

'He's an actor, not an athlete. ... I didn't buy him as a linebacker in 'The Waterboy' either. He's just so stiff. ... He reminds me of Kurt Warner.'

San Francisco running back Kevan Barlow on Adam Sandler in "The Longest Yard"

Student-athletes also victorious in classroom

Tennis, Track and Field and Golf student-athletes earn athletic and academic honors

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Student is not often emphasized in student-athlete; however, many Oregon athletes dedicated time to the classroom this spring.

Honors and awards have been recently announced, including the prestigious Pacific-10 Conference academic teams.

To be eligible for selection to a Pac-10 academic team, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and have contributed a significant amount to the season.

Tennis

Senior Sven Swinnen established a work ethic that has his career at Oregon closing with numerous accolades.

Swinnen was named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-America Team for the second straight season and earned first-team All-Pac-10 honors after finishing the season with a No. 15 ITA national singles ranking and setting the single season (27-9) and career (84-37) wins mark.

"This is a great honor for Sven and our program," coach Kevin Kowalik said to goducks.com. "Sven has been the model of consistency both on and off the court. His determination and dedication to the program will be used as an example for future Duck student-athletes."

Swinnen also earned first-team Pac-10 All-Academic honors after finishing with a 3.31 GPA and was a recipient of the ITA/Rafael Osuna National Sportsmanship Award.

"That is what we strive for, to have success in both places," Kowalik said.

Manuel Kost joined Swinnen on the academic first team, and teammate Thomas Bieri received

honorable mention.

"Our group has done a real good job," said Kowalik, citing the squad's cumulative GPA of 3.01. "Anytime you can get above a 3.0 in an entire year, obviously academics is important."

Ester Bak earned first-team accolades with a 3.51 GPA to highlight the women's side. Daria Panova (3.35 GPA) and Anna Leksinska (3.50) received second-team honors, while Davina Mendiburu and Dominika Dieskova nabbed honorable mention.

Oregon was the only Pac-10 school with five student-athletes earning honors.

Track

Three Oregon athletes were named to the ESPN the Magazine Region VIII All-Academic Track and Field squad. The trio is also up for national honors to be announced later this month.

Andy Young (3.81 GPA), Matt Scherer (3.63) and Eric Logsdon (3.28) were among five Pac-10 honorees on the 10-person list.

Brothers Sol (4.13) and Caleb (4.03) Rexius joined Young and Scherer on the Pac-10 All-Academic first team.

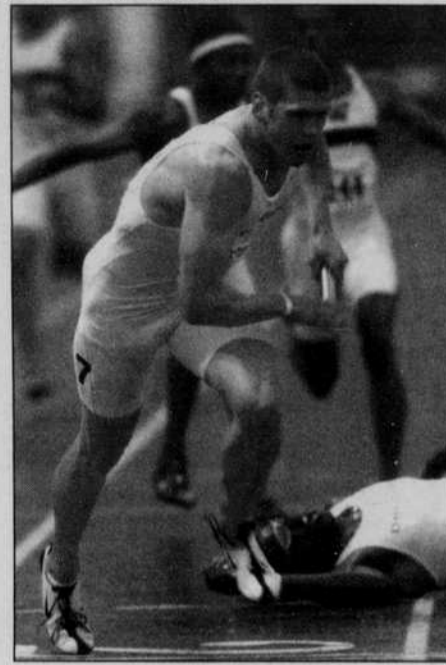
Matt Adams (3.43) was the sole Duck named to the second team, while Logsdon, Brett Holts, Kyle Alcorn, Jordan Kent and David Moore were honorable mention selections.

On the women's side, Bree Fuqua (3.90), Roslyn Lundeen (3.80) and Sofie Abildtrup (3.77) were selected to the All-Academic first team.

Hannah Moore (3.71) and Elisa Crumley (3.60) earned second team accolades. Laura Harmon, Sarah Malone, Kayla Mellott, Magdalena Sandoval, Michelle Donovan, Haripurkh Khalsa, Emily

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Track and field



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Matt Scherer picks up the baton after AK Ikwuakor falls during the 4x400 relay in the NCAA West Regional Championships on May 28. Oregon finished second (3:07.69) to Arizona State University (3:06.94).

University relay record smashed at Regionals

The 4x400 record-breaking race helped the men to finish ninth, while the women grabbed 32nd

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Oregon Track and Field capitalized on the national spotlight with a school record performance at the NCAA Championships, held June 8-11 in Sacramento, Calif.

The 4x400 relay team, Jordan Kent, Kedar Inico, AK Ikwuakor and Matt Scherer, rallied from bitter disappointment to jubilation in a two-week period.

After a dropped baton at the NCAA Western Regional Championships May 28, the team medaled and set a school record (3 minutes .81 seconds) at the NCAA Championships.

"Every one of these guys did an amazing job," said assistant coach Dan Steele to goducks.com. "They all ran personal bests and ran exactly like they were supposed to. That is a school record that could stand for awhile and will be hard to replicate."

"I told them before the race that this is the

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IN BRIEF

Ducks compete internationally

The Oregon women's basketball program will have four representatives during international competition this summer.

Junior Carolyn Ganes, sophomore Kaela Chapdelaine and incoming freshman Tamika Nurse have been selected to compete for Canada, while assistant coach Phil Brown will lead the Australian Junior National Team.

Ganes and Chapdelaine will vie for a spot on either the Canadian Senior National Team or on Canada's World University Games team during the national team's camp July 8-10 in Waterloo, Ontario. The Canadian National Team will compete at the FIBA Americas World Championship qualifi-

cation tournament Sept. 14-18 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, while the World University Games will be held Aug. 11-21 in Izmir, Turkey.

Nurse was named to the Canadian Junior National Team for the second year in a row. She will compete at the FIBA Under 19 World Championships July 15-24 in Hammamet, Tunisia.

Swingers sign letters of intent

Two high profile athletes have signed a national letter of intent to play golf for Oregon.

Cathryn Bristow, who climbed into the top 10 New Zealand female amateur golfers in February, will join the women's team. Andrew Leneve, a medalist at the 2003 Oregon 4A state tournament, has signed with the men.

Bristow earned low amateur honors at the ING New Zealand Rotarians Minister's Cup in April and was a member of New Zealand's 2004

Queensland Stroke Play championship team.

Leneve helped Tualatin High School to a second-place finish at the 2005 state championships.

Teaming up in Texas

Junior Aaron Brooks and sophomore Malik Hairston are headed to Dallas, Texas, to try out for the USA Basketball Men's U21 National team on July 21-23.

Twenty-one of the best student-athletes will play to be one of 12 players selected to defend the USA's gold medal at the 2005 FIBA U21 World Championships in Mar de Plata, Argentina, Aug. 5-14.

The two Ducks are the only players selected from the Pac-10 to try out.

"Sometimes the Pac-10 gets overlooked," Hairston said.

Brooks was able to tryout for the team a year ago, boosting his confidence for this year.

"I know what to expect before I get there," Brooks said. "The first time I went I had never played with so many people that are so good."

Wake Forest's Justin Gray, Curtis Withers of Charlotte and Gonzaga's Adam Morrison were members of the 2004 qualifying team that captured gold and earned this year's berth into the World Championships.

"I'm just looking forward to the competition," Brooks said. "I expect a good experience. Hopefully I will make the team and if I don't I'm going to use it as a learning experience."

"The University of Oregon has had the opportunity to be involved with USA Basketball for the past four years," said Oregon coach Ernie Kent, courtesy of goducks.com. "I'm thrilled that Aaron and Malik now will continue that tradition at the USA Basketball trials."

—Shawn Miller