

Ducks Not Discouraged After Stanford Loss: Belko

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All is not yet lost.

Though Oregon has again begun a basketball season on a losing note, coach Steve Belko isn't as worried as one would think a coach would be after losing the first two games of the season.

Belko said, "Of course we're disappointed about losing, but we're not discouraged. We've got a good club. Outside of the last 24 minutes we had a good series."

Take into account these factors:

- Stanford has one of the top teams on the West Coast.

- The Indians are doubly hard to beat in their cramped gym.

- As Belko said, "We were playing a green player (Gene Brockmeyer) against an All-American (Tom Dose)."

- Oregon took six sophomores on its traveling squad; Stanford has 11 lettermen.

In fact, Belko thinks the Ducks did a better job against Stanford this year than last year—despite the fact the Ducks lost by only three points in one of last year's games.

"It's the toughest opener I've had in my years here," said Belko.

If anyone is looking for a breather in Oregon's next game, don't.

Washington's Huskies bring to Mac Court Monday night a front line averaging 6-7.

If past records are any indication, the Huskies will be touting their 6-9 senior center, Clint Peeples, as the best on the coast. Although the West has seen the likes of Bill Russell, Darrell Imhoff, Mel Counts, and Dose, Washington has traditionally billed its center as the best.

According to Belko, though, the man to watch on the Washington team is Steve Wilson. Wilson, a 6-7 senior from Seattle,

played prep ball with Oregon's Elliott Gleason.

Traditionally any meeting between the two schools in an athletic event is a cliff-hanger—and last season was no exception. In the first meeting between the two universities, the Ducks pulled out a 59-57 victory in the final seconds of play on the strength of Gleason's free-throws. Washington won the second, 63-52.

This year's Duck team is somewhat different from last year's. For one thing, they are running more.

The reason: "We have better outside shooting," said Belko. He did admit the Duck break was hurt by the fact that all five men must try to rebound on the defensive backboard.

Speaking of the five Duck miscues just before halftime against Stanford in which Oregon failed to take a shot, Belko said, "Those five were fatal."

Monday night the Ducks will contend with five others who might prove to be fatal—the Huskies.

Matmen Hunt Titles

Nine members of Oregon's wrestling squad will travel to Pullman, Wash. this weekend for the annual University of Washington Invitational tournament.

Coach Mike Reuter reports there are about ten schools entered. Participants will be vying for individual honors, as there will be no team championship competition.

Representing Oregon in the tourney will be Dave Hurd and Al Sasaki in the 123 lb. division; Doug Robertson, Mike Buck and Curt Scott, 130 lbs.; Wes Jenkins and Monrad Bjorge, 137 lbs.; Taylor Piphian, 157 lbs.; and Terry Edwards, 177 lbs.

Last year, three Oregon wrestlers copped championships. Bjorge took his class, while Dave White, who is not on the team this year, won in the 137 lb. group. Bob Keeney and Rick Burns placed first and second respectively as 191 pounders, but

neither will be able to make the trip this time because of studies.

Reuter singled out Bjorge, a junior, and Robertson, a sophomore, as the best prospects to win their respective titles at the tourney. He added some of his best wrestlers will not be able to make the trip.

The Washington tournament will be a modified double elimination affair, so each man will be able to wrestle at least twice. The Oregon entries will be competing against wrestlers from Oregon State, Washington State, Central Washington, Western Washington, Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, Clark College and hosting Washington.

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Soccer Team Garners Tie

The Duck soccer team will not play their scheduled game with the Portland Pilots this Saturday. This has created a slight problem in deciding who's who in soccer supremacy.

The cancellation leaves the first half of the schedule in a muddle—especially after last Saturday's bruising 7-7 game with Oregon State.

Oregon has a better goal average than the Beavers, giving the Ducks a superficial hold on first place. Oregon, however, has not played Portland State who, last Saturday, were beaten 6-3 by the Beavers. The Beavers have to play Lewis and Clark who were beaten 7-2 by Oregon.

The absence of Tom Schick hampered the Ducks in the tie game with Oregon State. Not having an experienced goalie behind them, the defense had to give up some playing territory—something not to be done against the aggressive Beavers.

The aggressiveness of the Beavers was something to behold in that game. It was a heated affair with both sides ready to turn the game into a display of ignorance of the finer points of sportsmanship. There were frequent penalty kicks and those against Oregon hurt the Ducks since their goalie seemed inexperienced in warding them off. The closeness of the game caused frequent temper flareups forcing the referee to threaten several evictions. All in all, the second half of the game threatened to turn into a fiasco, but then in soccer most of the players have to play the whole game without relief.

Soccer supremacy in Oregon will be decided next time the University's soccer players meet the Oregon State Beavers—first thing come winter term.

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