# Oregon hockey team trounces Walla Walla

By Doug Carter



Fast and physical were the two most obvious ways to describe the play of Ore-SPORTS hockey team this

weekend during its domination of Walla Walla College at Lane County Ice.

The Ducks never trailed while outscoring their nonleague opponents 26-4 in two games. On Sunday, the Ducks blew open a one-goal game with nine unanswered second period goals and cruised to a 15-2 win. Saturday's season opener was more physical, but not much closer: Ducks 11, Walla Walla 2

Oregon lines blew past Walla Walla defenders all weekend, knocking down any obstacles along the way. Defenseman Mark Liebert repeatedly separated opponents from the puck, flattening most of their scoring chances.

"We came out looking to hit and play some physical hockey," Liebert said.

The physical nature of Oregon proved to be dominating. Even while playing short-handed the Ducks managed to keep the puck in the Walla Walla zone. The Ducks even scored once, courtesy of wing Richard

Despite owning insurmountable leads in the final period both days, Coach Mike Sobol refused to let his players lose focus.

"With a lead like that it's easy to have drifting minds," a visibly pleased Sobol said. "We kept after it all day, and I think it'll pay off when we play tougher teams like Washington and Colorado State.

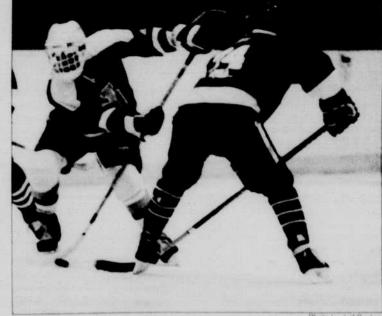
Wing Mike Rousell stayed after it and scored in the final period Sunday for the third time and Oregon's first hat trick of

the season. He is tied with four other players for the team lead with three goals. Captain Scott Brown (three goals, three assists) and wing Darin Varzali (two goals, four assists) are team leaders with six points

Oregon wasted little time before lighting the scoreboard Saturday night. Tucker found the net just 15 seconds into the first period and the season. From there, the Ducks sliced through the ice with good skating and crisp passing that continually baffled defenders and pleased

"We're ahead of where I hoped to be with our passing game," Sobol said. "I'm really pleased with my guys."

The Ducks travel to the Bay area to begin league play this weekend. They will play three times in as many days, facing league opponents San Jose State, California-Berkeley and non-league Stanford.



The Oregon club hockey team crushed visiting Walla Walla College twice over the weekend at Lane County Ice.

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Everybody knows that when Oregon comes here, they play their best game of the season," Washington linebacker Dana Hall said. "They were a little injured, so maybe we didn't get their

Oregon certainly didn't give its best effort last week in a 45-7 loss at California, and free safety Eric Castle could detect the difference between the two losses

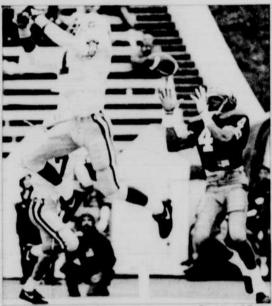
We had a lot to prove this game," Castle said, "especially after last week against Cal when we stunk up the place.

Defensive end Gary Williams said there was no way the 30-point favorite Huskies were just going to win just by showing up.

We played with heart today," Williams said "Nobody had any doubts we came to play."

The Ducks played well at times but were not spectacular. On offense, Oregon totaled a meager 129 yards of total offense, an extremely low total by even the Washington defense's standards.

Defensively, the Ducks allowed a lot of offensive numbers get out of hand, but not the score.



Washington's Orlando McKay catches a 16-yard, fourth-quarter touchdown pass over Oregon's Muhammad Oliver.

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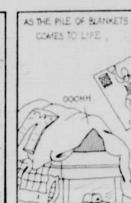
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