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Oregon's Darin Barzali (left) battles for the puck during the Oregon's Club Hockey team's 11-2 loss against the Eugene Blues last Friday night.

Hockey team drops game to local squad

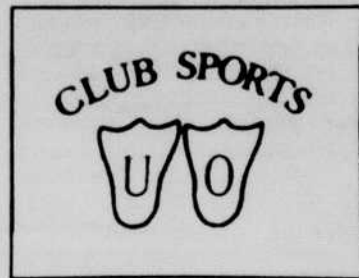
Oregon's Club Sports hockey team took it on the chin last Friday night as the Eugene Blues skated their way past the Ducks to an 11-2 victory at Lane County Ice.

The Ducks got a first-period goal from Todd Holthe and a third-period tally by Scott Brown, who doubles as the team coordinator, on an assist by Darin Barzali.

Brown said Oregon has, in the past, had trouble beating the Blues, a local adult all-star team.

"We've played them about five times now," Brown said, "and we haven't beaten them yet. They are older and have been playing together for over a year while we are in the process of rebuilding.

"If the games were full contact I think we'd do better



against them," Brown added.

Oregon will take its show to Seattle the first weekend in December for a tournament, Brown said. The team's next home game will be a full contact affair against Gonzaga at Lane County Ice.

Full contact games are something that, according to Brown, the Duck players enjoy more and are searching for.

"We're trying to get into a club hockey area league," Brown said.

Wrestling team ranked 17th in pre-season poll

The *Amateur Wrestling News* has tabbed Oregon 17th in its pre-season Top 40 poll, based on the number of wrestlers in the top eight in each weight class.

Powerhouses Iowa and Oklahoma State are ranked first and second, respectively, with Nebraska, Arizona State and Penn State rounding out the top five.

In the individual weight classes, Ore-

gon's Dan Vidlak is ranked second at 118 pounds behind Jeff Prescott of Penn State.

Oregon's cross country teams were both ranked in the top 10 in the final NCAA polls released this week.

The women's team moved up from seventh to fourth after winning the Region VIII meet last Saturday in Fresno, Calif., by a single point over Cal-Irvine.

UC-Irvine, which was ranked fifth two weeks ago, dropped to sixth in the women's Top 25 poll.

In the men's top 20 poll, Oregon checks in at No. 8 this week after being fifth two weeks ago. The Ducks, without No. 1 runner Colin Dalton at the regional meet, finished third behind Arizona and Washington, but still secured an NCAA bid with the third-place finish.

Arizona is the top-ranked Pacific-10

Conference team in the men's poll, checking in at No. 3 while Washington is ninth.

Iowa State and Arkansas are first and second, respectively, in the men's poll, while Villanova, Indiana and Brigham Young hold down the three spots in the women's poll.

The NCAA Cross Country Championships will be held Monday in Knoxville, Tenn.

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