

Ducks fall in last exhibition game

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Oregon finished its exhibition season Sunday night with a 78-77 defeat to Athletes in Action at McArthur Court. The Ducks split two exhibition games and got their first counting victory of the year over Humboldt State in between.

Oregon overcame a slow start and played well in the second half, but could not overcome Athletes In Action, a traveling exhibition team made up of older players, many with college experience. Oregon eventually gained the lead AIA went on a 10-0 run in the second half, shutting out Oregon for five minutes during that span.

The two teams traded free throws in the last two minutes and Oregon was not able to regain the lead. However, AIA didn't seal the victory until Robert Sewell rebounded Mario Donaldson's missed free throw and ran out the clock with three seconds left in the game.

"I thought we came out and looked like a young club, which we are," Oregon head coach Jerry Green said.

Green experimented with several different units Sunday, as all 12 players played, and guard Orlando Williams led the team with 27 minutes played. Eight players played at least 15 minutes for the Ducks.

Athletes In Action was playing its 12th game in 13 days, but showed no signs of wear early on as it jumped out to a quick 15-4 lead six minutes into the game. The Ducks hit only two of their first 11 shots and came up empty on ten of their first 12 possessions of the game.

"Early in the game our effort was slacked," Williams said. "Our defense was terrible. They did what they wanted to and their early lead led to our downfall."

Oregon began to warm up during the end of the first half, and got within 41-34 at halftime by scor-

ing on six of its final nine possessions.

After falling behind by 13 points at the beginning of the second half, the Ducks went on a 19-2 run to take a 55-51 lead with 11:04 remaining in the game. Williams spurred the Ducks during the run, scoring ten points, including two three-pointers.

"I felt good," said Williams, who led the Ducks with 13 points. "John Mitchell kept getting me the ball. The first two games were tough for me so I wanted to play well. In the second half I got it going."

Oregon's Jordy Lyden finished the run with a layup to give the Ducks their first lead at 52-51 followed by a three-pointer from the right side.

The two teams then traded baskets for a while before Athletes In Action went on its 10-0 run to regain the lead for the final time.

Oregon's biggest bugaboo all night was free throws, as Oregon finished 18 of 36 from the line. Oregon missed nine free throws in a row during one stretch in the first half, and the crowd of 4,495 responded with loud applause when Lyden finally broke the streak.

"Free throw shooting killed us most of the night," Green said. "We only shot four of 13 in the first half and that's not good for any team much less a major college team."

Oregon's scoring was well balanced, with four players in double figures. Point guard Kenya Wilkins scored 12 points despite being ill. The 5-foot-10 freshman had a tough test going against former NBA player Rod Foster and Keith Smith, a former All-Pac-10 point guard for California.

Zach Sellers also added 12 points, to go along with a team-high nine rebounds. Lyden and Aaron Johnson put in ten points each for the Ducks.

Oregon has a week of practice ahead before facing Pacific at home Saturday night.



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Duck wrestlers top Cardinal, 28-20

The Oregon wrestling team opened its dual season with a 28-20 win over Stanford at McArthur Court Saturday night.

The Ducks came from behind, winning their final four matches

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to pick up the victory over the Cardinal. Heavyweight Chris Anderson won his third match of the season in the evening's finale to wrap up the Oregon win.

The Ducks fell behind 20-8 when 158-pound Scott Chapman pinned Oregon's Scott Norton. Chapman led 2-0 when he pinned Norton less than two minutes into the match.

At 167 pounds, Oregon's Peter Stayner won a major decision 18-8 over Stanford's Ryan Barnes to get Oregon within 20-12. Stayner got ahead early with a pair of takedowns and never trailed in the match.

Oregon's Tom Glenn won by forfeit at 177 pounds to cut Stanford's lead to 20-18, and Jeff McCoy (190) gave Oregon the lead with a 10-0 major decision over Bryan Vaniman. McCoy is now 3-0 overall and 1-0 in dual meets.

Anderson built a 21-7 lead on Stanford's Chris Serjak before pinning him 5:32 into the match

to give the Ducks the victory.

In the first match of the night, Oregon's Kevin Roberts (118) remained unbeaten at 4-0 with a 21-6 victory over Rany Saad. One-hundred-forty-two-pound Cory Sonnen lifted his record to 4-0 with a 5-4 decision over Jimmy Agguire.

Oregon's next tournament is the Las Vegas Invitational Dec. 3-4.

Oregon's women's basketball team split a pair of games in the Paradise Classic in Hawaii this weekend, losing to Hawaii and defeating Northern Illinois.

Oregon lost 73-64 to Hawaii on Friday. The Ducks led 23-21 at halftime but were hurt by poor foul shooting in their first regular season game. Oregon made only eight of 20 free-throw attempts.

Forward Jessica Schutt paced Oregon with 25 points, four rebounds and four assists. Forward Debbie Sporcich had 13 points, nine rebounds and five assists for the Ducks.

Oregon bounced back Saturday with a 73-64 victory against Northern Illinois. Oregon shot .591 for the game while holding Northern Illinois to 35 percent shooting from the field.

Sporcich scored 17 points and

had 14 rebounds for the Ducks. Schutt scored 16, and guard Missy Croshaw added 13 points.

The Oregon men's tennis team was swept by Hawaii and Brigham Young last week in Honolulu.

The Rainbows beat the Ducks 5-2 Thursday, and Brigham Young picked up a 5.5-1.5 victory over Oregon Friday.

Josh Prager and Mike Goldstein won their singles matches, and the doubles team of Lee Kirner and Christian Oelke also picked up a victory against Hawaii. Matt Cobo won his singles match against BYU, and Goldstein had a draw against the Cougars.

Against Hawaii, Prager cruised past Alex Simon in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0. Goldstein had a rougher time against Hawaii's Kula Oda, splitting the first two sets 6-7, 7-6 before Oda retired. Kirner and Oelke beat Blair Collins and Kai Hans Jurgens 8-6 in doubles action.

Friday, Cobo defeated BYU's Lance Squier 6-3, 6-2 for Oregon's only victory of the match. Goldstein and Brian Hart of Brigham Young played to a 3-6, 7-5 draw.

Oregon plays next in the Pacific-10 Conference Indoor Championships in Seattle on Jan. 14-17.

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