no knock on him."

"He has spent time working on his throwing motion, but mostly on his read progression. He's an accu-

rate passer. If we can train his eyes correctly and keep his feet in the pocket more often, he will be a great player."

Despite that first pass against Washington, Clemens hasn't deterred from that goal.

"If I had to go back and do it again, I'd do the same thing over again," he said. "I appreciate the coaches having the confidence to put me in that situation. I'd do it all over again if I had the chance."

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## Softball

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three seniors singled to load the bases. Left fielder Andrea Vidlund led off the inning, followed by first baseman Laux and outfielder Janell Bergstrom.

With one out, Goodell hit a single to left field that scored Vidlund. Laux scored on a sacrifice fly by Haij.

Hutchison drove in Bergstrom with a two-out single to right center to cap the scoring for Oregon.

Harris struck out five batters in four innings, while Meashintubby struck out four in three innings.

Oregon's 5-0 win in the second game was a two-hitter for the combined efforts of Harris and sophomore pitcher Lindsey Kontra. Each pitcher gave up one hit and struck out two batters.

In the first inning, Haij scored on Laux's single to center. The third inning run was added in the same style as the Ducks added a second run in the same fashion.

Haij drove in Hutchison on a single early in the fourth. Laux followed three batters later with her third double of the season. Haij and freshman pinch runner Jackie Eli-



Mark McCambridge Emerald

Lynsey Haij went 4-for-6 with two RBI in the Ducks' doubleheader sweep of PSU.

ades scored on the hit.

Laux went three for four in the second game including a career-best four RBIs. Haij also went three for four and tied a career-best with three runs scored.

Harris earned both wins on Wednesday, improving to 10-9 on the season. She now has 110 strikeouts on the season, leaving the freshman three shy of a spot in Oregon's all-time top 10.

After earning the Pac-10 Player of the Week award on Tuesday, Vidlund continued her offensive hot streak with a four for seven performance.

The Ducks return to Howe Field on Friday and Saturday to face No. 25 Oregon State. Both games are set to begin at 2 p.m.

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