

Haney gets his first recruits from LA area

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The Jim Haney era of Oregon basketball received its first two dividends yesterday, as the Ducks announced two Los Angeles area prep stars have signed letters-of-intent.

Jerome Williams, a 6-8, 195-pound forward from Pasadena, and Barry Walker, a 6-1, 180-pound playmaker from Gardena both chose Oregon, Haney announced Thursday afternoon.

"There are probably 20 or so major college prospects in the Southern California area," Haney said, "and both Jerome and Barry are."

Williams was a second-team all-CIF player last season, averaging 17.4 points and 9.1 rebounds for John Muir High School. He was twice named to the all-Pacific League team, and was an all-

tournament selection at the Annual Arroyo and Paramount meets.

Walker, whose skill is at ball-handling, was the type of guard tournament last season, averaged 16.2 points and dished out 7.5 assists a game for Serra High School. Gary Talbert, the coach at Muir, called Walker "one of the two best guards I saw all year."

Walker was also named to the El Camino Real all-star team.

"These guys didn't get the recognition that some other guys there did," Haney said, "but I'm sure glad I got them."

Williams is mainly a shooter, a role he'll figure to hold at Oregon. "He's a very good offensive player," Haney said. "One of the goals of our team is to get the offense going, and we wanted to find a forward that could help provide an offensive punch. Jerome has that ability."

Williams, a player whom Oregon has been after for a while, chose the Ducks over Kansas State.

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Haney was looking for what with the departure of Mike Drummond.

"With Drummond leaving, we really felt we had to get someone who had played that position," Haney said of Walker. "He's been

a point guard in high school, and has the knowledge of that position.

"And I like knowing that there's somebody there who I can count on in a situation when I need a ballhandler."

Division leading Ducks face defending champion Cougars in three game series

Oregon's baseball team will find out if it's for real today and Saturday as it takes on the defending division champion Washington State Cougars in Pullman. Today's tilt is scheduled to start at 3 p.m., with Saturday's action to begin at 1 p.m.

Last year the Ducks finished the season with a 14-27 record, 4-14 in league play, which put the team in last in the Northern Division.

But this is a new year, as Oregon showed in last weekend's Northern Division opening play. The Ducks took three games from Washington and now find themselves in first place in the Northern Division. However, sitting only one game off the pace and breathing down Oregon's neck is Washington State.

The Cougars took two of three from Oregon State on the Beavers' home ground last weekend and have a season record of 21-9. WSU is led by 1977 third team All-American Dave Edler, who is assaulting a number of Cougar

regular season records.

Adam Berlin (1-0) will open for Oregon Friday, with Dean Kegler (5-0) and Glenn Fisher (2-3) scheduled to pitch Saturday for the Ducks.

Women Netters face Washington in match that could decide title

This weekend could decide the course of regional hopes for the Oregon women's tennis team when it plays Washington tomorrow and Washington State on Saturday.

Oregon finished third in the standings last year behind the two northern schools and first-rate tennis will be in store for the women netters as they attempt to

unseat the Northwest powers.

Although Washington beat Oregon 9-0 in 1977, Oregon coach Marti Schey is, "hoping for an upset," knowing that her women, "just have to play their best tennis." It will be the toughest match of the season for Oregon and number one singles player Helen Vozenilek knows it.

"They will be tough," the NCWSA singles titlist said. "They've graduated a couple of people but they have one girl who may be playing number one and she's good." Recently, Vozenilek has been hampered by a sore toe which she feels may be infected. "I haven't been playing well recently so this weekend would be a good time to start," she said.

Marist wrestler signs letter

Bill Nugent, one of the state's best wrestlers, signed a letter-of-intent Wednesday to attend Oregon.

Nugent, of Eugene's Marist High, won the 130 pound classification at the AA meet, and the state Greco and free style championships for his weight class. Nugent was also the top finisher in the National Wrestling Federation's Western Regional Championships held in Eugene.

Nugent's brothers, Dan and Larry, both wrestle at Southern Oregon State College.

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Soccer team to Portland

The Oregon women's soccer team will be traveling to Portland this weekend to play in an indoor tournament at Pacific University. The tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

Crew holds regatta

The Oregon Crew will hold its only home regatta of the year Saturday, April 15, at Dexter Lake. Oregon's competition will come from Stanford and Oregon State. The Ducks will race a lightweight and heavyweight varsity. Races begin at 9 a.m., and the best view of the races is from the park on the north side of the lake.

Spikers play final home game

The men's volleyball team will play its last home game of the season this Friday at 7 p.m. against Washington in Mac Court. With an overall record of 7-4, the team is assured a playoff berth in the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Volleyball Conference Championships at Oregon State on April 21-22.

IM soccer brackets Monday

Managers of the first and second place soccer teams are to report to the IM office Monday, April 17, at 4 p.m. for championship playoff brackets.

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