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After split with Washington teams women cagers journey to OCE

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The women's basketball team, coming off a 1-1 split in Washington last weekend, meets Oregon College of Education (OCE) in Monmouth tonight.

The Ducks did not play well against Washington on Friday losing 51-43, but rebounded against Western Washington State to win Saturday 76-67.

"Washington was our all-time low," said coach Elwin Heiny. "We couldn't buy a basket. Maybe because it was Friday the thirteenth...."

"The (Washington) game was very physical, the officiating equally poor and the team's shooting was extremely cold," he said.

Tara Smith was the lone bright spot for the Ducks, scoring 14 points. "She played well against Washington," said Heiny. "She was the only one with a good

game."

Heiny said Debbie Adams and Kerry Clawson had off nights. He said Adams selected her shots poorly, but noted she can shoot better. Heiny said he's looking to Adams and Clawson to provide more points than they have been.

Julie Cushing caught fire against Western Washington, scoring a team record 31 points and shooting 14 of 18 from the field to lead the Ducks.

"We could have won against Washington," Heiny said, "but we played below par. Both teams are considered good and we showed what we can do (against Western Washington.)"

Oregon College of Education, with a record of 1-4 on the year, is led by junior forwards Renee Lambrecht and Cindy Musgrave, the only returning starters from last year's squad.

Lambrecht, who is averaging 14 points and 8.5 rebounds per

game, is also ranked 10th in the javelin nationally.

"Cindy and Renee have been scoring well," said OCE coach Lynn Campbell. Although, said Campbell, neither have been playing up to their capabilities.

"We have more hurts than wells," Campbell said. Two of her guards are out, one because of an ankle sprain and the other because of infected toes.

Campbell said her team has been rather inconsistent this year. Last weekend OCE lost to both Washington State and Boise State on the road.

"We were outclassed in height against Boise State," Campbell said. "But we only had 11 fouls in the game. If we can do that against Oregon and still hold our defense, we'll do well."

Campbell said if her team can keep the Ducks from running, they could have a chance to win.

"I'd like to keep Oregon slowed down. They like to run the (fast) break and they're good off the boards. We will have to shut them down on the offensive boards," she added.

Oregon is also taller than OCE, but Campbell feels a strong defensive effort will neutralize the Ducks height advantage.

Heiny said the Ducks have developed close to the point he expected them to be for this point in the season.

"If we perform up to our potential, we will have the better team. I feel the Washington schools underrated us. I hope we don't underestimate OCE."

DUCK NOTES — Tara Smith is currently the leading rebounder through 8 games, averaging 11.3 per game. Debbie Adams is second, averaging 10.5. Kerry Clawson is the leading scorer with a 19.1 average, followed by Becky Paschke (17.0 through 5 games) and Tara Smith (11.6).



Photo by Mike Grady

Sophomore guard Julie Cushing, who became the first woman at Oregon to score 30 points in a game with a 31-point night against Western Washington last Saturday, will lead the Ducks into action tonight against Oregon College of Education in Monmouth.

Ducks try to regroup from Indiana, take on mystery team from SOSOC

By STEVE JETT
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With the Indiana meet behind him, Duck swimming coach Dick Schleicher now looks ahead to what may be this season's mystery guest, Southern Oregon State College (SOSOC), whom Oregon hosts tonight at 6:30 in Leighton Pool.

"I really do not know what they have," admitted Schleicher from his office last week. It has been a year since the Ducks last squared off against SOSOC and Schleicher expects to see some definite changes. He was given only a sneak preview during December's All-around championships at Leighton pool and expects to see some added competition.

"I think they have some good freshmen who could not make it to the All-around championships meet, so they will probably be much better than they were last year," he said.

While glancing over last year's results of the Oregon—Southern

Oregon State meet, Schleicher picked out a few of the opposing bright spots. Heading the list is Jim Rodey, who fares well in the 500 and 200 intermediate medley.

"He seems to be one of their better swimmers," he added. Other swimmers to keep an eye on are Barry Chapman, John Rottercutter, Joel Engel and butterfly Dan Dolan, who Schleicher also sees as worrisome.

At last year's meet, Oregon walked away with a convincing win of 76-28. Schleicher, so far this season, has been pleased with Jay Evans and Jon Seton, claiming they both "look very good." The breaststrokes have also excelled, mainly Mike Dole and Ron Wigham.

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Rugby practice to begin

Oregon's rugby club will start practice this Thursday for their winter term schedule. Practice will begin at 3:30 on the intramural field behind the covered tennis courts.

The team has a new coach, Ken Dovey, and new members are encouraged to come out.

Ski team soars in Washington

The Oregon Ski team set a hopeful tempo for the rest of the season as the men's team placed first with the women taking second in the Northwest Conference action at Crystal Mountain, Washington.

Ten teams from around the West Coast competed in the three-day meet. The meet was scored two ways, both by the NCAA (who included Nevada-Reno and Montana) and by the Northwest Ski Conference, who did not include those teams.

Evelyn Duffy of Oregon placed second in the giant slalom and fifth in the slalom. Aven Switzer, also of Oregon, finished second in cross-country skiing to lead the team in that event.

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