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Ducks try again to gain respectability

If everyone would play like Brian Hinkle things wouldn't have turned out the way they did," raged Howard Tippett, Oregon's defensive coordinator at a disappointed player in the locker room following the Ducks' loss to TCU two weeks ago.

Hinkle, the Ducks' sophomore linebacker, who underwent surgery earlier this week on a knee injured in last Saturday's loss to Wisconsin, had been improving every week, according to head coach Rich Brooks. Hinkle's play had been "phenomenal" before his injury during the Wisconsin game, Brooks says.

The Oregon team has also played better as the season has progressed and the entire squad was phenomenal in the first half against Wisconsin, but in the second half they played lamely and eventually lost a game they should have won.

The Ducks didn't undergo corrective surgery this week, though, and now face a seven game schedule which includes, among others, Washington, UCLA and

California, who they meet tomorrow in Berkeley.

"We need to gain some respect back from some people who think we're an 0-4 football team," Brooks said following Oregon's Thursday practice on the dust field just south of Hayward Field.

Brooks notwithstanding, the Ducks are indeed 0-4, but his statement makes some sense.

For a team that has not won a game, the statistics are deceiving — the Ducks have been outgained by only 95 total yards and have compiled just four fewer first downs than their four opponents this season.

Yet even Brooks will admit that statistics other than points don't enthrall fans, players or coaches. "The only thing we haven't done is win games, and all that other stuff is meaningless," he says.

Winning against Cal this week doesn't seem as probable as beating TCU and Wisconsin did the week before those games. The Golden Bears are 2-1, having

defeated West Virginia and Pacific and lost only to tenth-ranked Nebraska. More significant, however, is Cal's strength (passing) and Oregon's weakness (pass defense).

The Bears' quarterback is Rich Campbell, a 6-5 sophomore, who has completed over 1,000 yards already this season.

"He's better than either Roth or Bartkowski," says Brooks in comparing Campbell with Cal's recent all-American quarterbacks. "He's a better athlete and a better passer."

"He's one of the best in the country. He's as good as Jack Thompson (Washington State's quarterback)," adds Brooks.

Brooks' glowing appraisal of Campbell appears to be a portent of doom for Oregon, considering that last week Wisconsin's third-string quarterback Mike Kalasmiki came off the bench to riddle the Ducks' secondary for 232 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Badgers to victory.

"We got tested more than I'd like to see last week," Brooks understates with a smile. Becoming serious, he adds, "I'm concerned about how well Cal will pass on us, because Wisconsin was not a good passing team."

One positive note for the Ducks is the return to action of Neil Elshire, who will start at defensive end after sitting out last week's contest with a sore knee.

Rock Richmond, who has seen limited action since injuring an ankle against Colorado, is not at 100 percent but will get considerable playing time.

Senior tailback Ed Radcliff, who rushed for 104 yards against Wisconsin, will again start ahead of freshman Reggie Young, although Young should see a lot of playing time.

All in all, the situation looks quite dire for the Ducks, but a victory Saturday over Pacific-10 Conference rival California could still go a long, long way to turning things around for the Oregon football program.

HEP adds karate

A University physical education instructor is donating his time, and a Eugene businessman donated 40 karate uniforms so students in the University's High School Equivalency program could have their own karate class.

HEP social studies instructor Jah Ja Nkrumah, who will help instructor Bob Graves with the class, first proposed the class and received permission from the University to hold the class in the east gym of Esslinger Hall at 2:30 Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

"I felt that the HEP students needed physical education classes, so I wrote the program director to ask if he would sponsor our karate program," Nkrumah said. "Then I confronted Fred Lee for support and he said yes, and agreed to donate the gis (karate uniforms)."

Ray Hawk vice president for Finance and Administration, said

the karate class is a positive effort to make the HEP students more a part of the campus scene.

"The class will generate a greater esprit de corps than an English comp class" Hawks said.

"If the program is attractive and healthy and challenges the mental and physical processes, then it would challenge students to stay in, and that would help them gain confidence as a consequence," Hawk said.

One of the reasons for instituting the class, Nkrumah said, is that HEP student currently have no physical education classes in which to exert energy, and some tend to take out their frustrations on the dormitories where they live.

A student of the University High School Equivalency program practices a karate punch during Thursday's practice. Bob Graves provides the students with instruction.



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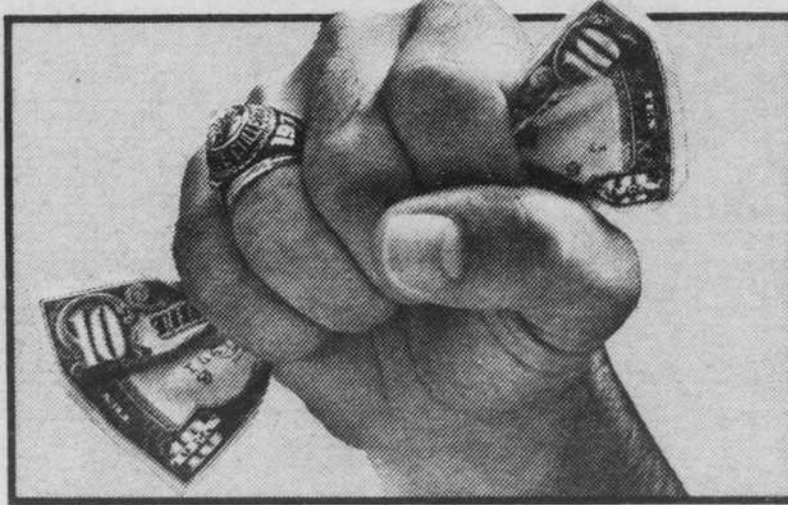
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