

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer alumna now coaching

Alumna Robi Thayer received the head coaching job for the girls soccer team at Kent-Meridian High School in Washington, replacing Rick Malloy.

Thayer, a former Duck soccer player, was a two-year Oregon standout at defense, finishing her eligibility in the 2002 season. Prior to being a Duck, Thayer played her first two collegiate seasons at the University of Texas-El Paso.

Thayer graduated in 1998 from Auburn High School, where she was a standout player. She graduated from Oregon with a degree in sociology.

Ducks make the grade

In the recent week, many Oregon athletes have been awarded Academic All-America honors and Pac-10 All-Academic honors.

Oregon men's track and field ath-

letes Ryan Andrus, Santiago Lorenzo and John Stiegeler were named Verizon academic All-Americans by the College Sports Information Directors of America on Friday.

Announced Thursday were six Duck softball players who were named to the Pac-10's all-academic team, including four starters during the Ducks' run to the NCAA Regional final.

Those honored include center fielder Janell Bergstrom and first baseman Alyssa Laux, both named to the first team. Second baseman Erin Goodell, utility player Amber Hutchison and reserve infielder Mari Lyn Petrick were all named to the second team. Pitcher Lindsay Kontra earned honorable mention status.

On the women's golf team, senior Annie Davis has been named to the Pac-10 All-Academic first team, which the conference announced June 18. Davis graduated with a cumulative

grade point average of 3.6. The award marks the sixth straight year that a Duck women's golfer has made the league's all-academic first team.

Also on the golf team, redshirt sophomore Jaime Seefried earned her second straight all-academic honorable mention award.

Women's hoops team adds coach

The Oregon women's basketball team hired former Duck Peg Swadener as an assistant coach on June 19.

Swadener, a 1994 graduate of the University and a Eugene native, spent last year as the lead assistant at Idaho State. Prior to that she assisted at Boise State for five years.

"Peg has excellent credentials and experience as an assistant coach in the Northwest," third-year Oregon coach Bev Smith said. "The fact that she is a Duck is icing on the cake for us. We are very excited to have her back on

board in Eugene."

Swadener, 32, will begin her appointment July 1, where she will be involved in recruiting, as well as individual and team skill work, Smith said.

Swadener began her coaching career in 1995 at her alma mater, Marist High School, where she led the girl's junior varsity basketball team to a 42-0 record in two seasons and coached the varsity squad to 3A championships in 1996 and 1997.

Swadener replaces Dan Muscatell, who in May accepted the head coaching position at Sacramento State.

Football tickets selling at near-record pace

As of June 19, Oregon football season ticket sales topped 38,700, leaving about 1,000 more for the 2003 season.

The number of tickets sold is the second-highest total in school histo-

ry, said Dave Heeke, senior associate director of athletics.

The sales of season tickets — passes for all six of Oregon's home games — fall just short of last season's record of 40,207.

Oregon has averaged more than the per-game Autzen Stadium capacity for seven of the last eight seasons.

Season ticket holders have the first chance to purchase additional single game tickets for all of Oregon's home games, making it unlikely that individual game tickets will be available for the Sept. 20 Michigan game or the Nov. 22 Oregon State game. Any remaining single game seats will be available to the general public July 28.

All reserved season tickets are available for \$228, with adult general admission seats costing \$112, child and senior citizen tickets selling for \$68 and family plan packages — tickets for two adults and children — for \$305.

— Jesse Thomas

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can see, and the bottom line is the pitching is outstanding. You play that basic type of baseball, you can win a lot of baseball games."

The second inning didn't go any better than the first for the Dust Devils as second baseman Duke Sardinha flew out to center to start the inning. After another out at first and a strike out by right fielder Joe Gaetti, the Dust Devils still found themselves scoreless.

By the start of the fourth inning, the Ems still led 1-0 as neither team batted any bases all throughout the third, and three quick outs on both sides moved the game along.

Pitcher Sean Thompson continued with his no-hitter through the fourth, earning another strikeout as designated hitter James Sweeney of the Dust Devils went down swinging.

"I felt like I was in the game," Thompson said. "We got the win and that's all that's important."

The bottom of the fifth inning found the Ems with their first hit as

third baseman Greg Bochy drove the ball into center. Leise followed, knocking out a single and advancing to first. In the process, Bochy was thrown out at third base.

Leise moved over to second with a stolen base, and Ramos stepped up to the plate and drove one to left that allowed Leise to round third, scoring the Ems their second and final run of the game. The Ems ended the fifth with Ramos being thrown out at second.

"At that point in the game it's a one-run game, and you got to try and get extra bases and get runs in the best way you can," Leise said on scoring the Ems' final run.

The Dust Devils got on base for the first time in the top of the sixth inning as Gaetti got walked to first. Yet Thompson struck out two of four batters to enter the bottom of the sixth and the Ems led 2-0.

Tri-City got its first hit in the top of seventh inning as left fielder Trey George got a double off a line drive into left field. Prior to George's double, Thompson had struck out three in a row. Thompson got pulled in the seventh after 6 2/3 innings, allowing

only one hit.

The Dust Devils would score their first and only run in the top of the seventh as third baseman Randy Blood got Tri-City's second hit.

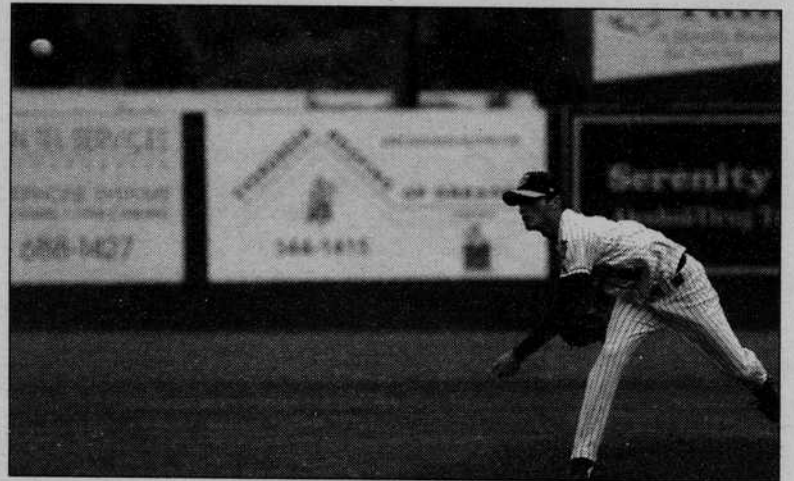
Howell brought in pitcher James Darby to close out the inning and brought pitcher Jose Oyervidez to the mound in the eighth to pitch the rest of the game. Oyervidez pitched two innings and struck out four batters, allowing no hits.

Thompson nearly got his first no-hitter in the minor leagues, but allowed one hit shortly before he left the game.

"He pitched outstandingly," Howell said. "That's all part of his job is to go out there and give us what he's got. They're all on a pitch count, and when he got through his pitch count — whether he had a no-hitter or one hitter — he was coming out of the game."

Pitcher Ching-Lung Lo guarded the mound for seven innings for the Dust Devils on the night, allowing three hits and two runs. Lung (0-2) got five strikeouts against the Ems.

"You've got to give credit to the



Jessica Waters Emerald

Eugene Emerald pitcher Sean Thompson allowed only one hit during Monday's win.

men on the other side of the field; Lo threw one hell of a ball game," Howell said. "He pitched outstandingly. Their staff pitched just as good as ours, we just got one more break than they did."

The Ems move to 5-1 on a solid start to their season, leading the West Division. Tri-City dropped to

1-6 overall.

The Ems face off with the Dust Devils again tonight as they look to make it four straight before ending the series Wednesday evening at Civic Stadium.

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to use a shortened approach nearly all season.

The Hillsboro native ranks second all-time for the Ducks with her freshman best of 169-7, and was an All-

American in her NCAA debut in 2002, finishing 12th.

Also in the USA Championships, former NCAA champion John Stiegeler finished ninth in the javelin (234-5) with his second best mark of the season, and finished fourth among collegiates.

Stiegeler capped his Oregon career in a finish that came after a major knee injury in April 2002. The school record holder (252-10) took fourth (241-5) a week ago in his final NCAA appearance with a 13-foot season best.

In the USA Junior Champi-

onships, which also occurred over the weekend, Oregon freshman Eric Mitchum finished third in Sunday's final of the 110-meter hurdles.

Mitchum ran 13.81 seconds and finished one spot out of a berth to the Pan Am meet to finish his rookie season.

Freshman Travis Anderson was Oregon's other lone competitor to make it to Sunday's final. Anderson finished eighth in the 400 meters at 47.48.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24). Let your conscience be your guide this year, even more than usual. An older person's advice can help you stay on the straight and narrow. It may be a little tough now, but it leads to a greater reward.
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) _ Today is a 5 _ You probably ought to balance your checkbook and scan the bills that are coming due. A shortage of cash won't cramp your style. You're now lucky in love.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) _ Today is an 8 _ You're stronger, but getting what you want still requires tact. The best you may be able to do is prevent something undesirable from happening. That counts as a win, by the way.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21) _ Today is a 6 _ Things are starting to settle down, but don't become complacent. You'll soon learn a new lesson. Don't learn it the hard way.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) _ Today is an 8 _ You've been struggling to reach the top for so long, you may not realize you've arrived. A friend helps you see that your position is secure. Relax and take in the view.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) _ Today is a 6 _ You're laboring under constraints, and your enthusiasm is dampened. But you'll emerge much stronger as a result, so try not to get too frustrated.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ Get out so that you can be with the ones you love, but don't stay away too long. There's one thing in particular that could go wrong if you don't give it your attention.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) _ Today is a 6 _ The business part of your recent endeavor demands more of your time. Your creative energies will flow more freely when you've accrued a little more gold in reserve.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) _ Today is an 8 _ You want to keep your mate happy, but not at the risk of your job. Spending more time together during off hours averts a calamity.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) _ Today is a 5 _ You may fantasize about distant lands, but don't take off on your cruise quite yet. If you wait until Friday, you'll have much smoother sailing.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) _ Today is an 8 _ A deal that looks pretty good now is likely to run into problems. Don't do it for the money, because it might not materialize.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) _ Today is a 5 _ A little extra time at home will help your disposition. Settle in for a quiet evening. It'll help you think clearly tomorrow.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) _ Today is an 8 _ Don't take on a tough job now. You're not in the mood to work. Try not to get into trouble, either. Better keep a low profile.



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