

## Players of the week



**Cross Country  
Ben Oakerman**

Freshman from Mossyrock High School, Mossyrock, WA

- Has been able to run well, even with hip soreness.
- Is continually showing improvement.
- Has found how to control his confidence in a race.



**Cross Country  
Rebekah Yancoskie**

Freshman from Rex Putnam High School, Milwaukie, OR

- Is a good role model of toughness.
- Has shown academics to be important.
- Helps keep morale up.



**Volleyball  
Raine Miller**

Freshman from Naselle, WA

- Outside hitter
- Responsible and intelligent athlete that will bring maturity to the freshman class.
- It will be the push that will drive Raine to the potential that she knows.



**Volleyball  
Jeanette Lee**

Freshman from Mt. View, OR

- Middle hitter
- Jeanette puts up a great block and moves well for a female athlete of her height.
- Brought experience from another conference (Cascade College) and height that the Cougar squad has missed the last couple of years.

Cross country player information provided by Cross Country Coach Keoni McHone

Volleyball player information taken from 2001-2002 volleyball media guide

## Blazer Recap

**ELENA BORYSKA**  
*Sports Editor*

The Portland Trail Blazers opened up the 2001-2002 season with the same thing that they ended last season with: a loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. They played last Tuesday in Los Angeles, and were dominated by the Lakers from start to finish, getting beaten by a score of 98-87. Shaquille O'Neal, who was playing with a sore baby toe, scored 29 points and grabbed 18 rebounds in 40 minutes of play. Kobe Bryant also had 29 points. Rasheed Wallace had 22 points and 12 rebounds, but he got his first technical foul of the season in the second quarter. Who knows if he will be able to tie his record of 41 that he set last year? Damon Stoudamire scored 20 with six assists and Scottie Pippen had only a dismal two points. Newly acquired Blazer Derek Anderson made 17 points, but had to leave the game midway through the third quarter due to a sprained right ankle. The loss was Maurice Cheeks' debut as Portland's head coach.

Cheeks grabbed his first head coaching victory in the next game that the Blazers played, which was last Wednesday at the Rose Garden against the Golden State Warriors. After their loss to the Lakers the night before, the Blazers came back with a five point win of 92-87. This was the eighth straight loss to the Blazers by the Warriors. Portland got some much needed offense from Bonzi Wells, who lit up the floor with 33 points, 27 of which came in the second half. Pippen made up for his non-performance the night before by scoring 26 points on 10 of 14 shooting. Stoudamire had 12

assists in the victory. Wallace missed all 10 of his first half shots, and only scored 10 points in the game. He was six of eight from the line. Anderson was still out with a sprained ankle.

The Blazers got a couple of days rest before taking on their next opponent, the San Antonio Spurs. Besides playing one of the better teams in the west, the Blazers were also playing one of their former teammates, Steve Smith. Smith played

an amazing game, scoring 36 points, and was eight for eight from beyond the arc. Smith's three point shooting performance tied an NBA record for most threes without missing. Tim Duncan also had a good game with 29 points and 15 rebounds; this was his third double-double out of three games. For the Blazers, Wells scored 30 points, and Wallace had 21, with nine rebounds. For the second straight game, Anderson did not play.

On Sunday, the Blazers went to Oakland to once again take on the Warriors. The Blazers lacked the energy to win this one, falling to Golden State, 96-86. Wells had 26 points, while Wallace scored 18. Dale Davis grabbed a team high 11 rebounds, but the rest of the team slacked off, only getting 37 to the Warriors 65 boards. The Warriors leading scorer was Antawn Jamison, who had a double-double with 24 points and 10 rebounds. This was the first time since March 30, 1999, that the Warriors beat Portland.

After this game, the Blazers season record was 1-3. They played the Utah Jazz Tuesday night at the Rose Garden; results were unavailable at press time.

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## Sports Update

**NICK BARRON**  
*Staff Writer*

The impossible became possible Sunday night as the Arizona Diamondbacks defeated the New York Yankees in Game 7 of the World Series, 3-2, to capture the franchise's first World Series championship. Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson shared Most Valuable Player honors for the Series as New York failed in its bid to win four Championships in a row. In other Major League Baseball news, the Chicago White Sox have released pitcher David Wells, after he failed to finish an injury-plagued 2001 season. This past summer Wells started only 16 games, winning just five of those starts and owning a 4.47 era.

Oregon slammed Arizona State Saturday, 42-24, raising the Duck's overall record to 8-1. Joey Harrington tied his own school record with six touchdown passes in the game, as Oregon stayed tied with Washington State

for first place in the Pac-10 and moved up to number six in the Bowl Championship Series standings. Oregon faces a tough challenge next week as they travel to UCLA to battle the Bruins. The University of Nebraska is ranked number one this week, followed by Miami and Oklahoma. The Oregon State Beavers continued to prove to the nation that they do not deserve Division-I football status as they lost to the University of Southern California, 16-13, dropping their record to 3-5.

Speaking of football teams that can't win, the Seattle Seahawks were soundly defeated by the Washington Redskins, a team that had not won a game this season until three weeks ago. The loss drops Seattle to 3-4 on the season and next to last in the AFC West, nearly eliminating them from the playoffs. San Diego fell to Kansas City by a score of 25-20, yet remains in second place in their division. The Detroit Lions...still winless, after the

San Francisco 49ers overcame a three point halftime deficit to keep the NFL's only winless team just that. The victory keeps San Francisco in second place behind the St. Louis Rams in the NFC West.

The Portland Trail Blazers are sputtering out of the gate, as the NBA's regular season enters its second week. Last night Portland faced the Utah Jazz; results were not available at press time. The Los Angeles Lakers are again drowning the league, as they are in first place in the Pacific division of the Western Conference. Sacramento is second behind the Lakers, followed by Golden State and then Phoenix.

As for the National Hockey League, the Vancouver Canucks are 5-9 on the season and have 11 points, placing them last in the Northwest division of the Western Conference. San Jose is first in the Pacific division with a 7-3 record and 18 points. The Detroit Red Wings remain at the head of the class in the NHL, with a 12-3 record and 24 points.

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