

turnovers. In seven prior games the Ducks had given up the ball 24 times.

Durando replaced Mike Kennedy, who went down with a shoulder injury four weeks ago against Brigham Young, and although Kennedy is now healthy enough to play, Durando will again start.

"He's done a good job and played very, very well against UCLA," Brooks says of Durando. "He's matured a lot since last year; he's making good decisions. He's running the option very well, and this past week he threw better than he ever had."

Against the Bruins last Saturday Durando completed 13 of 23 passes for 179 yards and rushed for an additional 43 yards, and for the second straight week he was not intercepted. Not bad statistics for a player who began the season playing defense.

"If he does well the next two weeks he has to be considered for a look at quarterback next year," states Brooks.

Joining Durando in the backfield will be fullback Vince Williams, who didn't start last week

because of a tight bruise, and tailback Dwight Robertson, who left the UCLA game with leg cramps. Jeff Wood, whose knee injury received last week is not as severe as first thought, will not play. He will probably return to action in Oregon's final contest at Oregon State on Nov. 25, however.

The Oregon defense, which has already lost two starters for the season due to injury—cornerback Jerome Covington and linebacker Bryan Hinkle—was dealt another blow when starting cornerback Rock Richmond stayed home in Los Angeles Saturday following the UCLA game. The Oregon coaches finally got in touch with Richmond Tuesday night, and he told them he had decided to leave school for personal reasons. Richmond's departure leaves the Ducks with three cornerbacks, seniors Tim Smith and Rick Hudson and freshman Ken Lawler.

The Las Vegas betting line, which Oregon has been continually burning all season, rates the Ducks' game with Arizona even. A safe bet considering that Arizona has failed to win on the road this season and Oregon's improved play over the past couple games.

Top-rated stickers open regional action

The University's field hockey team will try for its fourth straight national berth this weekend when it competes in the AIAW Region IX Qualifying tournament in Moscow, Idaho.

The Ducks will meet Pacific Lutheran in their opener this morning. A Duck victory over PLU, (twice beaten by Oregon this season) would pit them against the winner of the Southern Oregon State College—Oregon College of Education match.

In other games, Idaho goes against Western Washington and Washington State plays Boise State.

One of Oregon's stiffest competitors will be eliminated in the latter game.

"We'll meet Boise State in the finals; that's my wild prediction," says coach Nancy Plantz.

"But all these teams come out

high for us because we're number one in the Northwest," she continues. "If we can keep our composure for the first 15 minutes of a game, and just play our own game, we'll be all right."

Against Northwest competition this season the Ducks outscored their opponents 70 goals to two. Overall, 10 goals were scored on Oregon this year, while the Ducks scored 77. Maureen Sullivan, called by Plantz "the best goalie in the Northwest," had 11 shutouts.

Oregon is seeking its first win at the national tournament, and is favored to advance from the regionals.

Munson, who has been to nationals before, senses a difference this time. "Everybody's really up for it. We now have a better team than we ever had before," says Munson, an Idaho native. "We know what we're doing now."

All-around swim set this weekend

The Oregon women's swim team will host Oregon State and Portland State in the Oregon All-Around swim meet on Friday and Saturday in Leighton Pool. Each swimmer will compete in 15 differ-

ent events, and divers compete on both the 1- and 3-meter board.

The meet starts on Friday at 3:30 p.m. with the diving preliminaries and semifinals, and at 7 p.m. the first round of swimming

Pac-10 opponents challenge Duck runners' supremacy

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The men's cross country team, after successfully defending its Pac-10 Northern Division (ND) title, travels to Fresno, California, to defend its Pac-10-District 8 championship Saturday.

The Ducks, favored to win the meet, will try to duplicate their 2-3-4-5-6-7 finish in the ND meet.

The Fresno course will be "more like a California road race" than a cross country run, according to coach Bill Dellinger. The course covers grass, trails and asphalt which compared to the ND meet course (run over a hilly golf course) will probably be shorter and faster.

"Each guy tries to run his best race," Dellinger says of his team's strategy. "A runner should know his limits. It's not good course sense for Art (Boileau) or Don (Clary) or Bill (McChesney) or Ken (Martens) to try to run with the Kenyans over the first three miles. They should run to their own capabilities. They are all capable of being near the front of the pack, but there is no one in the world capable of keeping up with (Henry) Rono from the steeplechase up."

ARIZONA—The Wildcats finished ninth in the NCAA meet last year and seventh in 1976. The team is led by junior Tom Hunt, who has not been defeated in his collegiate career. He has defeated Alberto Salazar twice. PICK — Third.

Oregon—The Ducks won the Pac-10 Northern Division title two weeks ago by sweeping second through seventh places. The top Oregon finisher Alberto Salazar ran with winner Henry Rono until the last 200 meters. Behind Salazar were Clary, Rudy Chapa, McChesney, Boileau and Marten.

Dellinger boasts of depth and experience, and he thinks running against Hunt will be a good fitness test.

The Ducks' finish may depend on the fitness of Washington State's runners. Nonetheless, they should fare well. PICK — First.

STANFORD—The Cardinals finished second behind Arizona in the Pac-10 Southern Division (SD) meet. Top runner is Ray Kissin who finished first in two Stanford meets this year. He finished second to Hunt in the SD meet, trailing by 20 seconds.

The Cardinals have not faced the Oregon and Washington State caliber runners this year. PICK — Fifth.

WASHINGTON—The Huskies went into the (ND) meet injured and ill and have improved some in two weeks. Bill Stolp, the top runner for the past two years, is still bothered by an acute Achilles' tendonitis condition and Chris Villani is still suffering effects from a blood disorder. They finished 15th and 17th respectively in the ND meet. Mark Hallenbeck was the top Husky in the meet, finishing ninth. The Huskies finished just

nine points behind Washington State but will be further back Saturday because they haven't fully recovered from their ills. PICK—Fourth.

WASHINGTON STATE — Led by four world-class runners, the Cougars were beaten on their hilly course in the (ND) meet. Henry Rono, holder of world records in four events, won the race, but the next Cougars were Joel Cheruiyot in ninth, Joshua Kimeto in tenth, and Samson Kimombwa finished 14th.

The team's fitness was suspect as the Cougars faded later in the race.

The Cougars have a reputation for running poorly on hilly courses, and may do better this week on a flatter course. Depth may hurt the Cougars, as fifth man Rob Evans (who finished 23rd in the ND meet) has little experience running 10,000 meters.

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