

SPORTS

Men's water polo takes two wins

Two Club Sports teams were in action during the first week of school, each having good results.

The men's club water polo team competed in a five-team tournament in Canada and won two of four games.

Oregon's team beat Washington 12-4 and the University of Victoria 6-5 but lost to Simon Fraser 4-2 and to the University of British Columbia by a 16-11 count.

Coach Sean Broderick said that his team had only two days of practice before the tournament while the Canadian schools had been in school and practicing for a month and a half.

"All the players except for three or four are new and all of the guys have never played together before," he said. "We haven't meshed together yet, and when we do, it will be a big benefit for our next tournament in two weeks."



Ben McIver and Mark Miksis led Oregon in scoring, which uses this as one of its tournaments for seeding purposes for the Nor-Pac Championships.

Oregon competes in the Nor-Pac along with Portland State, Washington, Washington State and the three Canadian schools that were in last week's tournament.

Broderick said he felt Oregon played well in the tournament and likes his team's overall talent.

"I have a lot of talent to work with," he said. "We have a good offense and a good defense. It will be a major advantage to get some practice in."

Oregon will be off this weekend but will return to action Oct. 13 in a tournament in Puyallup, Wash. sponsored by the University of Washington.

The men's club soccer team also was in action last week, as it beat Evergreen State College 2-1 in Olympia, Wash.

Oregon scored on goals by Sam Maccarrone and Andy Gagnier to pull off the victory.

The men's team will be back in action today, hosting the University of Portland at the southbank field near the footbridge going to Autzen Stadium. Kickoff time is 4 p.m.

Meanwhile the women's club soccer team opened its season Tuesday against Pacific University at Forest Grove.

Ducks ranked in national polls

The Oregon football team isn't the only Duck team in a Top 20 or Top 25 poll this week as two more teams are ranked in NCAA polls and a third is teetering on the border.

Both Oregon cross country teams are in the rankings, with the men checking in at No. 9 in the men's Top 20 poll and the women holding down the No. 11 ranking in the women's Top 25 poll.

Meanwhile, the Duck volleyball team continues to receive votes for the NCAA and Tachikara/AVCA polls, but fell short of the Top 20 this week.

The men's cross country team was sixth last week, but fell three spots after finishing second in the Mountain West Classic this past weekend in Missoula, Mont. Kentucky, which won the Classic, is tied for 14th this week along with Dartmouth.

Iowa State is ranked No. 1 in the men's poll this week, with Arkansas second and Wisconsin third. Two Pacific-10 Conference teams besides the Ducks are also in the Top 20 this week, with Arizona at No. 6 and Washington at No. 12.

The women's cross country team is the highest ranked Pac-10 team, while two other conference schools are in the Top 25 with Washington State at No. 15 and Arizona ranked 24th.

Coach Tom Heinonen's team will be back in action this weekend when they travel to the GBS/Nike Invitational in Minneapolis, Minn. The men's team will be off this week but will compete in the Jeff Drenth Memorial at Alton Baker Park on Oct. 13 as will the women's team.

Coach Gerry Gregory's volleyball team received votes in both polls, being one of only three teams to receive votes in the Tachikara poll and not make the Top 20. The Ducks were also one of only seven teams to receive votes in the NCAA poll and not break into the Top 20.

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