

Chicago's dominance no surprise

"All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

— Animal Farm

I doubt George Orwell intended this phrase about the imaginary farmyard where the animals took control to be used as a metaphor for the hardwood courts of the NBA.

But he might as well have.

Heading into All Star Weekend, the unofficial midway point in the NBA season, it is clear that some animals are more equal than other animals. In fact, some animals are even more equal than Warriors and Blazers and Sonics. Oh my.

The animals in control of this barnyard roost are Bulls. The Chicago Bulls. Or, as they are known to those of us who understand that a good plate of kielbasa is only a good plate of kielbasa if it comes with a heaping spoonful of sauerkraut, Da' Bulls.

And just as their four-legged namesake stampedes through the streets of Pamplona in July, destroying anything and anyone blocking their path, these basketball bulls have stampeded through the opponents in their path all year long in a quest for their fourth championship in six years.

Before last night's game against the Phoenix Suns, the Bulls were sporting a 41-4 record and a piece of history. By starting the season 41-3, the Bulls now own the record for best start in NBA history, previously held by the Los Angeles Lakers at 39-3. The three losses were on the road against the Orlando Magic, Indiana Pacers, and Seattle SuperSonics. In return, the Bulls gave each of them a thorough spanking (average margin of victory was 16 points) when they came to the United Center in Chicago for the second go 'round.

The Bulls are also on pace to be the first team to win 70 games in a season. To do this they need to go 29-8 the rest of the season.

Anybody see eight more losses on the Bulls schedule? With only 15 games remaining against teams that currently have a winning

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Duck Grasshopper!



Blocking a kick from a fellow Karate club member, Hamilton Link (left), a junior in Computer Science, avoids an attack from Koh Kawasaki, a junior in Economics. The Karate club practices every Mon., Wed. and Fri. from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 36 Esslinger. Students of all levels are welcome to participate.

Ducks perfect with pair of wins

■ **TENNIS:** Victories over San Jose and Santa Clara give Oregon a 6-0 record

By Ryan Frank

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The Oregon women's tennis team made a successful return to action last weekend when it won two matches in Southern California. Oregon swept San Jose State 7-0 on Friday and took care of Santa Clara 6-2 on Saturday, while one of the Ducks' matches was rained out. The two wins moved the undefeated Ducks to 6-0 overall on the season.

No. 2 Else Adams led the way for the Ducks in singles action with a 6-0, 6-0 drubbing of Heather Klein. No. 1 Caryn Coyle, No. 3 Allison Sosnow, No. 4 Shanelle Kaneshiro and No. 5 Hannah King rounded out the singles action with straight set wins. No. 6 Rachel Owens won her match by default.

One match in doubles was also decided by default as the team of Kaneshiro and Adams recorded a win. Sosnow and King won their doubles match 8-4 as did Coyle and Owens 8-2.

In Santa Clara the Ducks faced a little tougher competition from the Broncos with two three-set wins. Oregon still controlled the match, which ended with a 6-2 win.

Coyle, playing at No. 1 singles, was tied one set apiece with Lindsay Colker when their match was rained out. No. 2 Adams 7-5, 6-1, No. 3 Sosnow 6-3, 6-1 and No. 5 King 6-1, 6-5 all won their matches in straight sets.

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Strong offense carries hockey team to sweep of Idaho

■ **CLUB SPORTS:** Oregon gets seven goals on Saturday and wins with a hat trick on Sunday

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Oregon's club hockey team got back on the winning track last weekend with a sweep of Idaho on Feb. 3 and 4 at Lane County. The Ducks downed the Vandals 7-4 on Saturday and 6-3 on Sunday. The two wins improved the Ducks' record to 7-12-1 with six games remaining in the season.

Seth Prouser, Oregon's center, led the Ducks with four goals and two assists in the two games, including a hat trick on Sunday. Robert Wasson also turned a solid weekend with five assists.

"Everything was clicking," Prouser said. "We played the

best we have all season. Our passing was there; our defense was there, and the goalies played great."

This weekend the Ducks will play Western Washington at Lane County Ice. With six games left, Oregon will have to win all of its remaining games to get to .500.

"We really want to finish at .500," Prouser said. "It will be very realistic that we could do that."

This weekend's game will be a grudge match for the Ducks after they dropped two to Western Washington in Bellingham.

Oregon's men's club soccer team fell to 0-2 in indoor play with a 8-6 loss to Juventus of Woodburn.

The Ducks got off to a quick start with three unanswered first-half goals, but Juventus respond-

ed with two goals of their own to make it a 3-2 Oregon lead at half-time. Oregon was the first to score in the second half, but from then on the Ducks were outscored 6-2.

Ryan Aanerud led Oregon with two goals. Boaz Levi, Jarred Janssen, Graham Goodloe and Craig Renaud all added single goals, but Janssen's shot, a free kick straight to the right corner of the goal, was possibly the game's most spectacular.

Despite the disappointment of another loss, Oregon still has confidence in its ability. Goalkeeper Greg Labavitch noticed a "definite improvement in our indoor play."

Labavitch pointed out three specific areas where the Ducks need to improve: defense, conditioning and substitution strategy.

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— Seth Prouser
Oregon Center

in the second half and got a little frustrated," he said. "We also need to work on a strategy for indoor game substitutions ... some people are out there too long and aren't giving 110 percent."

To increase player efficiency Labavitch also feels the team needs to continue to work on conditioning.

"We have a two-hour practice, and we're going to be doing a lot of running," he said.