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Sports

Paddlers sport foreign flavor

By Todd Fletcher
 Of the Emerald

"Spanning the globe..." is a very appropriate opening line for ABC's Wide World of Sports, but it's also well suited for Oregon's table tennis team.

The team, which is a club sport, is made up of players from Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, and Sweden as well as the United States.

Adnan Alawami, who is the team's number one man and ranked sixth in his home country of Saudi Arabia, says the biggest difference in table tennis between Saudi Arabia and the United States is organization.

"Over there (Saudi Arabia) every province has a club so there is a lot of opportunity to play. Over here there is no set schedule for practices, nor is there a coach, but the competition here is good."

Selim Hassan, captain of the team, added that coaches in Europe earn up to \$100,000 a year.

The international flavor of the Duck team is not unique to Oregon. The other teams in the league: Portland State, Portland Community College and Oregon State have players from around the world. The number one man at PCC is from Vietnam, while OSU's

number one and two players are from India and Pakistan.

What is it like to play and practice against the foreign competition? Dennis Boeger the number two man on the squad, and Dave Krauss, number three man from Grants Pass both agree practicing against the foreign players is beneficial.

"Everybody is fundamentally the same," says Boeger, who is ranked number two in his home state of Alaska, "but the styles of play are different. The more styles of play you face, the better you are going to get." Boeger cited the Chinese as a prime example of a different style. They play all the way over on the backhand side, thus using their forehand all the time. Playing against varied styles successfully comes down to making adjustments.

"The styles are quite a bit different," Krauss adds. "The Swedes and French play a very defensive game with a lot of pushing the ball. American style of play is not like that at all."

American style of play is much more aggressive, more on the offensive, says Krauss.

How does American competition size up to the competition of the foreign players home countries? From the for-

eign players standpoint, competition is better in their home countries, just because it has gained acceptance and there is more opportunity to play.

Sweden has clubs in every town and as a result is very strong in international competition. Hassan says that in Bangladesh, table tennis is the third most popular sport in the country behind soccer and volleyball.

"I'm very optimistic about table tennis in America," says Hassan.

Hassan's optimism stems from the fact that table tennis will become an Olympic sport in 1988 and American interest will increase as a result. Right now the best American player is ranked only in the top 40 in the world, but Hassan sees that all changing as the 1988 Olympics draw nearer.

One thing all the players have in common is making the distinction between table tennis and ping pong. Hassan summed it up best.

"Table tennis is a high speed close quartered game and ping pong is something that is played in the basement as a study break."

The Ducks are also very good at this high speed, close quartered game. So far the team is 2-0 with wins over PCC and OSU.

Indoor meet scheduled for Fairgrounds

EUGENE (AP) — The first indoor track and field meet to be held in this track-crazy city is scheduled for Jan. 29 at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

The Eugene Indoor meet will be sponsored by the Oregon Track Club.

"It's a developmental-style meet," said meet director Mitch Allara. "We're doing it as a fund-raiser for Oregon Track Club athletes and to afford runners in the area a chance to compete when they normally wouldn't."

The meet will be open to competitors from high-school age through masters, with 12 events planned. There will be no limit on entries.

Sports Shots

The DeFrisco Cup, league championship and the bragging rights to the city will be on the line when the Oregon Rugby Club takes on the Eugene Rugby Club Saturday for the first half championship of the Oregon Rugby Union.

Both teams are 7-0 in league play and will meet at 12:30 p.m. at Southbank Field. The DeFrisco Cup is a trophy that alternates between the two clubs, depending on who wins each match.

Bring out your best with RIM

Help Wanted - Earn extra money winter term! Sign up now to officiate intramural basketball or intramural soccer. Come in to the RIM office, 103 Gerlinger and fill out an application.

One Day Celebration of Roundball - There is still time to get your team together for this special day of basketball. Entries are due December 3 by 5 p.m. All games will be played on Saturday, Dec. 4. Entries will be limited due to time and space - don't miss out. Entry blanks available at 103 Gerlinger.

Open Recreation & Open Swim - Use the open pool and gym time to relax and keep in shape these last two weeks of fall term. It's important to take a break to remain efficient. Check posted open hours or drop by the RIM office and pick up a copy of open hours.

Winter Term RIM Sports - Dead Week entry blanks will be available for RIM activities. Start now to get your teams organized. The following events/sports are on tap:

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| Basketball | Inner Tube Polo | Fun Runs |
| Soccer | Tennis Doubles | Scotch Doubles Bowling |
| Handball | Inner Tube Race | Badminton |
| Racquetball | Sport Photography Contest | Arm Wrestling |

Racquetball Mixed Doubles
 Free Throw Contest
 Winter Doldrums Night



RESULTS

Wrestling	1st Place	2nd Place	Tennis Singles	1st Place	2nd Place
Division A Division B	Caswell Sigma Chi	Sigma Chi Theta Chi	Women Men-Novice Men-Inter. Men-Adv.	Lisa Yauger Steve Friedman Dan Orman Rich Ming	Dwayne Jeanotte Nick Beres Hal Zweben
Football			Cross Country		
Men's I A Men's I B Men's II A Men's II B Women Razzle Dazzle	Makani Mauraders 4th World Mt. Fresh Pounders Fighting Klonoskis Tri Deltis Burgess	Sigma Nu TST X-Bucs Phi Deltis Phi Delt/Kappa	Men Co-ed	12th St. Buds Graduate Gallopers	Tingle
Volleyball			Inner Tube Basketball		
Men's I Men's II Women Co-ed I A Co-ed I B Co-ed II A Co-ed II B	PKP Poi Pounders Tri Delt PKP/Tri Delt Theta-Theta BSSer's SM Squared	PKA I Scamers Ganoes Wana B's Team Poi Pounders Darwin Raiders	Co-ed	Sig Eps	Dunkin Donuts
3x3 Basketball			Racquetball Doubles		
Women	Master Blasters	Chumps	Women Men-Novice Men-Inter. Men-Adv.	Shawn McCrea Kurt Harland Mike Constantini Jeff Hanson	Kim McCrea Dave Ruddick Mark Paisley Shannon Baird
			Turkey Trot		
			4 mile 2.5 mile	Dan Nelson Bill Brewer	John Goodenberger Joel Forbess



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GYMS
**GER & GERX MUWH 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. F 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Sat 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
**ESL MUWHF 7:00am - 10:00pm Sat-Sun 7:00am - 10:00pm
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