

Speedy Detroit visits tonight

Ducks need concentration, fast start

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The Oregon men's basketball team plays the University of Detroit tonight, and coach Jim Haney has taken steps to avoid repeating the disastrous performance against Pepperdine Monday.

"We'll have to be ready to move our feet, and play intensely because Detroit is very quick," says Haney. "They have an outstanding guard in Terry Duerod. He will be one of the best players that will play in Mac Court all year."

Against Pepperdine, the Ducks started slowly, and Haney blames the eventual 73-68 loss on a lack of intensity and concentration. "It was by far our worst performance, and I don't think we are capable of playing worse, and we learned the lesson that we have to be ready to play," says the coach.

Impressive practices this week will help the Ducks in preparation for tonight's game. "We've expressed to the team the importance of getting ready to play, and yesterday we really had a good practice," says Haney.

Senior co-captain Rob Closs also says the Pepperdine loss was because of a lack of concentration. "We had a really good practice, even though everyone was tired, and it shows that the Pepperdine game was all mental," he says. "Each person has to block out everything else to be

mentally prepared, and I'm not sure everyone did that, including myself."

Closs recalls the past years when a poor performance resulted in deep depression — and hard practices. "Last year we did the same thing, but we knew we would get punished in practice. Now we get chastized, but we work on what we did wrong and try to come back."

Part of that work will be in playing as hard as possible, then exiting the game for a rest. "Our new philosophy is to sacrifice ourselves and play as hard as possible," says Haney, "but it's a natural tendency for anybody to pace themselves so that they can play longer."

The coach allows the players to take themselves out of the game, but he says that this is not done often enough. "I didn't expect it to work overnight — we do not have the balance I would like to see."

This imbalance means some of the Ducks play very little. "We have a lot of players who are capable of playing, and a lot of players should have more playing time," says Haney.

Closs is one of those who is reluctant to take himself out. "Right now it is hard for me to pull myself because of the pride factor, but I'm getting used to it," he says.

The 6-2 guard also says the team is not concentrating on long-range goals. "Against Pep-

perdine we didn't go in thinking about our goal of winning the national championship. We have to keep our group goals in mind every day."

Closs says with this concentration, anything is possible, but it will take time. "We're just not to the point where we're a good team yet. We've still got a lot of work to do."

Unfortunately for the Ducks, they have very little time to work on their weaknesses. "We will be tested again, and we need to get off to a much better start," says Haney.

Detroit will counter with an explosive offense with Duerod the leader. "Terry has to be our leader this year, and he is certainly capable of it. If he plays solid defense and plays better without the ball he should be all-America," says Detroit coach Dave Gaines.

Center Earl Cureton (6-9) will provide their rebounding strength. "Earl is going to excite a whole lot of people. He is one of the best dunk shot artists in the country; he can really sky. He says hello to the Lord when he goes up for a slam," says Gaines.

This could pose a problem to the taller Ducks, says Haney. Rebounding will be very important, and sometimes size doesn't matter."

What does matter is the Ducks have lost two in a row, and they need to prove they can win.

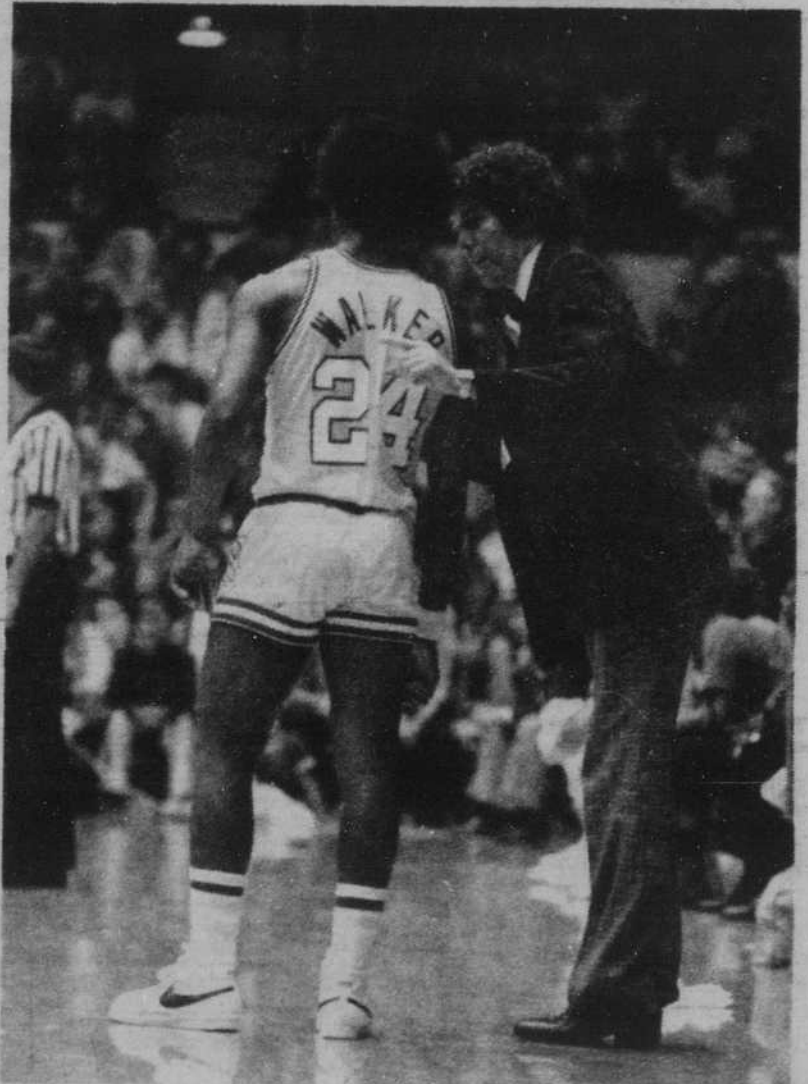


Photo by Steve Dyles

Letting his players decide for themselves when to come out is one of the aspects of coach Jim Haney's basketball philosophy. So far the tactic works only in theory, he says.

Koch defends swim title

The University men's swim team will host the Iron Man Invitational Friday and Saturday at Leighton Pool. Competing along with Oregon will be Willamette University, Southern Oregon State, Portland State and the David Douglas Swim Club.

Competition gets underway

Friday at 7 p.m. and concludes on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m.

The purpose of the meet is to determine an all-around champion and no team scores will be kept. A swimmer may compete in as many of the 13 events as he chooses, and the top placers score in each event. The swimmer

with the highest point total will be the champion.

The Ducks' George Koch, competing unattached last year, swam to the championship.

Oregon is coming off a fifth-place finish in last week's Husky Invitational in Seattle.

Men often throw passes to guys wearing glasses

From the Associated Press

Men sometimes throw passes at guys who wear glasses.

That's because some of the guys who catch them could probably do it with their eyes closed. And especially 'cause one of the guys who throws them wears glasses, too.

There's Bob Griese, quarterback of the Miami Dolphins, looking like a scholar trapped inside his helmet. And Joe Washington of Baltimore and John Jefferson of San Diego, looking like henchmen for Darth Vader.

They, along with Miami cornerback Norris Thomas and Washington Redskins defensive backs Joe Lavender and Ken Houston are among a National Football League minority —

players who perform in weekend spectacles wearing spectacles of one form or another.

Some do it simply because glasses feel better and are less troublesome than contact lenses. Others wear them because contacts just don't do the job.

And Houston, a safety, wears dark glasses — but only on the sidelines and in practice — because he used to get migraine headaches.

Sometimes they get kidded about their appearance, sometimes not.

Thomas, Griese's teammate, has worn glasses since his college days, when he found the contacts were an irritant. Does he get kidded? "Norris is one of our hardest hitters," says coach Don Shula. "What do you think?"

Carter exempts major teams from sex discrimination rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration said Wednesday that major college football teams are unique and don't have to meet the same standards as other sports in eliminating sex discrimination.

Intercollegiate football was specifically cited as an exception as HEW Secretary Joseph Califano proposed new federal guidelines to eliminate sex discrimination from college athletics.

The proposed guidelines, aimed at clarifying a set of regulations stemming from a 1972 anti-discrimination law, prompted a quick rebuke from some feminist leaders.

Lynda Weston of the Project on Equal Education Responsibility said: "It looks like they blew a hole right down the middle of the law." Califano said the proposed new

guidelines, being circulated for public comment before being made final in time for the start of school next fall, "recognizes that intercollegiate football, in particular, is unique among sports at some institutions."

The guidelines also suggest that basketball, when involving competition on a national level, may also deserve exempt status.

But under most other circumstances, the secretary said, a college or university would have to begin immediately to spend substantially the same amount on each woman participating in ath-

letics as it spends on each man.

Califano said the guidelines would permit differences in expenditures based on what he called "non-discriminatory factors, such as the cost of a particular sport, for example, the equipment required, or the scope of competition."

Asked at a news conference for specific examples, the Health, Education and Welfare secretary refused to discuss individual cases, but said, "I do not believe any university in this country should have a problem complying with these guidelines."

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Skating

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