

Women hope luck continues

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It's amazing what a win can do for a struggling team.

The Oregon women's basketball team beat UCLA 89-78 last Saturday for its first Pacific-10 Conference win of the season, breaking an 11-game losing streak this season and a 14-game Pac-10 losing streak that dated back to last year. With one win under their belt, the Ducks have renewed optimism.

"We've got to come back and win one again," Oregon head coach Elwin Heiny said. "The feeling that we can't do it is gone. We have finally started playing the way we have in practice."

The Ducks (1-10) will travel north to Seattle and Pullman this weekend to face the Washington schools. Thursday night Oregon faces the 6-5 Huskies, who are coming off a road trip that saw them go 1-3 and drop near the lower division of the Pac-10.

Washington is led by center Rhonda Smith, who averages 18.8 points and 7.7 rebounds per game. Smith finished with 31 points and 12 rebounds in the Huskies' 87-74 victory over the Ducks earlier this year.

Oregon could move out of sole possession of last

place in the Pac-10 Saturday night against the Cougars. Washington State (2-9) is on a seven-game losing streak and has not won since its 66-54 victory over the Ducks Jan. 21.

The Ducks' Debbie Sporcich appears to have recovered from an ankle injury that hampered her this season, as she totaled 46 points and grabbed 16 rebounds during last week's games against USC and UCLA. Sporcich was especially tough in the Ducks' victory over the Bruins when she scored 27 points and 10 rebounds. Sporcich was named Pac-10 co-Player of the Week for her efforts.

Sporcich is leading the Ducks in scoring (14.9 points a game), rebounding (8.2), blocked shots (.8) and field goal percentage (60 percent). Sporcich is in reach of ex-Duck and current Oregon assistant coach Stefanie Kasperski's Pac-10 record of 60.6 percent field goal percentage.

While Sporcich and Sara Wilson have played well inside for the Ducks, Oregon has also found its range from outside. The Ducks lead the Pac-10 in three-pointers made (112) and attempts (314).

Oregon's Peggy Swadener is second in the conference in three-point percentage at 39.7 percent, followed by teammates Karen Healea, Jessica Schutt and Missy Stowell, who all rank among the top 10 in the conference.

NABC condemns Campanelli firing

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — For the first time in its 66-year history, the National Association of Basketball Coaches publicly condemned the firing of one of its members as it came to the support of Lou Campanelli. The NABC, signaling a new attitude concerning a coach's role in the administration of the sport, accused California of treating Campanelli unfairly and called his firing "a shock to the college basketball community."

"The NABC is not a judicial

body, but the association must be concerned with the treatment of its members," the NABC said in a prepared statement.

"We can see no evidence of coach Campanelli being granted rights that everyone deserves. If his employer had concerns regarding his job performance, he was entitled by fair standards to be informed and notified of the seriousness of those concerns in a timely manner and provided an opportunity to respond."

Campanelli was fired unexpectedly Feb. 8. His young team, led by star freshman Jason Kidd, was 10-7 and had beaten several highly regarded teams, including UCLA and Louisville.

The NABC's 16-member board of directors, which includes many prominent coaches, met for almost one-and-a-half hours by conference call Monday to discuss Campanelli and what they view as a trend toward midseason dismissals.

Golfers finish 11th at Hawaii tournament

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The Oregon men's golf team started strong but finished slowly on its way to an 11th-place finish at the Big Island Intercollegiate in Waikoloa, Hawaii, last weekend.

Oregon sophomore Ted Snavelly played his best collegiate tournament ever, finishing third with a 2-under-par 214. The competition in the tournament was tough, as eight of the top 10 individual finishers were All-Americans last season.

The Ducks started the tournament well and were tied for sixth place at 294 after the first day. Snavelly shot a 3-under-par 69 on the opening day, followed by Cam Martin, who shot a 72, and junior Randy McCracken at 74.

The second round of the tournament killed Oregon's chances of a high finish, as the Ducks shot a 23-over-par 311 and had no individual shoot lower than 76. Snavelly and Jeff Lyons each shot 76 to pace the Ducks.

Oregon entered the third round Monday in 11th place, 27 shots behind Arizona State, and was unable to make up any ground during the last round. Snavelly once again led the Ducks with a 69 and Lyons followed with a 73, but the rest of the team struggled. The Ducks finished at 301 for the day and remained in 11th place with a final score of 906.

Lyons and McCracken finished tied for 43rd place with totals of 229, followed by Martin at 235 and Paul Regali at 242.

Arkansas took the team title with a score of 872, one shot ahead of Arizona State. The Sun Devils' Todd Dempsey led the tournament after each round and won the individual title with an 8-under-par 208.

The Ducks return to action when they host the Duck Invitational March 8 and 9.

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