

Softball

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we've been in Pac-10 play."

Nevada sports a roster with no seniors. All seven juniors are junior college transfers recruited by head coach Michelle Gardner in her first recruiting year. The squad's four sophomores were already students at Nevada when the announcement was made that a softball program would be added for the 2003 season. The four were the only students to survive Gardner's open tryouts and make the squad.

"I know their head coach well," Arendsen said. "She was an assistant at Arizona State and Florida State."

Gardner was at Arizona State until December 2001, when she was announced as Nevada's new head coach and began building her program.

The Ducks (24-14 overall, 4-8 Pac-10) host the Wolf-pack in the midst of the Pac-10 season.

Friday and Saturday featured home games against Oregon State. Friday's 2-1 win was the first home victory against the beavers since 1999. The victory also secured the 2002-2003 Civil War Cup for Oregon for all the varsity sports.

On Saturday, the Ducks let Oregon State take an early lead — a home run on the game's first pitch — and weren't able to come back, losing to the Beavers for the first time this season, 7-3.

"We need to get it rolling again after not playing so well on the weekend," Arendsen said. "(These are) huge games — any time you're playing at home."

Oregon also swept Portland State in a non-conference doubleheader Wednesday. The Ducks shut out the Vikings in both games, 4-0 and 5-0.

The Ducks recently announced their first summer camp in several years.

"The information is on the Web site," Arendsen said. "The idea is that we can help promote and develop softball not only in the Eugene area, but in Oregon and Washington."

The camp is open to girls ages 10-18. The three camps — an all-skills camp, a pitching and catching camp and a hitting camp — will be run by Arendsen and assistant coaches J. Gaudreau and Mike White during July.

"We want to develop baby ducks, hopefully," Arendsen said.

Oregon faces off against Pac-10 competition again this weekend, as the Ducks host No. 1 Arizona on Friday and No. 12 Arizona State on Saturday and Sunday.

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Jeremy Forrest Emerald

UO coach Kathy Arendsen was ejected from Friday's game against Oregon State, but she'll try to stay in against Nevada.

Sports briefs

Pre shot put field strong again

The first field is set for the 2003 Prefontaine Classic, and if things go the same as last year, it could be the most exciting.

Shot putters Adam Nelson, Kevin Toth and John Godina finished 1-2-3 in the world last season after a dramatic competition at last season's Pre.

The Prefontaine Classic, one of the most respected track meets of the season, is set for May 24 at Hayward Field.

—Peter Hockaday

Lewis arrested on DUI charge

Nine-time Olympic gold medal winner Carl Lewis was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol early Monday after a single-car crash in Los Angeles County.

Lewis was arrested and charged with a misdemeanor DUI after tests revealed he had a blood alcohol level of 0.08, according to California Highway Patrol Officer Joseph Pace.

Lewis wrecked his 2004 Maserati at about 2:40 a.m. on Monday near the interchange of the Harbor and Gardena freeways, Pace said.

CHP officers performed a series of field sobriety tests. Afterward, he was transported to a nearby Los Angeles Police Department precinct where he failed a breathalyzer test, Pace said.

The former track star is scheduled to appear in Los Angeles County Superior Court on July 7. An attorney for Lewis did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Lewis also was arrested for DUI in Houston in 1991 and was found innocent. He was arrested with a 0.12 blood alcohol level after he drove his car into a curb in front of a pair of Houston police officers.

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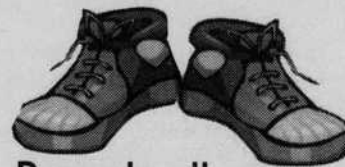


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