

Hoop Team Hosts Trojans, Bruins



"We may as well finish off the rest of California's big boys, Don"

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"You can't prepare for two games; our main problem right now is USC and I'm not concerned with UCLA. The Southern Cal game is the most important game for us this weekend." This is the way Oregon coach Steve Belko looks at this week's crucial PAC games.

"Any game you win is important but even more important are the ones you lose now," Belko added quickly.

The Ducks host the USC Trojans Friday evening at McArthur Court, beginning at 8 p.m. and then will try and come back less than 17 hours later and play UCLA before a regional TV audience at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Trojans, led by last year's all coast center John Block, 6-9 and 210, have a 4-4 league mark and although in fourth place are not completely out of the championship picture.

Complementing Block will be

forwards Mike Maggard and Jim Marsh. Maggard is 6-5, 195, and Marsh is 6-6, 230. Both of them are sophomores and even though first year men have helped the Trojans out tremendously on the boards and with bursts of scoring punch.

Injuries Hurt

The guards will be Harvey Dillon and Rod Alleman. Alleman is regularly a forward but SC has sustained two crippling injuries to two of their regulars, sending Alleman to guard. Dillon is the team leader at 6-0 and 160. He is a sophomore also.

Looking at the big center Block, Belko said, "We can't let Block overwhelm us like he has done to some other teams; we know what he can do and that we can't shut him out so we will just try to contain him." Therefore Belko has been preparing his charges to play a rough, aggressive game against the big man from Glendale. "It will be a tough job, we'll just play real hard."

"That Dillon is much like our Nick Jones, very quick; we have to stop him too," said Belko. Dillon has been the second leading scorer behind Block all season and his quickness and ability to handle the ball make him very hard for opposing teams to cover completely.

Zone Defense

Belko figures that the Trojans may go to a zone defense. "The zone has seemed to be successful to them lately, but we've faced two zones in the last two weeks and we are ready for it."

In preparing for the big game Friday night Belko has sent his team through long and spirited practice sessions. "We have been working against press and zone situations. SC can press with their men; it is a little different type press than that used by other teams."

Looking at the Ducks, Belko reports that Jim Barnett, who was hampered earlier in the week with a slight groin pull, was carried away with the spirited scrimmage Wednesday and went full speed.

Thomas' Ankle Loose

Bill Thomas, the other ailing Duck, sprained his ankle walking around campus Monday but is expected to be ready for action against both SC and UCLA. "His ankle is so loose now," reported Belko, "that it is just like a regular part of his body."

Thursday evening, the Ducks ran through a light drill after watching more films of SC. "We are prepared both ways, offensively and defensively," said Belko.

UCLA comes to Eugene Saturday for a regionally televised game at 2:30 p.m.

UCLA Quick

"UCLA lives with tremendous reaction and quickness, even their 6-7 men are quick. They have good board strength with their power and jumping ability," replied Belko. "They are also such a mobile squad, their press goes on speed, quickness,

and man power, and that's why a lot of other teams can't use UCLA's press because they don't have these qualities," cited the Duck coach.

Belko is hoping with crossed fingers that the Oregon luck will hold out for the television audience. So far in two years the Ducks are 3-1 on the tube and have been in thrillers all the way to the end.

Reports have it that Edgar Lacey and Mike Lynn will not make the trip. Lacey is definitely out with a hairline fracture in his knee but Lynn was reported with intentions to play and Belko knows that he won't come into the northwest just for the tour. "If he comes he will play."

The UCLA personnel will probably be forwards Kenny Washington, 6-3, 185, along with Randy Judd or Mike Lynn. Lynn is 6-7 and 205, while Judd, not a prolific scorer but good on defense, is 6-4 and 195.

Lynn Formidable

The center will probably be Doug McIntosh, a two-year letterman from Lily, Ky. At 6-7, 203, Lynn is a formidable man to

move out under the boards. He is also the lead man in the UCLA press as he stands under the basket to harass the inbounds pass.

The guards will be Mike Warren and Freddie Goss. Goss, though they claim he is not 100 per cent, is acting close to it with his fine performances in the last two weekends. Now averaging 11.9 points a game, the little scooter from Compton, has revitalized the UCLA attack and will be in their shooting Saturday afternoon.

"No Mistakes"

His partner is Mike Warren at 5-11 and 160 from South Bend, Ind. Warren is the second leading scorer on the team behind Lynn with a 16.9 average. He leads the offense with Goss and uses his speed and quickness to harass opponents on defense.

"You just can't make mistakes playing against them," was all Belko could say.

The Bruins are still in the thick of the PAC race with a 6-2 mark, a step behind OSU who is 7-1. Their big game is Friday evening in Corvallis.

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Rugby Team Eyes Title

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The showdown between the top two teams in the Northwest Intercollegiate Rugby conference, to be played Saturday in Corvallis, will be the roughest game of the season for both squads. The game pairs Oregon and Oregon State, a combination that always provides excitement.

The Ducks will enter the contest in first place, having a 3-0 conference record. The Beavers, on the strength of their 5-0 decision over the University of Washington last Saturday, have a 2-0-1 slate, good for second place in the league.

This game, the last conference encounter of the season for both clubs, will decide the league championship. Other teams in the conference (Washington, West-

ern Washington, and British Columbia) have already been eliminated.

1st Rugby Title

Should Oregon win, it would be the first rugby championship in the Webfoots' history. UBC has won the title the past two years, and OSU took it three years ago, the first season for the NWIRC.

"We go into the game psychologically pretty even," said Oregon coach Bruce Howe, referring to the scores against common opponents. Besides their 5-point victory over the Huskies, the Beavers defeated Vancouver, 11-9, and tied UBC, 3-3. The Ducks beat Washington, 16-5, lost to Vancouver last Saturday, 11-8, and defeated UBC, 9-6, earlier in the season.

Not only is the conference

championship at stake Saturday, but also the Devine Cup. Named for a former Oregon coach, this cup represents rugby superiority between Oregon and OSU. The Beavers now hold the cup.

Howe, though disappointed in last week's non-conference loss to Vancouver, was pleased with the performance of several individuals. Those who led the attack last Saturday and are expected to do the same again this week are backs John Taylor and Warren Hamill, and forwards Dan Tannasito, Ron Larsen, and Bruce Morrison.

Injury Epidemic

Howe hopes that the Webfoots' injury epidemic is a ghost of the past. Backs Dave Bottemiller and Barry Ward and forward Dave Docherty are all expected to play against OSU.

Howe lamented especially the absence of Docherty and forward Pete Maud last week, because "their experience around the field certainly would have helped." Maud probably will not be ready to play in Corvallis.

The Oregon mentor is confident that his fine set of backs will outplay their OSU counterparts, but he summed up Saturday's prospects by saying, "The play in the forwards will be the critical issue."

The Oregon soccer squad, already having won the Oregon Intercollegiate Soccer Association title, travels to Lewis and Clark Saturday for a conference game. Oregon is now 6-0 in league play.

Phi Eta Sigma Elects

Phi Eta Sigma, freshman men's honorary, initiated members and elected officers.

Dennis Allison was elected president; Kim Caldwell, vice-president; and Dan Lowe, secretary-treasurer.

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