

Ducks challenge Washington foes

Struggling men seek end to losing streak

Oregon's men's basketball team will be looking to break a four-game losing streak when they host Washington State University today and the University of Washington Saturday at McArthur Court. Both games will start at 8:10 p.m.

Oregon, 10-11 this season and 3-8 in the Pacific-10 Conference, is coming off an eight-day rest after losing to Oregon State, 78-61. Before that were consecutive losses to Stanford, Cal-Berkeley and UCLA.

Oregon coach Jim Haney says the one-week layoff was beneficial, especially for the mental level of the team.

"I think it was valuable for us to take a step back," Haney says. "Our mental status was in a negative form of mind."

Haney has been pleased with the practices so far this week, and feels the Ducks can bounce back from the season-low .407 shooting performance against the Beavers.

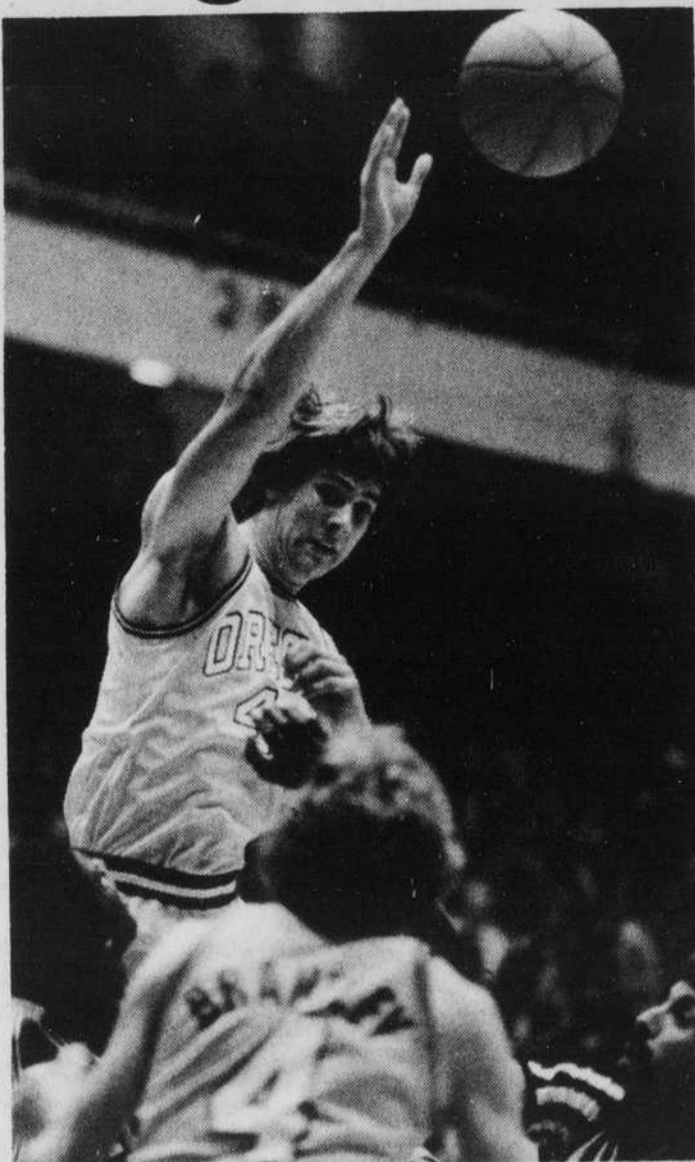
"There's been a little more crispness in our shooting during the practices," Haney says, who saw his team toss up three or four consecutive shots under the basket against OSU without scoring.

Making those high-percentage shots will be essential against Washington, which allowed Oregon 91 points earlier this season but scored 102 points of their own.

Haney wouldn't be surprised if another scorefest occurs in Mac Court. "I'm not content to walk the ball up the court," he says, adding his hopes that the Ducks will play better defense than the last Husky outing.

The Huskies, 6-7 and 12-10, played some impressive basketball against the Arizona schools last weekend, losing both games by only two points apiece.

The Cougars, on the other hand, have the distinction of being the only team Oregon has defeated on the road — a 70-66 decision in Pullman.



Oregon's Mike Clark should key the Duck offense as the men face two Washington foes in a doubleheader with the women tonight and Saturday.

League games await 14th-ranked women

With only five home games remaining on its regular season schedule, Oregon's 14th-ranked women's basketball team is aiming for another perfect league record and top-seeding in the regional tournament.

The Ducks, 7-0 in league play and 18-5 this season, will take on Washington State University tonight and Eastern Washington State University Saturday. Tip-off time for both games is 5:45 as the women open two doubleheaders, while the men will follow with Pac-10 foes.

Both games should provide some tough competition, says Duck coach Elwin Heiny, whose team has won 36 straight league games. The Cougars will again be lead by Jeanne Eggart, who sat out last season.

Eggart is averaging 23.8 points a game for the Cougars, who sport an 11-10 season record.

"She's their top player," Heiny said. "And they (WSU) are probably the top team on that side of the league." WSU and Eastern Washington, members of Region 9's Mountain Division, are currently in a three-way tie with Montana for first place in the division. All three teams have 4-3 league records.

The Eagles have had a rocky season, though, says Heiny. "Eastern Washington was favored in its division. They are the tallest as far as average height, but they have no performed totally up to their potential this season."

The Eagles, who start four people 6-0 or taller, won the Mountain Division last season and finished third at the Region 9 tournament. They are 9-12 this season.

"We won't worry about what they might do," says Heiny. "We'll just go out in both games and play our game. I'm sure our defense can take them out of their game."

Fans must have tickets to the men's games to see the women's games. But KRVM (91.9 FM) will broadcast both women's games beginning at 5:35 p.m.

Axe may fall on gymnastics, swim teams

By JODY MURRAY
Of the Emerald

Both men's and women's swimming and gymnastics teams are being recommended by the athletic department to be dropped from the program.

The recommendation, proposed Thursday night by Athletic Director John Caine, will be sent to the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee. The committee, composed of faculty,

students and community representatives, will send its recommendation to Acting Pres. Paul Olum for final affirmation.

Caine will also recommend that the remaining 16 sports be split into two classifications — national and regional. Caine would not say how those classifications would be distributed.

The committee, chaired by Paul Swadener, associate

professor of finance, will consider Caine's proposals at meetings next week.

The cuts are a result of a \$375,000 budget deficit incurred this year by the athletic department. Caine said his proposal is based on "absolute necessity" and are the result of a review of eight criteria, of which cost was the most critical.

"I am very much opposed to dropping any sports," Caine

said, "and I have the greatest admiration for the sports that I am forced to recommend to be dropped."

"But necessity has overcome any of these considerations. It needs to be understood that we must yet identify additional areas of expense reduction, because income potential is beginning to level off, and we in athletics have specific directives from the University administration that the budget is to be

balanced and the debt eliminated."

Caine said the four programs represent a cost of \$197,728 for this year's budget. Dropping the two men's programs would leave the University with the minimum of eight men's sports necessary for NCAA membership.

The national or regional priority for the surviving sports entails saving costs by limiting travel of certain programs.

A "great effort" is still required to balance this year's budget, Caine said, and he hoped a major concert at Autzen Stadium this June could help achieve it. The last Autzen concert was June 1978, featuring the Grateful Dead.

Virginia Van Rossen, the women's swimming coach, felt the proposal is misdirected.

"It's not going to save a lot of money," she said. "I can't understand it. They're cutting the wrong sport."

Unlike the gymnastics programs, men's and women's swimming is only partially funded by the athletic department. Except for the coaches' salaries, most of the team's costs are covered by fund-raising activities.

"There are still (budget-cutting) solutions where we don't have to cut sports," said Van Rossen, who hopes the committee will "do what's fair and logical."

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