

SPORTS BRIEFS

Track signs seven

The Oregon track and field teams announced on Monday the addition of three women's signees and four men's signees for the 2003-04 season.

On the women's side, the Ducks introduced a pair of redshirt junior transfer throwers, Bree Fuqua from the University of Wisconsin and Katherine Kersh from Sierra Junior College, and Amanda Santana, a freshman hurdler and Eugene native.

Fuqua arrives as a redshirt junior in outdoor track and a senior indoors. This past season, she ranked 31st indoors nationally among collegians in the shot put with a season best of 51 feet 3 inches. Fuqua's personal bests include a school record 51-5 1/2 in the shot put, 165-7 in the discus and 151-0 in the hammer.

Kersh, a redshirt junior from Sierra Junior College in Sacramento, joins the Ducks after competing in the 2001 and 2002 track seasons. Her all-time bests include a mark of 173-5 in the

hammer, 42-8 in the shot put and 142 in the discus.

"I'm really excited to be a Duck," Kersh said. "I had an awesome coach on my JC team in Wayne Barby — and we really bonded — and I'm looking forward to the same type of thing with (Lance Deal, Oregon throws coach).

"It also makes me a little nervous because I don't want to disappoint him. I went to elementary school an hour east of Eugene, so I've always wanted to come back, and am glad it's a reality."

Santana, a Eugene native, will join the Ducks as a freshman hurdler in the fall. The North Eugene High School graduate won the 2003 state 4A 300 hurdlers title as a senior, with a personal best of 43.95 seconds.

For the Duck men, Oregon will welcome one junior college transfer and three freshmen.

Redshirt junior and sprinter Scott Lamb transferred from Mt. Hood Community College and is returning

to college competition after skipping the spring season for a religious mission. As a sophomore in 2002, Lamb broke his own previous school record in the 400 meters at 48.28.

Also in the sprints, incoming freshman Travis Rammé finished in the top four in the 4A 100 with 11.08 during the 2003 season, and third in the 200 at 22.09 at Sheldon High School. During his final season, Rammé ranked first in the state in the 100 with 10.69 and second in the 200 with 21.73.

Brandon Tower of Beaverton High School will become a Duck after winning the 2003 state 4A shot put title with a mark of 59-1. Tower also finished second in the discus at 182-2.

In the distances, Luke Martindale of Siuslaw High School enters Eugene after competing in the 3A state finals of the 1,500 meters (4:08.36) and 3,000 (8:59.78). In cross country, the Florence native helped his team to a third-place finish with a time of 19:35 in fall of 2002.

Jacobsen learns to win again

Former Oregon standout Peter Jacobsen found out what it felt like to win again Sunday as he took the Greater Hartford Open with a final round 3-under-par 67.

With this weekend's victory, the 49-year-old Jacobsen, who also won the tournament back in 1984, found his first tournament win in eight years. And this year's \$720,000 purse was roughly 10 times bigger than nearly two decades ago.

Jacobsen finished the tournament at 14-under par for 266, and had his daughter Kristen run into his arms on the 18th green. Kristen had never seen her father win and was just two years old last time he won this tournament.

Peter Jacobsen was an All-American at Oregon three years in a row from 1974-76. He was a two-time Pacific-8 Conference Champion and has since been enshrined in Oregon's Hall of Fame.

Football tickets going fast

Reserved tickets remain for only three of Oregon's six home football games for the 2003 season, and standing-room tickets are all that remain available for the Sept. 27 Washington State game.

For the Sept. 6 home opener against Nevada, as well as the Oct. 25 Stanford and Nov. 8 California games, prices run at \$32 each. Standing-room tickets for the Washington State game are \$20.

Tickets that went on sale at 9 a.m. Monday have already sold out for the Sept. 20 Michigan game. The Civil War matchup scheduled for Nov. 22 sold out long before that.

Single-game tickets may be purchased in person from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the South Ticket Building south of Autzen Stadium, by phone at 346-4461 or at www.goducks.com.

Tickets are currently not being sold at the Casanova Center Ticket Office.

— Jesse Thomas

Football

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advancement and continued success on the football field. They also provide for team unity and the chance to bond with one another. Although football is a way of life for nearly all the players, it goes beyond the sport alone.

Time spent off the field allows for friendship and relaxation. Early in the summer, Lewis and others would go play softball every Wednesday. Now, Lewis and some of his teammates make time to go bowling together on Monday nights.

"The ability to spend time together — not just in the workouts, but after the workouts, whether they go fishing, rafting or play volleyball — those are opportunities, because of the workouts that bring them together to make friendships and be more than teammates," Bellotti said. "That bond and that trust is essential to a quality football team."

The increased physical preparation and team unity is great, yet coaches still find it frustrating that

after spring training ends, they must be separate from their team during the most critical training time of the year.

"A lot of these young men are going to summer school being paid for on a football scholarship, but we can't demand that they work out," Bellotti said. "It's amazing to me that here we'll pay for school, and yet we can't demand in return for us paying for their education that we demand for workouts. To me it just doesn't quite make sense."

The NCAA's reasoning for making such workouts voluntary revolves around not making football a year-round sport. In the past, whether schools were able to or not, players would workout every day, year-round.

Although the regulation is there to protect student athletes, Bellotti feels it will eventually change.

"There's going to be a recognition eventually that this is the most crucial time from a physical preparation standpoint," he said.

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Ems

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The Ems wouldn't allow Spokane's 6-5 victory Friday to come at the expense of one man again, or so they thought. In a battle that lasted four hours and went 12 innings, Cleveland saved the day for Spokane.

Eugene did exactly what it had to by taking a 5-4 lead in the top of the 12th inning off an RBI single by Fernando Valenzuela Jr. But closer Eddie Bonine and his mid-90s fastball was not enough to hold Spokane at bay. After a quick out and a walk to Dane Bubela, Cleveland secured the victory with a shot over the left field wall.

Cleveland, who leads the NWL in several batting categories, finished the

game 2 for 5 with a double, a homer and three RBI.

Saturday would prove to be a heart breaker for the Ems as Spokane won 9-5 with its largest margin of victory in the series. Eugene appeared determined not to drop three straight and jumped out to an early 5-0 lead through three innings.

But Spokane would score three runs in the bottom of the third and sixth innings to secure the win. Spokane's Wes Littleton allowed the Ems' only two hits in the final five innings of play. Littleton had seven strikeouts and no walks on the night, dropping his ERA to 2.63.

Sunday afternoon proved all too much the same for the Ems as they dropped their fourth straight game, 4-

2. Eugene never led in the matchup but managed to tie it up 2-2 in the top of the seventh before allowing two more runs by Spokane in the bottom of the inning.

The win marked the third straight time this season that Spokane has won six straight games at home, where they own a 19-4 record. Spokane has been red hot by winning 15 of its last 18 games and has gone 19-7 in the month of July.

The Ems will take Tuesday off before facing the AquaSox Wednesday at home in hopes of regaining the West Division lead. Salem/Keizer was tied with the Ems at 20-19 as of Sunday.

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to lead the wide receivers. If he remains healthy, he will be key to success.

Jared Siegel could likely score the majority of Oregon's points this season, if it comes to that. But for a guy who was hitting 50-yard-plus field

goals without a flinch last season, Oregon only has to worry about covering half the field most of the time.

Through the uncertainties, one thing is for sure: Football is here, and it's hopefully here to entertain us into January of next year. Oregon will take the battle field in just over a month's time against Mississippi State on Aug. 30.

Oregon's first home game is against Nevada on Sept. 6.

And regardless of who shows up to support a team in need of it, I'll be there. And you can bet Mr. Oliver won't miss it either.

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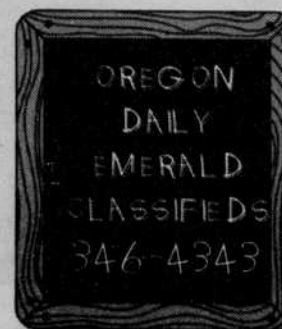
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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 29). You're awesome this year... truly regal. You're lucky, smart and attractive. If you can manage to be humble, too, you'll carve out a niche for yourself. You can't get to the top with confidence alone, but that's a good place to start. 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 9. Forget your worries! Come on, get happy! Believe that miracles can happen, and you'll help speed up the process. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today is a 5. You're moving more slowly now, but that's perfect. Decisions you make now will be hard to change. Take the time to get comfortable with your choices. GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Today is an 8. Although the pressure is easing a little, your enthusiasm is growing. Take on a project that requires research. You'll find it fascinating. CANCER (June 22-July 22) Today is a 5. If you focus completely on bringing in cash, you can really make a bundle. That's the most important thing to do now, so don't be embarrassed about it. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 10. Hopefully you've learned your lessons about compassion and caring for others. If you have, you could do something great today that people will talk about for years. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 5. As you make several big decisions, you'll notice that the pressure eases. Just carefully do them one by one, and you'll soon feel much better. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is an 8. New friends welcome you into the group. You'll be quite comfortable there. Even if there's a new game to learn, don't worry. You're a natural. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 5. This is one of those times when it makes no sense to argue. A gentle nudge will be more effective in keeping your leader on track. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is an 8. You'll have the travel bug for a while, so think of a business reason to go. If you can't, you could just go exploring and find the reason once you're out there. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 5. There's a golden opportunity to expand your savings account. What you need are more assets of the negotiable kind. Stick with an investment that has stood the test of time. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is an 8. You're more than the brains behind the operation; you're the inspiration. If you've done your job well (and it looks like you have), the others will take it from here. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 5. Concentrate on taking care of as many people as best you can. Your dedication to others will empower you to do your best.