OSU wins rugby game

By Mark McTyre

The Oregon rugby team lost its last game of the fall season 35-13 in Civil War against Oregon State University Nov. 20.

The Beavers took control of the game at the start, jumping out to a 17-0 lead over the Ducks. After the Ducks were able to contain the Beavers, it became a back-and-forth battle for possession of the ball.

Later in the first half, with the Ducks still trailing the Beavers 17-0, Oregon's John Irish was awarded a penalty kick. Irish kicked the ball through the uprights to make the score 17-3.

With time running out in the first half, Irish connected again from long distance on another penalty kick. At halftime, the Ducks trailed 17-6.

Shortly after the start of the second half, Irish was awarded another penalty kick. Unlike the first two kicks by Irish, this kick went wide right.

Oregon State capitalized on its opportunities in the second half. The Beavers scored eight consecutive points, three on a penalty kick and five on a "tri."

A "tri" — when the offensive team takes the ball down the field and touches it on their opponents goal line — counts as five points and the extra conversion counts as two. The Beavers missed their conversion.

With one last effort to stop the Beavers, captain Mitsutaka Hino blocked a an Oregon State kick pass. The pass was picked up by Devin Streiff, who dove with the ball to the goal line for a "tri." Irish added the two-point kick to bring the Ducks within 12 points, 25-13. However, the Beavers added two more "tris" to get a 35-13 victory.

After the game, Oregon head coach Bob Snyder had only good things to say about his team.

"This team has a lot going for them," he said. "And with more practice we hope we'll turnaround in the spring season."

If the Ducks improve, the team could qualify for the Regional playoffs at Stanford after the spring season.



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Oregon's Mike Tejada eludes an Oregon State defender during the Ducks' 35-13 loss to the Beavers.

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Darryl Parker, 6-foot-5-inches, forward. Parker is another athletic one who has shown ability to drive to the hoop, shoot from the outside and get off the ground. The junior college transfer has seen a lot of playing time at the "three" position where he is able to use his abilities.

• Brion Smith, 6-foot-3-inches, point guard. Smith is a defensive specialist who doesn't penetrate to the hoop as well as Wilkins. However, Smith has shown signs of some offense skills and it wouldn't be surprising to see Smith and Wilkins taking the court together some time in the near future.

The rest of the team is comprised of veterans. Williams has stepped in nicely in the scoring category, scoring in double-figures in two of Oregon's

first three games. Lyden, who redshirted last year, has stepped up in the first three games, averaging 11.3 points and shooting 60 percent from three-point range.

Center Aaron Johnson has played solid in the middle, pulling down five rebounds and scoring 10 points Sunday. Johnson and Sellers have been pushed into extended duty because of the absence of 6-foot-9-inch Jeff Potter, who is out for possibly another three or four weeks with an injury.

Damon Runyon has played some decent minutes at forward for Oregon, but still lacks the size in the middle to be effective at getting rebounds.

John Mitchell rounds out the bunch. Mitchell has played a surprisingly high amount of minutes in the Ducks' first three games and has looked good at times.

The Ducks are 1-0 and will play Pacific University Saturday at McArthur Court.



