

WSU, Huskies Host Hoop Team



Show the State of Washington Your Stuff, Tzar

Swimmers Meet OSU Tank Team

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Oregon's varsity swimming team wraps up its dual meet season at 2 p.m. this Saturday by hosting arch foe Oregon State at Leighton Pool.

Looking ahead to the league finals the first weekend in March, the Ducks put their overall record of 7-3-1 on the line against the Beavers, whom they defeated, 53-42, last month in Corvallis.

Besides trying to avenge last month's loss to even the series, the Beavers will be out to qualify swimmers for the finals. Since their pool is 33 yards long, they have quite a few men who haven't yet qualified in events set up for 25-yard pools. This will be their last chance to do so.

"They will be trying to beat us and will be out to qualify, too," stated Webfoot coach Don Van Rossen. "I'm sure they will be up for us."

OSU is led by all-American Jerry Wille and captain Doug Huey, who starred in the strong upset attempt in the earlier meet.

Wille earned AA honors a year ago with one of the nation's fastest 100-yard breaststroke times.

Soccer, Rugby Set Home Tilts

Having already won their conference championships, both the Oregon rugby and soccer squads will see action in Eugene this weekend.

The soccer Ducks own a 7-0 record with two league games remaining. Oregon State, in second place with a 3-3-1 slate, cannot possibly overtake the Webfoots.

Oregon meets the University of Portland Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on the IM field. The Vikings are in the conference cellar with a 1-5-1 record. With the teams at opposite ends of the standings, Oregon coach Jan Broekhoff is optimistic. "If we don't win, there's something definitely wrong," he said.

The rugby team, which clinched their league championship with a victory over Oregon State last weekend, will encounter the University of Victoria Saturday at 1:15 p.m. on the football practice field.

The game will be something of a rest for the Ducks, who are anticipating their rematch with Oregon State in Eugene next weekend.

The game with the Beavers will decide this year's possession of the Devine Cup.

He picked up two firsts against the Ducks.

Huey has been a Beaver standout all season long, swimming in all the freestyle events. He also won two events in the first meeting between the two clubs.

Holding 'Saves Day'

That first meet was the scene of the top Webfoot comeback of the season. OSU threw a scare into the favored Ducks by jumping to a 21-4 lead after three events.

But then the man the Ducks have depended upon all season—Monty Holding—went into action. He and Pete Shutts doubled in the individual medley to get the ball rolling.

After Don Merkt captured the diving, Holding and Jud Shutts finished one-two in the 200-yard butterfly, and Jud came back to win the 200-yard backstroke. This cut OSU's lead to 36-34, and set the stage for the showdown.

Oregon captain Dale Wood joined Holding as they finished first and second in the 500-yard freestyle to give the Ducks the lead for the first time. They were never headed after this sweep.

More Events Added

This meet will differ from the others held this year. In preparation for the finals which include about twice as many events as the regular dual meets, this meet will feature several more events.

Inserted into the schedule will be the 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard breaststroke, and 100-yard backstroke. This will give the teams a chance to compete in short races, as they will have to in the finals.

"The shorter events will make more exciting races with closer finishes," indicated Van Rossen.

Speaking of being in shape, Van Rossen added:

"I think we are in better shape than they are, but with these shorter events the races should be much closer."

IM Schedule

4:00—Court 40, Douglas B vs. Henderson B
Court 43, Alpha Tau Omega B vs. Watson B
4:45—Court 40, Debusk B vs. Theta Chi B
Court 43, Hauna B vs. Sigma Chi B

Duck Girl Cagers Lose to Beavers

The Oregon women's basketball team lost to an Oregon State squad Tuesday night at Corvallis, 62-41. Jane Shields was the high scorer for the Ducks with 15 points, while Sue Moe had 13.

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Time is running out on the PAC race.

With four teams tied for second place in one of the biggest log jams seen in recent years, this weekend's competition will certainly go a long way in separating the contenders from the also rans.

The Oregon Ducks will invade the state of Washington on a lengthy five-day trip which will take them first to Seattle for a Saturday night encounter with the Washington Huskies and then over to Pullman where they will tackle the always tough Washington State Cougars Monday evening.

Coach Steve Belko will have quite a job on his hands this Saturday night as he tries to conquer the Huskies for the third consecutive time this season. Earlier the Ducks defeated the Huskies in Seattle, 63-61, on a last second flier by Nick Jones.

Then, in their first league counting game, this time in Eugene, the Ducks handled the Huskies, 71-62, after a hard-fought, and tightly contested game.

Giant Killers

Word from Seattle seems to indicate that the Huskies will be trying to play the role of giant killers. Coach Mac Duckworth of the Huskies feels that his team is ready for a good performance after losing two, two-point decisions last weekend to Cal and Stanford. "We're long overdue

to put together the game we're capable of playing."

"We have a problem with the flu," reported Belko and "we have to protect against it." Thus Jim Barnett sat out of Wednesday's practice with a slight temperature and a cold but his coach reports that he will more than likely be ready to go Saturday night.

Craven Ready

Another ailing Duck is Bob Craven with a recurrent groin injury. Craven was injured earlier in the season but seemed to recover quickly and got back into the groove. Recently he was injured again and he missed practice Tuesday, but Belko reported that his 6-7 frontliner was back at work Wednesday and went full speed in the workout. He is expected to be ready.

The Huskies were hit by the flu bug last week but will be almost at full strength this weekend. Forward Dave Carr, who has recently provided some much needed scoring punch to go along with 6-10 center Gordy Harris, will be back at his regular position. Alongside him will be Dave Hovde. Harris will be the center and the probable starting guards will be Steve Olsen and Doug Westlake.

Duckworth declared senior

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Gymnasts Slate NW Meet

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McArthur Court will be the scene for the Pacific Northwest Gymnastic Championships. Saturday at 7 p.m. Competing against the Ducks will be five Washington schools and two Canadian schools.

The five Washington schools are Eastern Washington, Washington State, University of Washington, Olympic Junior College, and Cheney Junior College.

The other two varsity teams are the University of British Columbia, and the University of Alberta. The Washington State, Washington, and Oregon frosh will also be competing for team honors.

Judging from past performances, the Washington Huskies should take home first place, but the Duck team is shaping up as second place finishers and a close contender to Washington. "We may not beat Washington, but if we work at a maximum we can grab second place," said coach Dick Smith.

Huskies Beat Ducks

The reason for Smith's prediction is that last weekend the Ducks were defeated by the Huskies, 177-149. But that's nothing to be ashamed of.

Last year the Huskies were first in the PAC, first in the Western Regionals, second in the NCAA, and have as yet to lose a meet this year. The Huskies have also won the Northwest Championships for the past six years, with the University of British Columbia winning the first of these championships.

This is only the third year of intercollegiate competition for the Oregon gymnasts, but the improvement has been rapid. After two losing seasons, the Ducks have so far defeated Eastern Washington, Chico State, Cheney Jr. College, and the University of British Columbia, while falling to Washington State and Washington.

The Ducks were defeated by Washington State earlier in the season, and have since scored consistently higher in their meets than the Cougars.

"Real Close Race"

Team captain John Turchi believes that his team is capable of 170 points, which is eight points higher than the best Cougar effort, and around Washington's average. "It will be a real close race for the top two positions," Turchi added.

The big problem for the Ducks is the injury of all-around gymnast Al West. The all-around event is a special category in which a team member must compete in all the events but the trampoline, and West regularly won this event for the Ducks.

In the meet against Washington, West tore some shoulder muscles on the parallel bars, and his chances of competing are still not known. Gymnastic coach Dick Smith hoped that West would be able to compete in his best events,

but was awaiting the doctor's decision.

Smith also commented that because this is a championship meet, admission will be charged. The price is fifty cents for students and one dollar for adults.

"This is a real chance to show our team's improvement," said Smith, "and we're going to compete to our maximum."

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