

Sealey may not play against Huskies tonight

Oregon meets Washington tonight in Pac-10 basketball action, and the Ducks may be without the services of sophomore forward Felton Sealey.

The 6'4" Sealey injured his foot last Friday night against University of Arizona. The foot was x-rayed Monday and there was no evidence of a fracture.

Head coach Jim Haney indicates Sealey may be able to play tonight or against Washington State on Saturday if the pain subsides. "He has an arthritic spur on his foot, and we're waiting for the pain to go away so he can play," says Haney.

Haney says Mike Clark will start against the Huskies if Sealey is not up to par. The Ducks lose a lot when Sealey is out of the lineup though, says the coach.

"He's certainly playing good basketball, and he's consistent," says Haney. "He's probably our best player right now."

His consistency will not be the only thing absent if Sealey doesn't play. "The other thing is that he made the big play when we needed it," says Haney. "It's tough to lose a guy who wanted to get the job done, and got it done."

Although the Ducks may be without their "sparkplug," Haney says the team is moving steadily forward. "We're a far superior team than earlier in the season," he says.

A 1-4 conference record doesn't seem to indicate improvement, but Haney believes that with the "harder" games out of the way, the schedule favors the Ducks.

This weekend is the perfect time to take advantage of the schedule, adds Haney. "We have a chance to win two games, and all of a sudden we're at .500 with the next four games at home."

Though the best they can do this weekend is improve to 3-4,

Haney says he thinks these two games are extremely important. "It's no easy task to play on the road," he says, "because you have to motivate yourself and you can't rely on the fans."

The Ducks need to improve their shooting. Against Arizona State they shot 33 percent — the lowest mark of the season. According to Haney, shot selection plays an important role in shooting percentage. "When you have seven shots blocked, you can't expect to shoot very well," says Haney.

Against Washington, the Ducks will also have to control their running game. "We are fairly even in quickness and speed, but they've run the fast break longer than we have, so they may be better at it," says Haney.

Center Dan Hartshorne still leads the team in both scoring average (12.9) and rebounding (7.6), and is expected to start after missing practices last week.

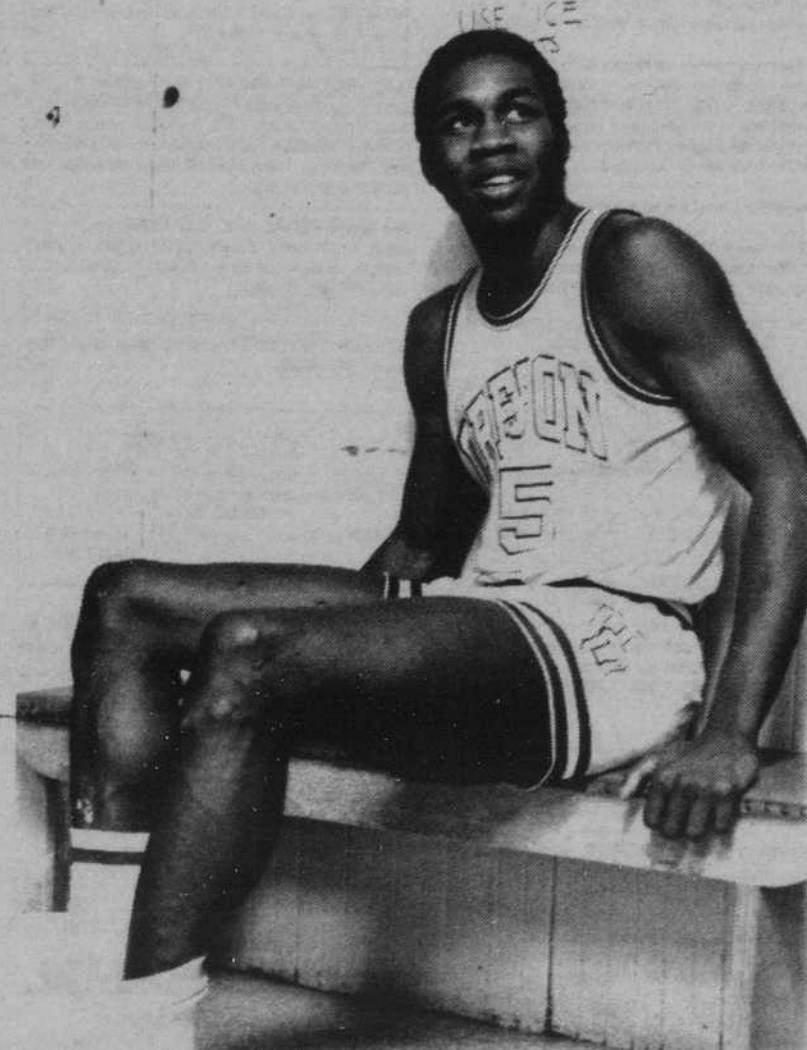


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Head basketball coach Jim Haney calls Felton Sealey his team's "sparkplug," but the Ducks' standout sophomore forward was slowed down with a foot injury in last Friday's game against Arizona. However, doctors see no evidence of a fracture, and Sealey may see some action tonight against Washington.

Arizona State here tonight Well rested wrestlers return to action

Earlier this month, the Oregon wrestling team took on five opponents in six days and won just one match. Three of the losses came to nationally-ranked teams, including traditional powers Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. Now, following a 10-day rest, the Ducks begin an equally grueling period, this time facing four teams in five days. Two of their opponents — Arizona State and Oregon State — are nationally-ranked.

Tonight Arizona State comes to town for a 7:30 p.m. match in Mac Court. The Sun Devils are rated 16th; the Ducks are 18th.

The contest should be as close as the rankings, because the two teams match their best wrestlers at the same weights. Those match ups would not have come about, however, if Oregon coach Ron Finley hadn't decided to do a little shuffling of personnel. Junior Don Brown, who has established a 14-3 record at 190 pounds, will drop a weight class to 177 and face Dan Severn, the country's second-ranked 177-pounder.

Brown weighed in at just 184 pounds for his matches against Oklahoma and Oklahoma State (both of which he lost), and both he and Finley feel "No Neck" will better utilize his strength at a lower weight.

Brown will need all the muscle he can muster. Severn, a junior from Montrose, Miss, is a two-time Western Athletic Conference champ. "Severn is a real strong

stud of a guy," says Finley.

Oregon's Scott Bliss, the second-ranked 150-pounder in the nation, will also switch weights, but he's moving up to 158. There he will meet Royce Oliver, who finished fifth at 150 pounds in the 1976 and 1977 NCAA tournaments and is rated sixth nationally at 158.

"We're gonna' match our power with theirs, and we'll just have to see how we do," says Finley. "It might be disastrous, but we haven't been winning some of the individual bouts we should be."

Bliss probably could have stayed at 150, but the Ducks have been devastated by injuries lately, especially at 158, where Barry Boyles and Leonard Simon were available before being hurt.

Also missing from the lineup are 167-pounder Jeff Stuebing and 126-pound freshman Russ Miller. Finley is not sure if he'll have to forfeit a weight class; he's still looking for bodies. "I just wait day by day to see if anyone gets healthy," he says. "Everyday when they come in for practice I ask if anyone has good news for me."

One bit of good news is that 118-pounder Adam Cuestes will be available. He missed both matches with the Oklahoma schools because of the flu.

The Ducks lineup tonight will include Cuestes, Mike Erb at 126, freshman sensation Bill Nugent at 134, Jim Hildebrand at 142, Dave Loftis at 150, Bliss, Brown and heavyweight Craig Schoene.

On Friday night the Ducks will entertain unranked Arizona at Mac Court at 7:30 before heading for Washington Saturday. Monday night, Oregon State, rated in the top five all year, will come to Mac Court.

The rugged schedule is not of Finley's choosing. The date of the matches is determined by both the availability of Mac Court and the travel schedule of the opposing teams. As Finley sums up, "We'd like to have it different, but you just have to do the best you can."

Blazers fall again, 111-110

ATLANTA (AP) — Center Wayne "Tree" Rollins hit a layup with seven seconds remaining Wednesday to give the Atlanta Hawks a 111-110 National Basketball Association victory over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Two free throws by Ron Brewer had given Portland a 110-109 lead with 10 seconds to play. After a time-out, the Hawks worked the ball underneath to Rollins for the winning score.

Atlanta extended its longest winning streak of the season to five games and handed the Blazers their fifth consecutive loss.

Hawk forward John Drew led all scorers with 36 points, while Maurice Lucas and Bob Gross scored 31 and 15 points respectively for the Blazers.



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