

Women open doubleheader against Viks

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The Oregon women's basketball team, off to a 9-1 start and a 3-1 league mark, meets Portland State in the first game of a doubleheader at Mac Court Saturday afternoon.

Last weekend, the Ducks beat Oregon State 67-48 in a league contest, and lost to an AAU team sponsored by Dr. Bernard's in a shoot-out, 104-92, in a non-counting game.

Julie Cushing continues to lead the Ducks and the Northwest Women's Basketball League in scoring, with a 19.0 per game average. Cushing is 6th in assists.

Coach Elwin Heiny doesn't know what to expect of Portland State because he hasn't seen them play this year. Even though Portland State is 0-4 in league so far this year, Heiny expects a tough battle from the Vikings.

"Portland State is always tough," said Heiny. "Last year we lost three to them in overtime. I know as long as I've been here it's

never been expected that Oregon would win (against PSU.) Before the season, the Washington coaches picked Portland State to be the top team in the league.

"If we play up to our potential," Heiny added, "we should be able to beat them."

Heiny wasn't totally pleased with the Duck's defensive effort last weekend. "The press wasn't functioning like we wanted. Pretty soon we hope to get it going. We made silly mental errors. The scoring against us all year has been because of those silly mental errors."

Becky Paschke played her first game in some time against Oregon State after having to sit out because of an eligibility discrepancy. Paschke responded with 10 points off the bench against Oregon State, finishing second among Duck scorers.

"It was good to have Becky back," said Heiny. "She's strong defensively and helps strengthen our press." Heiny also said Ann Doherty performed well coming off the bench.

Heiny said he used the Dr.

Bernard's game as a practice game (it was a non-counter).

"We let the score get away from us in the first half," Heiny said. "But we showed we could come back in the second half. It was a good scoring game."

Tara Smith led the Ducks against Dr. Bernard's with 28 points.

Portland State is off to a poor start after finishing third in the regional tournament last year with a 26-5 record.

Freshman Pam Mollet leads Portland State in scoring with a 15.0 per game average. Mollet, from Portland's Wilson High School, was the state's best high school player last year according to Heiny.

Huskies tough foe for Duck swimmers

Oregon's swimming teams will again face top competition this weekend, as the University of Washington and Pacific Lutheran University invade Leighton Pool for meets Friday and Saturday.

This time the Huskies are the ones to watch. Both their men's and women's programs are considered by many as the top ones in the Northwest, and with good reason. The women have captured the past six NCWSA titles, while the men are considered by some as in many Southern Division Pac-8 school's class.

"They're just awesome — fantastic," said Duck men's coach Dick Schleicher. "I'd be lying through my teeth if I said we had a chance to win against them."

Washington is led by senior Bill Patterson, who is currently the top backstroke in the nation with a 1:52.54 clocking. In addition, there's John Weston, a junior freestyler/individual medley man who swam for the U.S. in the World Games.

Oregon will not be without its best, though. Steve Hamilton will again figure to finish high in all events, and Tac Goodell, who has

dropped his 200 yard butterfly time an average of two seconds a race, will also figure high.

Diving will be Oregon's strong point, despite the probable loss of freshman Jim Scoglund.

The women will have an equally hard task at hand with the Huskies. Last year Oregon fell to Washington 100-40, but this year's meet figures to be closer. "We'll be strong in the freestyle events and they'll be strong in the breaststroke and backstroke."

The key races for Oregon will be the butterflies, where the Duck's Michelle Menkens and Washington's Mary Baxley have re-

corded identical times of 1:02.22 in the 100-yarder. Baxley's best of 2:12.13 in the 200 Fly is slightly better than the 2:12.22 clocked by Oregon's Kathy Hemmer.

Hemmer will also face tough competition in the individual medley from the Huskies' Barbie Mitchell, a former AIAW champ.

If the rest is close, it could come down to the diving events, and there the Huskies have the decided advantage, claiming three top divers to Oregon's lone Jo Steinseifer.

The Washington meet starts Friday at 6 p.m., while the PLU contest begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Women gymnasts to host schools in Saturday afternoon quadrangular

Oregon's women gymnasts will host a four-team quadrangular meet Saturday, Jan. 28, in Gerlinger Annex at 1:30.

Competing in the meet will be Oregon State, Portland State and the University of Montana. Oregon State has drawn the favorite role, according to Duck coach Henrietta Heiny.

The Beavers are led by all-around performers Linda Parker,

Ann Gianotti and Donna Southwick. They also have a great deal of depth and it will be hard for the Ducks to overcome it. However, Heiny is not ruling out such a possibility, saying a minimum of mistakes will increase the Ducks' chances.

"We can't afford to make any mistakes, but we have the potential to stay right with Oregon State," Heiny stated earlier this week.

Oregon will be led by junior all-around performer Wendy Halberg. Halberg has continued to do well after coming off a good last year when she finished second in the uneven bars in the league championships.

Also competing well for the Ducks on the bars have been specialists Lorene Gamble and Sue Wilson. Their performances should prove important to any Oregon upset hopes. Sue Baxter in the vault and Patti Thompson in the floor exercise will also be counted on to score well for Oregon.

Cindi Gleason, freshman all-arounder, has recovered from a strep throat that put her out of competition earlier this year, and will be back for Heiny's squad in the quadrangular.

Portland State will be bolstered by the addition of Creslyn Crumm, who won the league floor exercise title last year and finished third in the all-around competition.

The quadrangular meet is free for the public.

The next home meet for the women will be Feb. 11 against Seattle Pacific and Pacific University.

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Women athletes are reminded of the two S.O.S. ("Support Other Sports") events scheduled for this weekend. The events are tonight's swim meet against Washington at Leighton Pool 6:00 p.m. (and Saturday's gymnastics quadrangular at B-54 Gerlinger Annex (1:30 p.m.).

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