

Ducks Set Ambush for UW, WSU



Mike Nicksic—Wants to Play Badly

By PAUL POLSKY
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"We've been working basically against a zone defense which we feel WSU will use, and preparing for Washington in particular whom we haven't yet played," said Oregon coach Steve Belko Thursday.

The Ducks, 0-2 in league play and 6-6 on the year, face Washington and Washington State Friday and Saturday evenings respectively in their Pacific Eight home openers. Both games are slated for 8 p.m.

"Harris and Carr are Washington's offense," said Belko. "Carr is much more of a threat to score this year, he has really given the Huskies a boost."

Belko also rated Washington's sophomore guards as "pretty good." He felt that Gary Ostensen, Rick Slettedahl, Carr and Harris give the Huskies a good team.

Hovde Tough on Boards

"That Hovde is a fine rebounder," added Belko. Hovde is the Huskies number one board man with 94 retrieves in 10 games.

Belko's main problem with the Huskies is that the Ducks have yet to face them. The Ducks and the Cougars tangled in the second round of the Far West Classic, but Oregon lost and the Cougars faced Washington in the finals.

Belko had three reasons why the Cougars are a fine ball team this year.

- Good outside shooting — Lenny Allen and Ray Stein
- Good board play—Jim McKean and Randy Stoll
- Good inside play — McKean and Ted Weirman.

"These three ingredients make for a pretty fine team," said Belko. "This has got to be the best looking WSU team I've ever seen."

The Cougar rebounding also worries Belko. McKean at 6-9 along with Stoll, 6-7, and Ted Weirman, 6-8, the Cougars boast the tallest front line in the PAC except UCLA's Bruins.

These three men have been very consistent in their board play and against UCLA last weekend actually took the board play away from the Bruins.

Stoll has looked a lot better in recent ball games than earlier in the year and this Cougar is the one the Ducks will have to stop if they are to win. His shooting and rebounding complimented by Weirman's, rebounding and consistent play, have turned the Cougars into a fine team.

Pleased with Abrahamson

Belko was pleased to report that guard Rick Abrahamson has come back into his own, following an iron deficiency problem which took the steam out of his play in recent weeks.

"In practice this week he has shown more and more of his old form; he may be on the way back," smiled Belko.

Abrahamson was a "weak sister" in the Classic and had trouble shooting and playing his capable game. After checking with doctors, he was found to be iron deficient and medication has since started to clear up the situation and return him to the flashy, sound basketball form he displayed earlier.

Thomas Has Cold

Bill Thomas sat out of Wednesday's workout with a slight cold but he watched his mates work on various combinations and is slated to see definite action over the weekend.

The availability of Mike Nicksic is still a question mark. Definite improvement has been reported in Mike's swollen right



Len Allen
Fast WSU Guard

ankle, but it is not enough to say whether he'll be able to play.

Nicksic is mentally ready and reports that he can't wait to get back into action, but the coach will not risk further injury to the limb until it is sound.

	FGA	FGM	PCT.	FTA	FTM	PCT.	REB.	PF	TP	AVG.	PAC
Pinkstaff	119	46	.387	35	25	.714	77	22	117	11.7	9.5
Jones	163	71	.436	55	38	.691	32	32	180	18.0	11.0
Smith	80	32	.400	25	18	.720	53	30	82	8.2	15.0
Craven	68	30	.441	11	8	.727	63	19	68	6.8	9.0
Abrahamson	60	22	.367	27	19	.704	21	12	63	6.3	2.5
Thomas	71	31	.433	31	19	.613	51	24	81	8.1	11.5

Hoopsters, Wrestlers, Swimmers (Frosh Variety) Slate Activities

By RICK FITCH
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The frosh winter sports schedule heads into full swing this weekend with three freshman teams slated for action.

The frosh basketball team will put its perfect record on the line while the freshman swimming and wrestling squads will begin their regular seasons.

The cagers face Washington in a battle of the unbeaten Friday night, and Dr. Bernard's an AAU team Saturday. Both games will be at 6 p.m. in McArthur Court.

The Washington contest will

be the biggest test to date for the high-scoring frosh outfit. It will be the first time they have faced a freshman team from a PAC school. Both teams will go into the game with 6-0 season marks.

The frosh have averaged 76 points per game, mostly against small - college opposition and four starters have scoring averages in double figures. The big man for the frosh up to now has been 6-6 forward Jim Henry who leads the team in scoring, with a 21.1 average and rebounding.

Both Washington and Dr. Ber-

nards will enjoy a slight height advantage, each having centers four to five inches taller than Oregon's Hanna.

The frosh wrestlers face arch-rival Oregon State Saturday afternoon at Mac Court, after participating in the Oregon Invitational last weekend. Leading the team against the rooks will be six Oregon state high school wrestling champions.

The freshman swimmers travel to Portland for the two - day Oregon Senior Swimming Championships. It will be the first time the freshmen have competed as a team.

Ruggers Schedule Year's 1st Action

Oregon's Student Union-sponsored rugby team heads into its first action of the season Saturday against Western Washington State College at Bellingham. Both the Ducks' first and second squads are scheduled to see action.

The Ducks' third squad will travel to Portland's Delta Park for a game with the University of Portland's first team.

It will be the teams' first official action since they completed a playing tour of Great Britain with Oregon State last summer.

Keglers Face All-Star Team

Two teams of Oregon varsity bowlers will face 10 of Eugene's top keggers Sunday at Emerald Lanes.

Action will begin at 5:30 p.m. The matches have been set up to prepare the Ducks for the northwest regional tournament at Washington State in February.

Varsity coach Lou Bellissimo has slated matches almost every weekend up until the regionals, which Oregon has won 11 times in the past 14 years.

IM Schedule

BASKETBALL	
3:50—Court 40—Ganoe A vs. Sherry Ross A	
Court 43—Watson A vs. Boynton A	
4:35—Court 40—Phi Gamma Delta A vs. Delta Upsilon A	
Court 43—Phi Psi A vs. Sigma Nu A	
5:15—Court 40—Delta Chi A vs. Pi Kappa Phi A	
Court 43—Delta Tau Delta A vs. Chi Phi A	
HANDBALL	
4:00—Sheldon vs. Delta Chi	
Hawallians vs. Chi Phi	

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