



Photo by Steve Schneider

Oregon coach Mel Krause argues a call with the plate umpire in the Ducks' victory over Willamette last week. Ron Sloy, who will pitch today, moves in to help Krause make his point.

Oregon at home for doubleheader

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Oregon's baseball team, winners of six of its last eight games, plays host to both Oregon Tech and Portland State today at Howe field.

Weather permitting, the Ducks will take on OIT at noon and then play PSU at 3 p.m. Oregon currently owns a 16-10-1 overall record — already surpassing their total number of wins last year (14).

"There's a 60 percent chance of rain for Tuesday," said Mel Krause, full-time coach and part-time meteorologist. "But as of right now they're still on."

Krause indicated playing a doubleheader against two separate teams is something he likes to schedule every year to take a look at players from smaller schools in the state.

"OIT was supposed to play Oregon College of Education today and they wanted another game on their way back," Krause said.

Freshman Ron Sloy has been tabbed to start the OIT game while Krause is undecided on who will start the PSU game. The Ducks beat PSU last week in 10 innings, 8-6, avenging an earlier 11-5 loss to the Vikings.

Injuries haven't been too much of a problem for Oregon, but Krause said he was pleased to find out three players with sickness or injuries in the past week seem to be coming around.

Mike Connolly, who has been sick since spring vacation and has lost 13 pounds because of it, now appears to be making a recovery. Connolly played sparingly in the weekend's split with Washington State and is currently hitting .309.

Catcher Kevin Tabler, the teams leading hitter with a .432 average, is also coming off a couple of injuries. Tabler hurt his back two weeks ago and has since been used as an occasional pinch-hitter. Over the weekend he also caught a pitched ball on his ankle while warming up a pitcher in the bullpen, but Krause said it didn't look like it should be too much of a problem.

Third baseman Jerry Rinella is also somewhat hobbled by a sore ankle. Krause indicated Rinella was able to play over the weekend and the ankle has improved.

DUCK NOTES — Five Oregon players are currently hitting over .300. They are the following: Mike Ritchey, .302; Tom Dodd, .344; Connolly, .309; Sloy, .337, and Tabler, .432...Dean Kegler, the Ducks leading pitcher with a 6-0 record, has thrown 47 innings and has given up only four walks...Dodd and first baseman Steve Elam are tied for the team lead with five home runs each...Dodd also leads the team in doubles (8), triples (3) and stolen bases (7)...As a team, Oregon is hitting .283, four percentage points higher than its opponents.

Rodgers takes Boston Marathon

BOSTON (AP) — Record-holder Bill Rodgers, the No. 1 rated marathoner in America, won the 82nd running of the Boston Marathon Monday in an unofficial time of two hours, 10 minutes and 13 seconds. This is Rodgers' second marathon win. He set the record for the event, 2:09.55, in 1975.

Jeff Wells of Dallas was second

in a time of 2:11.17. Eda Tikannen of Finland was third in 2:11.25.

The times were unofficial.

"At the finish, I didn't know if I would make it," said Rodgers, still panting. "It was a tough pace. I was really hurting. It was almost the hardest marathon of my life."

He said the cheering crowd that lines the route gave him a boost. Rodgers, who wore white

gloves for the race, looked back several times at Wells in the last 100 yards before the finish.

The two-time champion tossed his hands into the air as he crossed the finish line. He was immediately mobbed by security officers and reporters.

Duck women play OSU

The Oregon women's tennis team comes off a weekend which saw it split two matches as it plays Oregon State today in Corvallis, attempting to raise its season mark from 5-3.

Oregon lost to Washington last Friday 8-1 with the solitary win coming in number one doubles. On Saturday the women defeated Washington State, 6-3, for their second win against the Cougars.

Coach Marti Schey expects Oregon to face stiff competition today. "They are very competitive and have good players," Schey said. The Oregon junior varsity will host Lane Community College on Wednesday and hopes for a repeat of its 4-0 victory of a week ago.

The varsity returns home this weekend with successive matches against Puget Sound and Southern Oregon.

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Torture Ridge on Sunday

"Torture Ridge," billed as the "toughest run west of the Rockies," is set for this Sunday, April 23, starting at noon from the Hendricks Park picnic shelter.

All survivors will receive a tee-shirt, soft drink and fruit. The entry fee for the event is a dollar and entries will be accepted on race day.

The course includes mud slides, creek beds, fallen logs, ditches, scenic trails and three "killer hills." Organizers of the sponsoring group, Phi Epsilon Kappa (physical education students at Oregon) are expecting about 1,000 runners and joggers, so early registration is advised.

Runners are advised to cover-up in order to reduce the chance of catching poison oak on the course.

Water polo practices start

The Oregon Water Polo Club starts training at Leighton Pool Tuesday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m. All players wishing to compete for Oregon next fall should be in attendance.

Ski team sponsors event

The Club Sports ski team is sponsoring a dual slalom and cross-country race for all students, faculty and alumni. The event, to be held at Mt. Bachelor this weekend, will include instruction by the team coaches and racers, a dual slalom on Saturday followed by a picnic near Bend, and a cross-country race on Sunday. Sign up at Club Sports or call 686-8147 for more information.

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