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Once more, with feeling

The Ducks return to Pauley again
but this time USC bears watching, too

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It's UCLA time again. Everyone talks of every conference game being important, but the fact is that a pretty hot rivalry will renew itself this weekend as Oregon travels to Los Angeles for the second Pac-8 basketball weekend.

It's been three straight wins now over UCLA for Dick Harter's Ducks. With both teams 2-0 going into Friday night's contest at Pauley Pavillion (KEZI, 8 p.m.), no doubt things will be just as exciting.

Last year in L.A. the Ducks opened the league season against the Bruins, and two Greg Ballard free throws with just one second left iced a 61-60 Oregon win. Then in front of a Mac Court crowd and a regional TV audience, the Ducks did it again in February, 64-55.

This time around, though, things will be different for both teams. It's common knowledge the Ducks don't have the big name this season, but in a manner of speaking neither does UCLA.

"We're more of a five-man team than in the past," said Bruin coach Gary Cunningham. Cunningham isn't so caught up in the Duck-Bruin rivalry having headed the UCLA alumni association for the past two years.

"But it's still a very, very important game," he conceded. "We have immense respect for Dick Harter and Oregon, but we feel with four men in double figures we're more balanced than we have been."

Leading the Bruins in scoring are the conference's number two and three point-getters, Roy Hamilton and David Greenwood. Hamilton, averaging 16.6 points a game, is teamed with Raymond

Townsend (12.5), to give the Bruins one of their most solid backcourts in a while.

Greenwood, everybody's pre-season pick as the top forward in the conference, is third in rebounding with just under 10 a game to go with his 16.3 points.

A big UCLA question mark was the strength of centers Gig Sims and Darrell Allums, but the team isn't so center-oriented any more. "Both of them are doing an adequate job together," Cunningham said. "Neither of them is a very dominating center, but it hasn't been that important of a factor."

For Oregon, the play of the front line could be a deciding factor in a Duck win. Last weekend's pair of wins against Cal and Stanford showed the line was recovering from its Far West Classic blahs, and Kelvin Small, Dan Hartshorne, Phil Barner and Mike Clark will all have to be on top of their games.

The backcourt might be the best battle. "Our guards have come along since the season began," said Harter. "Mike (Drummond) showed some great court leadership last weekend, and Robby (Closs) is starting to find his range."

But the Bruins aren't the only team in L.A. It used to be you geared for UCLA and then cruised past Southern Cal, but that's changed.

A couple of freshmen have made all the difference for the Trojans, namely Cliff Robinson and Purvis Miller. Robinson, the 6-7 Oakland grad and cross-town rival of Oregon's Barner, is fifth in the Pac-8 in scoring (14.4) and seventh in rebounding (7.6). Miller, also 6-7 and Southern California's high school Player-of-the-Year in 1977, is scoring 13 a

game and hauling down just under seven boards an outing.

"There's no way you can overlook them," Harter said. "We always have been wary of USC, and if we don't gear for them we'll lose."

Still, that's Saturday. For now, all thoughts are centered at Pauley. And UCLA.

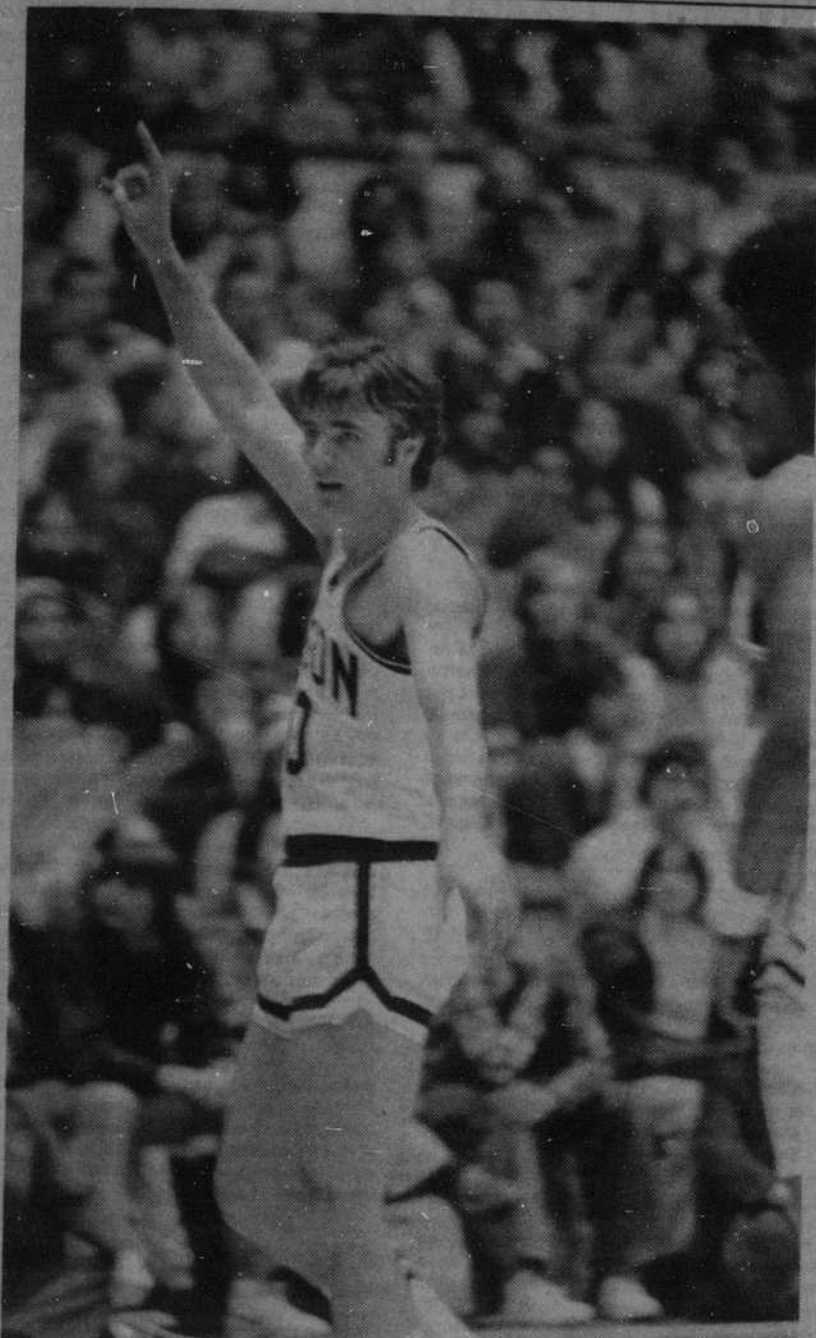


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Captain Mike Drummond and the Ducks have laid claim to "number one" in Los Angeles for two years straight. This year there will be no winning streaks to break, but wins over UCLA and USC this weekend could have Oregon sitting pretty in the Pac-8 race.

World-rekknowned Indiana coach to conduct swim clinic Saturday

Indiana's world-famous swim coach, Doc Counsilman, will conduct a swim clinic Saturday evening at 7 p.m., following the Oregon-Indiana Invitational swim meet at Leighton Pool.

Counsilman, who coached the 1976 U.S. Men's Olympic swim team to 12 of 13 possible gold medals, will lecture on swimming, stroke mechanics and show films. He will also comment on the latest findings of muscle biopsy studies and their relationship to sports and swimming.

As head coach of the powerful Hoosiers, Counsilman had won 17 consecutive NCAA titles through 1973. His teams have not

lost a dual meet in the last 11 years, compiling a string of 135 straight wins.

In addition to the 1976 team, Counsilman also led the 1964 Olympic team to victory. It was the second most successful team in U.S. history behind the Montreal squad.

The cost is \$10 for coaches, \$5 for parents and adults and \$2.50 for students and swimmers.

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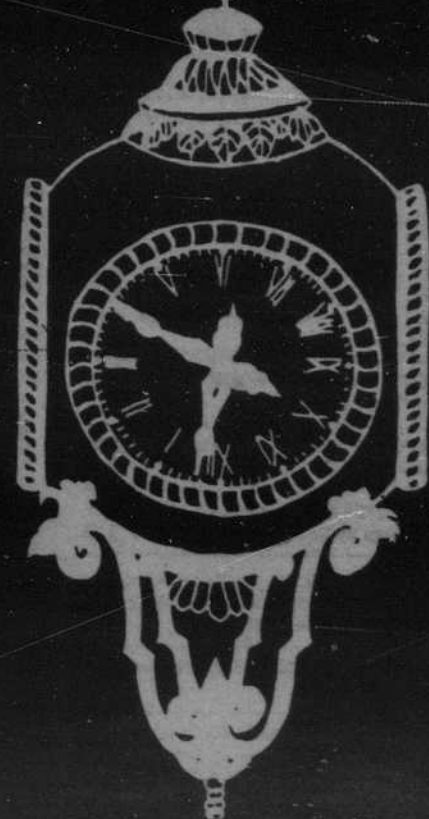
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