

Oregon looking for tune-up in road tilt

By MIKE GRADY
Of the Emerald

Oregon travels to Portland State for a non-league game at 3 p.m. today.

After a weekend sweep of the Washington Huskies, the Ducks are looking to today's contest as well as tomorrow's home game against Willamette as important tune-ups for this weekend's series against defending Northern Division champion Washington State.

Northern Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oregon	3	0	1.000	-
Washington State	2	1	.667	1
Oregon State	1	2	.333	2
Washington	0	3	.000	3

Today's games

Washington State vs Whitworth
Oregon State vs OCE
Washington vs W.-St. Washington
Oregon vs Portland State

Oregon head coach Mel Krause indicated that he will start Glenn Fisher in today's game. The senior right-hander struggled in his last outing while picking up the victory in Friday's opener against the Huskies, so Krause said he'll give Fisher some needed work before facing the Cougars.

In a meeting between the two teams earlier this year, Portland State hung an 11-5 loss on the Ducks. The second game of the scheduled doubleheader on that date was cancelled due to wet grounds.

Being on top of the Northern Division is somewhat of a mild surprise for Krause, but one he feels can turn into a lasting reality if the Ducks continue to play and improve in the manner they have been.

"It starts on the mound," Krause explained. "You've got to get a good pitching performance and we got that last weekend."

Receiving special praise from

Softball squad at OCE today

Oregon's women softball team will take the field in this state for the first time this season when it travels to Monmouth to battle Oregon College of Education at 3 p.m.

The Ducks went 0-6 on a spring break trip to California, so they will be looking to get on the winning side of the slate.

Oregon's doubleheader scheduled for last Friday at Oregon State was postponed because of wet grounds. Because of the weather, Becky Sisley's squad has had to do most of their practicing inside Gerlinger Annex.

NBA playoffs

By The Associated Press

Tuesday's Game
Milwaukee at Phoenix
Wednesday's Games
New York at Cleveland
Atlanta at Washington
Los Angeles at Seattle
Friday's Games
Washington at Atlanta
Cleveland at New York
Phoenix at Milwaukee
Seattle at Los Angeles

Krause for their mound outings against Washington on Saturday were Dean Kegler and Adam Berlin.

"Berlin walked one and Kegler didn't walk anyone," said Krause. "That's the most important thing there is for a pitcher — not to give any free passes."

DUCK NOTES — Senior catcher Kevin Tabler continues to lead the Ducks in hitting with a .432 average...Freshman Ron Sloy is batting .383 and leads the team with 31 hits and eight doubles...Tom Dodd leads Oregon with 47 total bases while hitting .346...Steve Elam has knocked out four home runs, tops on the Duck squad...Elam is also the runs-batted-in leader (20) and is hitting .324...Freshman Dean Kegler improved his mound record to 5-0 Saturday...Kegler has only walked three batters in 40 innings of pitching...Adam Berlin and Glenn Fisher lead the Duck pitchers with 18 strikeouts each...The Ducks improved their record to 13-9 with the sweep of Washington last weekend... Oregon is only one win away from tying the total amount of victories it had last year.



Photo by Neil Gruenfelder

Steve Elam doesn't necessarily believe every call an umpire makes, as evidenced by his displeasure with this strike call in Saturday's first game against Washington. Elam hit two home runs in Friday's series opener to take the Oregon lead in that category with four.

Women place third in Berkeley tourney

By TIM LEONARD
Of the Emerald

Oregon's women's tennis team defeated California State University of Sacramento 5-4 Sunday to take third place in the Berkeley Invitational tournament.

After losing to Sacramento 7-2 in Friday's opener, Oregon, "did an excellent job in singles," according to Coach Marti Schey as the Duck women took five of the six singles matches.

On Friday, Debbie Borchers playing number four won 6-3, 6-3 and teamed with Maureen Hennig in number two doubles to give Oregon a victory.

On Saturday against California-Berkeley, Oregon again came out on the short end of a 7-2 score. Tima Mikelson, playing number six singles, won in straight sets and combined with Helen Vozenlek to take number one doubles 6-3, 6-3.

Although the Oregon women lost three doubles matches against Sacramento on Sunday,

two of the three went three sets. Schey was pleased with the team's performance.

"We beat a California school and that state is a hot-bed of tennis; we showed improvement on Sunday and we are capable of playing different doubles combinations well," she said.

The tournament helped the women in more ways than one. "I think," Schey said, "it served as a basis for improvement in future matches, and it was really good competition at the beginning of the season."

Oregon travels to Portland State today and will play the University of Washington there this Friday. The Huskies have been regional champions the past three years, so the Berkeley Invitational experience should help Oregon this week.

The Ducks' next home action will be Wednesday, April 19, as Lane Community College plays Oregon on the Alder Street Courts.

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