

Ducks hope for fresh start at home

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Arizona and Arizona State are in town this weekend for a pair of conference games with the Ducks, and despite an 0-3 record Oregon hasn't given up.

"We just played the toughest three games of the season on the road, and from now on the schedule favors us," says senior co-captain Rob Closs.

Tonight's game against Arizona marks the first home game since Dec. 9, for the Ducks, who were 2-5 on the extended road trip. But Closs thinks the Ducks are getting better. "We are really starting to

play intelligently as a team, and we're just starting to get used to the new system," says Closs.

This new system is a fast break offense mimicking the style of the Portland Trailblazers. Against USC last weekend, the Ducks committed 29 turnovers, attesting to their inexperience, but against UCLA the Ducks had only 15 miscues.

"We really wanted to win, for a number of reasons, and we played intelligently, but we still made some mistakes, and it cost us the game," says Closs.

Oregon coach Jim Haney was impressed with the play of center Dan Hartshorne, who played de-

spite the death of his father last week. "We wanted this game especially for Danny. We wanted to be able to be able to give the game ball to his family. But despite his inspired effort, it wasn't meant to be." Hartshorne played against the Bruins, scoring 23 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

Hartshorne will be back in town for tonight's game, and he carries a team-leading 13.8 scoring average.

Arizona's leading scorer is 6-4 junior guard Joe Nehls, with an 18.8 average. The Wildcats have won their last five games, beating Stanford and California last weekend.

"Last week was critical for us," says coach Fred Snowden. "We did an outstanding job getting an early lead and maintaining it."

Oregon has characteristically given up early leads to other teams, one of the things the Ducks have been working on. "Coach Haney had a list of seven various things we have to do to win, and we try to work on the same things every game," says Closs.

Arizona State plays the Ducks Saturday night, and Sun Devil coach Ned Wulk is duly suspicious of the Ducks' 0-3 record. "They only lost to USC by six and to UCLA by three in Los Angeles, so that's a good team."

Same old story

Women face toughest opponent

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Beginning to sound like a broken record, coach Elwin Heiny said the women's basketball team should meet its toughest competition of the year as it faces Washington State tonight at 5:30 at McArthur Court.

"I've said before every game this year that this would be our toughest game of the year," Heiny said rather apologetically Thursday, "but Washington State is definitely rated as one of the toughest in the (Northwest Women's Basketball) league. They are undefeated and other teams have said it's either us or them (as conference champion)."

Statistically (if statistics mean anything), Oregon and Washington State have definite similarities: --Oregon is 6-0 on the season; Washington is 10-0;

--Oregon has out-scored its opposition an average of 35.8 points

per game; Washington State has outscored opponents by 24.8;

--Oregon has pulled down an average of 53.2 rebounds per game; Washington State an average of 51.5;

--Oregon has held opponents to 38.8 rebounds per game; Washington State had held opponents to 42.1;

--Oregon's leading scorer, Bev Smit, is scoring at a 17.8 per game clip, Washington State's leader, Laurie Turner has scored an average of 16.2.

"It's going to be tough," Heiny says. "Our fast break should take its toll. They will probably be pressing us the whole game; that presents a different situation than we've had to encounter in the past."

"If we can keep the tempo of the game fast both defensively and offensively, we can wear most opponents down by the second half due to our depth."

Washington State is led by guard Jeanne Eggart, who was named to the AIAW Region 9 tournament team last year. "She's a very good outside shooter who handles the ball well," Heiny says.

"She's got a lot of points off us last year," Oregon's Debbie Adams says of Eggart. "But with the people we have--overall the team has gotten better--we should have the people to guard her without any problem."

The Ducks also play Boise State on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Boise State is 0-8 on the year and saddled with injuries. Oregon's Claudia Eaton will probably see no action due to illness.

Both women's games, played before the Oregon men's games at 8:10 p.m., require an athletic pass for admission.

Blazers lose

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Pistons made a comeback in the second half of the National Basketball Association game Thursday night and squeezed past the Portland Trail Blazers 104-101.

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Basketball

The men meet Arizona tonight and Arizona State tomorrow night at Mac Court. Both games begin at 8:10.

The women entertain Washington State tonight and Boise State tomorrow night in preliminary games to the men's action. Contest both nights start at 5:30.

Gymnastics

An all-star team from Japan meets an all-star contingent from the United States, coached by Oregon's Bill Ballester, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Mac Court.

The women are in Billings, Montana, Saturday to compete against Eastern Montana and Oregon College of Education.

Swimming

The men entertain Chico State tonight at 7 and Southern Oregon State Saturday at 10 a.m. at Leighton Pool.

The women travel to Corvallis for a meet with Oregon State tonight at 6.



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