

Ducks face WSU and fans

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When the baseball season began with the budget cut to peanuts and the schedule cut even more, the last thing Oregon coach Mel Krause was looking forward to was the Ducks' Northern Division opener with defending champion Washington State this weekend.

But in the mire of Oregon's modest 5-2 win over Portland Tuesday, Krause saw enough good things to give him a new positive outlook on Friday's matchup in Pullman.

"Yesterday we finally looked like a ball club," said Krause. "We played with confidence, swung the bat and pitched intelligently. When you do that, it provides a completely different atmosphere. We didn't play with confidence last week. I would hate to have played Washington State then."

"I'm really looking forward to this weekend," he beamed. "I love

to play Washington State. They're exciting and a good baseball team. We'll get a good idea of what to expect the rest of the year."

What the 10-5 Ducks can expect this weekend is cold weather, a rabid crowd and one powerful baseball team. The Cougars have compiled a 19-8 record after playing in such tournaments as the Banana Belt and the talent-rich Riverside tournament and Best of the West Classic.

The Cougars lost only three players from last year's championship team and return such stars as All-Division pitcher Tracy Harris and first baseman Phil Westendorf (.372).

"They don't have the overall power they had last year," said Krause. "This year, they're good line drive hitters with good speed."

They'll be a real test for Oregon's defense as 32 of the 63 runs Duck pitchers have allowed this year have been unearned. Krause, however, feels the key

will be found elsewhere.

"It all boils down to the pitching staff throwing to spots," he said. "If they saw Catfish Hunter pitch Monday night, they saw a real artist at work. He didn't overpower Baltimore at all, but he made them hit pitches they didn't want."

"With a team like Washington State, you don't try to overpower them."

Brian Peterson (2-1) will be the first pitcher to be thrown in the lions' den Friday, while Mike Jordan (0-1) and Vic Kelley (2-0) are scheduled for Saturday's double-header.

Freshman shortstop Jeff Heaton has also been called upon to cure Oregon's defensive woes. Because of a thigh injury suffered early in the year, Heaton has played in only four games. But he'll be inserted against the Cougars and hard hitting Ray Smith (.286) will be moved to third base.

"That's a tough series for Heaton to start in," said Krause, "but Smith made some great plays at third Tuesday and those two make our defense much stronger."

Other starters will be Ron Hollins (.238) at catcher, Dave Ulrich (.360) at first, Glenn Gaboury (.408) at second, Paul Kirsch (.229) in left, Mike Connolly (.394) in center and Rob Closs (.310) in right.

Krause said his biggest concern for this line-up isn't the Cougars' explosive offense, it's their experience or their tough pitching.

"The greatest thing is the harassment from the student body," said Krause of the baseball hotbed. "They draw three to four thousand fans and they can get pretty personal. For a first year group it can detract and bother them."

"But it's fun to play under those conditions because you play harder — if we're prepared."

Intent day goes with nothing new

There were no surprises in store Wednesday as the first day for basketball players to sign college letters of intent passed with no new Ducks in the fold.

According to assistant coach Ron Billingslea, Oregon has "several solid possibilities," but no one definite at this time.

"It could be tomorrow, this weekend, or next week before we have anyone for sure," said Billingslea. "It's just a matter of time."

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Golfers seventh in Houston Golf Classic

HOUSTON, Tex. — Oregon, with a team total of 291 strokes, is in seventh place after the first round of play in the Houston All-American Golf Classic. Team leader following the first round is Oklahoma State with 276. Southern Methodist University is in second place with 284.

In individual competition, SMU's Mike Debut is the first-day leader with a total of 66. Oregon's Peter Jacobsen is in ninth place with 33-37-70. Other Ducks are Jeff Sanders, 36-36-72; Don Wiggins, 36-38-74; Scott Tuttle, 36-39-75 and Steve Prugh, 38-43-81.

Oregon placed eighth in the Classic last year with a 72-hole team total of 1,201. It was its highest finish since 1971, the first year the Ducks participated in the event, when they placed fifth.

Voorhees wins award

Oregon's Dave Voorhees, who set personal records in both the shot put and discus against UCLA Saturday, was named Pacific-8 track and field athlete of the week along with long distance runner Randy Brown of Oregon State.

Voorhees won the discus in 201-8, and heaved the shot 61-3½, good for second place.

The junior from Tulalake, Cal., currently has the best discus throw in the conference this season.

A nominee for the award was Oregon's Dacre Bowen, who won the 400 meters in 46.7 and anchored the Ducks' winning mile relay team.

Sportfolio

Oregon to host badminton tourney

The University's club sports program and PE department are sponsoring a state AAA high school badminton team tournament Saturday in Gerlinger B-54. The co-ed tourney will be held along with an instructor's workshop directed by Dr. Jeanine Bennet of Oregon.

Ducks place well at Pear Blossom Open

Oregon's badminton team took three first and four second places recently in the Pear Blossom Open badminton tournament held in Medford.

Randy Oswald was first in 'A' men's doubles, Chris Olson won the ladies' singles division, and Dave and Chris Olson combined for a win in 'B' mixed doubles. Second places were taken by Gary VanderWall in singles, doubles and mixed 'A' events, Casey Janz in ladies singles, Chris Olson and Casey Janz in ladies' doubles and Bob Schaefer in men's 'A' doubles.

Table tennis squad to meet PSU, PCC

Oregon's table tennis team will host Portland State and Portland CC in a match at 1 p.m. Saturday in Gerlinger B-52.



Photo by Perry Gaskill

Oregon's women's softball team was downed in its second non-counting pre-season warmup by McCulloch Chain Saws, 9-4, at Amazon Park Wednesday. There was a catch, though — the Ducks' star pitcher, Shawna Baxter, was on the mound for McCulloch this time. Here, the Saws' Connie Anderson gets a hit.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The University of Oregon Bookstore, Inc., will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, April 15, 1976, 5:00 p.m., Room 138 Gilbert Hall, University of Oregon campus.

The purposes of the annual meeting shall be to receive annual reports of officers of the corporation, review amendment of Articles of Incorporation proposed by the Directors regarding Directors' terms of office, make such recommendations or proposals to the Board of Directors as the members may deem advisable and to receive nominations for membership on the Board of Directors.

Positions on the Board of Directors open for nomination are:

- One (1) freshman for a one (1) year term.
- Two (2) sophomores for two (2) year terms
- One (1) student-at-large for a one (1) year term
- Two (2) graduate students for one (1) year terms
- One (1) faculty member for a two (2) year term

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