

Non-league game at Medford

Ducks play SOC tonight

You can excuse the Duck baseball team if it looks right past tonight's game with Southern Oregon in Medford.

Looking at things from the lofty position of first place in the Pac-8 Northern Division, Mel Krause's squad plays this final non-league contest beginning at 7.

Two 11th-hour victories over Washington State at Howe Field last Saturday knotted up the

division standings and sent both teams into final three-game sets more than likely needing sweeps.

The Ducks play Oregon State at Corvallis Friday starting at 3, then move to Howe Field for a doubleheader Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Cougars must contend with their arch-rival, Washington, in another series.

Nothing's been decided yet in the event of a tie for the division title between the two current

leaders. Oregon and WSU are 11-4 in divisional games.

Overall, the Ducks are 20-12, and really shouldn't be looking past tonight's tussle. If they lose, it means a .500 record in non-conference games, which isn't very impressive for a pac-8 school.

In the last meeting between the Raiders and Ducks, SOC outslugged the home team at Howe 12-9.



Photo by Annette Gurdjian

Neal races to third, and...

Oregon catcher Bob Neal isn't known for speed afoot, but, like most of the other Ducks on Mel Krause' baseball team—he's a cagy baserunner. Here he hotfoots it into third base while Washington State third sacker Dave Pyles stretches for the throw. You might recall the same shot (from a different angle) in another newspaper. Yeah, right, Neal was gunned down at third. However, Oregon won both ends of Saturday's doubleheader from the Cougars and moved into a tie for the division crown. Tonight the Ducks are in Medford for a game with Southern Oregon.

Netters looking for 16th victory

Oregon's tennis team goes after its 16th victory of the season today at Monmouth. The Ducks test Oregon College of Education at 3 p.m.

Buzz Summers' squad has already set a school record for wins in a season with 15. The old record was 14 set in 1969. After the OCE match, Oregon has two more contests remaining before the Pac-8 championships in Berkeley.

Friday the Ducks are in Seattle for a 2:30 meeting with Seattle University's Chieftains, then stay in town for a Saturday morning contest with Washington. That match begins at 11.

After breaking the individual season win record with his 15th victory, Oregon's Mark Weir was upset last weekend against Oregon State.

The Beavers soundly trounced the Webfoot netters 8-1 after having previously beaten them twice. And Weir was upset in his singles match—his record is now 15-4.

Rich Wilson, who got the only decision against OSU, raised his dual mark to 8-4. The other singles competitors for the Ducks—Stu McDowell, John Williams, Brad Look, and Jon Toney, were all defeated.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The question has arisen several times—will Steve Prefontaine 'double-up' at the Pac-8 Championships if the Ducks need the points for the conference title?

"Right now I don't think so," said Pre right after beating Oregon State's Hailu in a stirring 1,500 meter duel Saturday. "As far as I know right now I'll just be entering the one event."

Prefontaine plans on running the mile in Palo Alto two weekends from now. And he's hoping the Beavers coach, Bernie Wagner, uses Hailu again.

"I'll be ready," said Pre. "We'll all be there, I hope he runs the mile."

Rich Schwab, a former Oregon split end, will coach the frosh squad this coming fall. Schwab has been the head coach at Churchill High School the last four years. Earlier, it was announced that Bill Youngmayr, another Duck running back, would coach the freshman gridgers.

But Youngmayr was given another opportunity for a full-time coaching position and elected to give up the Oregon job.

Schwab had recently resigned as head coach at Churchill and was planning to coach at the University on a graduate assistant basis this fall before the Duck job came up.

Schwab lettered at Oregon in 1962 and 1963, playing split end on offense and defensive end. He graduated in 1964.

last year. He scored 653 points (2.3 average) hitting 240 or 447 shots (.530) from the floor.

He had a game high of 29 rebounds on one occasion and pulled down 414 for the season. His scoring and rebounding figures were school records. Barwig, a guard, was named "player of the year" in suburban Chicago, while leading Bloom to its fifth straight regional championship.

Dave Luke, the fiery 126-pounder from McNary who ended the past wrestling season 24-4-1, was named the squad's most outstanding wrestler.

Luke was also the MVP following the 1971 season. He was runner-up for the Pac-8 title this past year.

Mark Purkey, a freshman from Milwaukee who made it all the way to the nationals in his first season, was named the outstanding frosh wrestler. Purkey became the only first-year man ever to win a conference title. He wrestled at 167 pounds.

Brent Merrill 134, and Dave DeForest, 177 pounds, were named co-winners of the Henjoi Memorial Trophy, which is given to a member or members of the team making outstanding contributions to the program.

Other winter sport programs have been beating the recruiting trail. Peter Jacobsen from Portland's Lincoln High School and Ron Catalini from South Salem High School have signed letters of intent to attend the University.

Jacobsen is considered to be one of the top prep golfers in the state and Catalini is a 126-pound wrestler.

Dick Harter's recruiting program is beginning to pay off. The Ducks now have announced several outstanding prep basketball players signing letters of intent to attend the University.

Gary Mac Donald, a 6-9 all-conference choice from Santa Barbara, Cal.—the same school that produced Doug Little—joins Mark Barwig on the Harter list. The 6-4 Barwig had a fantastic year for his South Chicago Heights, Ill. high school (Bloom)

The Duck's varsity eight crew team, coxed by Vicki Brown, finished last in a four-shell Northwest Small College Invitation meet over the weekend. The varsity heavyweight four finished third behind Western Washington and Pacific Lutheran. The Ducks were coxed by Randy Taylor.

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