Sports Oregon faces the Beavers

By Jeff Lutzky

Of the Emerald The Oregon softball team will attempt to end its season on a positive note as it enters the home stretch of the season with 10 games in five days.

The Ducks, 14-28 overall and 1-7 in NorPac Conference play, will play a pair of doubleheaders with Oregon State University this weekend - at Corvallis Saturday in a pair of Nor-Pac counting games, and at Oregon Field at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"We set some goals on what we should do earlier this year," coach Teresa Wilson says. "We picked out the games we thought we should win during the remainder of the season. It's important to end on a positive note so we can build for next season."

The Ducks should have a little momentum. going into the games with the Beavers since they won the first game of a doubleheader with Portland State University to break a nine-game losing streak. The second game of the twin bill was rained out.

Oregon was scheduled to play a doubleheader with OSU last Saturday and Tuesday, but both games were washed out by rain. The games on Sunday with the Beavers will be makeups.

The rainouts may have been a blessing in disguise as Oregon got a chance to rest its wounded bodies after a long California trip.

"We've been playing with eight and a half players since we got back from California." Wilson says:

Paige Maks has two stress fractures but. because she wants to play and there's only a week left in the season, the doctor agreed to allow Maks to finish out the season before putting her in a cast. Wilson says.

With only nine players available to her, Wilson has been forced to juggle the lineup as well as the positions of some of her players. She is impressed with the way they have responded.

They have become oriented to their new positions," Wilson says. "I had to move Kristl Okuhara to shortstop, Christi Long to third, and Susan Uhrich to second. They're playing positions they haven't played all year, and doing a real good job adjusting. That extra week has given them a chance to familiarize themselves with their new positions."

Wilson also is impressed with how her players adjusted to the hardships they faced throughout the year.

"They support each other real well." Wilson says. "They've been working especially hard, keeping each other up. Their spirits are high and they have been super supportive of each other.

Although the Ducks may have lost some of the momentum they gained from the victory over PSU. Wilson isn't concerned.

"It was nice to get back on the winning track." Wilson says. "We needed both momentum and rest, but especially the rest and a chance to heal our wounds.

Following the games with the Beavers. Oregon will play at Pacific on Monday, at PSU on Tuesday, and against Western Oregon on Wednesday at Oregon Field at 4 p.m. in the final game of the season.

The games with OSU, however, are the biggest ones for the Ducks.«

"Every time we've played them it's been real close," says Wilson of the two games with the Beavers. "If a few breaks had gone the other way we might have won. They're a strong-hitting team and we want to beat them more than ever to end our season on a positive note.

Golfers stand in tie for seventh

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ .- Led by senior Paul Weinhold, who shot an opening round one-under 71. the Oregon golf team fired a combined team mark of five-over 365 to stand in a tie for seventh place after the first round of the Sun Devil-Phoenix Thunderbird Collegiate Thursday afternoon.

Weinhold's 71 on the par-72 McCormick Ranch Golf Club course ties him for 14th overall, four strokes behind co-leaders Rich Bietz and Bill Mayfair of Arizona State.

USC All-American Sam Randolph is one stroke back of Bietz and Mayfair at four-under 68.

The Ducks are 16 strokes back of team leader

ASU, who have three players in the top nine individually.

More importantly for the Ducks is that they are three strokes ahead of San Jose State University and six ahead of UCLA.

If the Ducks finish ahead of the Spartans and Bruins in this tournament, they can virtually wrap-up an NCAA tournament bid based on head-to-head competition with the two schools this season

The NCAA tournament is scheduled for May 28-31 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The tournament continues with single rounds Friday and Saturday afternoons.



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