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involved with in the last year, including the firing of two head coaches — football's Rick Neuheisel and softball's Teresa Wilson — for various alleged indecencies. Moos called the Washington job one wrought with "challenges," but that Oregon has plenty of room to grow as well.

Growth includes the new basketball arena, which has been suspended indefinitely since February. Moos hopes to see that project pushed to the forefront soon.

"Certainly, the new basketball arena is on the front burner on my mind of items that I would like to see accomplished during my time at Oregon," he said.

Moos' announcement leaves the Huskies with a dwindling list of potential candidates for the position.

Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart became the first potential candidate to say he won't be coming to Seattle. Barnhart, the former athletic director at Oregon State, recently told the Louisville Courier-Journal that "I'm not interested in going to any other position."

Arizona athletic director Jim Livengood became the second to dismiss rumors. He told the Arizona Daily Star on Sunday he won't "go through the interview process with (Washington). I'll say this — the person Washington hires is going to get that football program going again. It's going to be a big factor in this league again."

Three prime candidates still rumored to be up for the position include Utah's Chris Hill, Texas El Paso's Bob Stull and Ohio State's Andy Geiger.

Washington search committee member Michael Eisenberg told The Seattle Times on May 13 that no one has officially interviewed for the job.

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Club baseball heads to World Series

Oregon will face the top-ranked Colorado State in the Ducks' World Series debut today

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It's all about defense.

Today, No. 8 Oregon (19-6 overall, 13-5 Pacific Mountain Conference) will face No. 1 Colorado State (23-0 overall, 15-0 Rocky Mountain Conference) at McKechnie Field in Bradenton, Fla., at the National Club Baseball Association's World Series. The Ducks will play at 9:30 a.m. EST against one of the top defensive teams in the country in their World Series debut.

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Oregon earned its first-ever trip to the NCBA World Series after beating defending national champion Weber State (16-7 overall, 11-1 Western Mountain Conference) and then defeating Western Washington (22-9 overall, 15-3 Pacific Mountain Conference) for the Northern Pacific Regional Title.

"We have been waiting for this opportunity for such a long time now," catcher Jon Loomis said.

The Ducks will start pitcher Matt Mensik, and after almost a full week of practice, Oregon feels prepared to compete against the nation's top teams.

The regional champions from seven other conferences participating in the World Series include Central Michigan, Colorado State, James Madison, North Carolina State, Penn State, Texas A&M and Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Colorado's undefeated record does not intimidate the Ducks. Instead, center fielder Mason Wright said it gives the team an edge on the Rams.

"It gives us that much more of an incentive to want to beat them," Wright said. "I think we definitely have the advantage because they might take us for granted."

Loomis said Colorado State's undefeated record could possibly be a bit deceiving. The Rocky Mountain Conference, Loomis said, is "not nearly as tough as our regular-season league."

Colorado State is known for its excellent defense, but its hitting and pitching is rumored to be only average.

"We have heard they have very good defense," Loomis said. "The reason why they win is because they make no errors."

Loomis said the Ducks are willing to give up the defensive battle as long as the team wins the pitching and offensive categories. In the past, Oregon's main weakness has been its defensive play. In order to improve, the team has made some adjustments in this category and has moved players to different positions in order to strengthen infield play.

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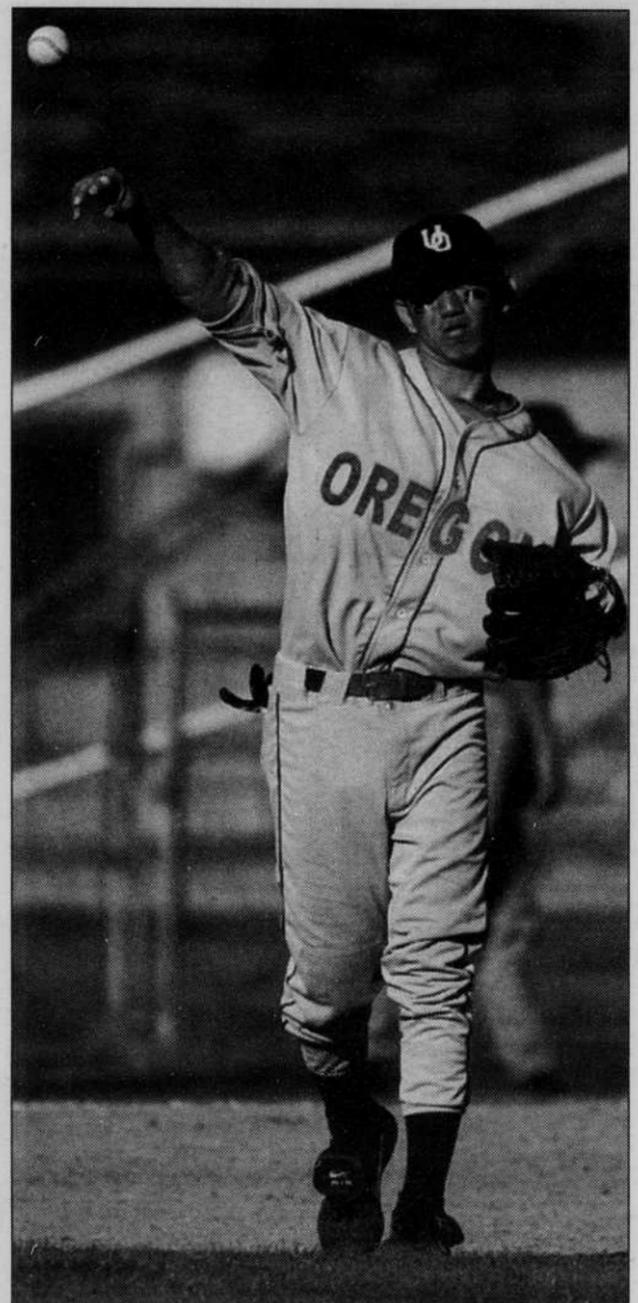
Mason Wright
Center fielder

First baseman Jeff Douglas said the team feels well-rested and healthy coming into today's game. More importantly, he said, the Ducks feel good about their chances against the Rams.

"It's all or nothing right now," Douglas said. "We are feeling pretty confident after last week's regional wins."

The winner of the Oregon-Colorado State game will play the winner of the Texas A&M - Central Michigan game and will play Friday at 12:30 p.m. EST. The loser of both matchups will meet in the consolation bracket.

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Third baseman Travis Chock and the Ducks head to the NCBA World Series in Bradenton, Fla., today.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (May 26). This year is about home and family for you, and it might mean an occasional confrontation. You have only the best in mind for them, but they have ideas of their own. Remember that love is the most powerful force in the entire universe. With it, you'll accomplish what you're after, and perhaps even more.

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 6 _ Now you're facing the hard part where you have to do the work in order to accomplish what you've visualized. The good news is that you can learn. The bad news is that it takes a while.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) _ Today is a 5 _ You can get the word out, even if you don't know how. Focus on your message first. Then, do whatever comes naturally. Those who've been arguing can come to peace.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) _ Today is a 7 _ What's more important... your career or your family? Some revisions may need to be made. Get your priorities straight.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) _ Today is a 7 _ A new assignment is daunting at first, but you'll soon get the hang of it. The benefits more than make up for the effort involved. Give it your best shot.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ Once you're sure you can do the job, start negotiating the price. Don't get too anxious, and don't start bragging before you've cinched the deal. Start high, and don't get all scrunched up if you have to come down a little.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ You're pretty good at working behind the scenes, and that's

where you should be. If you support an important person in private, he or she will support you in public. What goes around comes around.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) _ Today is an 8 _ There are lots of details to consider, many of which will soon become apparent. Some of them you already know about and have been watching for. Some you don't have a clue about. That's why you hire experienced help.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) _ Today is a 6 _ Somebody could waste a lot of money if you don't intervene. You might not think that it's any of your business, but it is. What this other person does affects your money, too. Be gentle but firm.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) _ Today is a 7 _ Love and marriage go together, and so do work and travel. If you're not already an entrepreneur, give it another try. It's a sure way to bring in money, and you get to set your own hours. You'll like that.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) _ Today is a 7 _ Your friends think you can do anything, so why bother them with the facts? On the other hand, you don't want them to catch you messing up. Don't let them make you late for an important work date.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) _ Today is a 7 _ Once you've built the foundation, you can start on the framework. Keep lines of communication open. There's liable to be a disagreement or two as the project continues. You can work it out if you both listen.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) _ Today is a 5 _ Don't get so involved in what you're doing that you forget to be objective. It's good to keep the big picture in mind. Don't get tangled up in the details.

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