

Hockey team tallies two-game UW sweep

■ **HOCKEY:** Oregon wins Saturday's game in a shootout thriller

By Alex Pond
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Jordan Wiener scored on Oregon's last attempt in a shootout to give the club hockey team a 6-5 victory Saturday night and a two-game sweep of Washington during the weekend.

Regulation play ended with the score tied at five, setting the stage for a dramatic shootout where each team got five shots on goal. After four rounds, the Ducks (3-1) and Huskies each had managed to score twice. If the shootout ended in a tie, that would be how the game would end.

Washington's Brett Stewart was the Huskies' last hope to bring them victory, or at least guarantee a tie, as they began the final round. However, he was denied on the attempt by Oregon goaltender Keith Barbatto, who made a spectacular save.

Barbatto appeared to have given Stewart a gap on the left side of the net when he quickly kicked out his left leg just in time and deflected the puck away.

The game was now in the hands of Wiener, who took the puck at center ice and raced toward the net. After a little side-to-side move, he flipped the puck past the Washington

goalie to give the Ducks the victory, setting off a wild celebration by the team on the ice.

Head coach Nick Ham was ecstatic and also relieved along with his players in a jovial Oregon locker room afterward.

"Oh man, that was one exciting ending to a game," Ham said. "What a scary way to end a game. It's fun for the fans, but scary for us."

When Wiener approached the puck for the last attempt, Ham knew there wasn't much more he could do.

"I was actually praying," he said. "The kids played a good game. They played tough. [Washington] came in, and they were ready to play today and so were we, so it made a really good game for both of us."

While Wiener appeared calm, cool and collected as he prepared to attempt the game-winner, in reality he said he was anything but that.

"I was pretty damn nervous," he said. "I knew it came down to it. I knew it came down to the last goal, and I just did what I had to do. It just felt so good as it was my first goal of the season so far, and it hadn't come at a better time."

The first game Friday night was also an exciting affair as the Ducks got out to an early lead and then held off a late Husky rally to earn a 5-3 victory to begin what would be a great weekend for the team.

Soccer shutout in two losses

■ **WOMEN:** Two Ducks receive all-tournament honors at the Pacific Homecoming Classic

By Ryan Frank
Sports Reporter

The Oregon women's soccer team was unable to bring home a win from the Pacific Homecoming Classic in Stockton, Calif., last weekend.

The Ducks (4-8-2) were downed by Pacific 2-0 on Friday, and 5-0 by Cal-State Sacramento on Sunday.

"Pacific is a good team with good speed, but we didn't play well enough to beat them either," said Bill Steffen, Oregon's head coach. "We worked hard and played aggressive. We were just not as efficient."

While the Ducks outshot Pacific nine to six in the first half, they were unable to match the Tigers first-half goal.

Pacific forward Jamee Luchessi opened up the game's scoring with a goal from eight yards out in the 27th minute.

Pacific then proved too strong for the Ducks in the second half. The Tigers outshot Oregon 12 to four and scored again when Natalie Dorr punched one in from 12 yards out at 47:53.

Despite giving up five goals, Steffen was happy with Oregon's team defense.

"Amanda Fox continued to play solid and made a great save on a penalty kick at the end of the first period," Steffen said. "Several others also did a good job including Carrie McLanahan at sweeper."

Oregon midfielder Stacy Hebert led the Ducks with three shots on goal.

Two days after the Ducks' loss to Pacific, Oregon was blitzed by Cal-Sacramento with four scores in the first 20 minutes.

Cal-Sacramento forward Paula

Guarda scored the game's first goal in the 7th-minute and was quickly followed by Monica Almaraz's goal at 10:32 and Erika Mendoza's two goals in the 17th and 19th minute.

Guarda then added the game's final score in the 32nd-minute, raising her team-leading season total to 20 goals.

"We didn't play very good early and it showed in the end result," Steffen said. "Our transition was really slow early on in the game."

Oregon forward Megan Huss led the Ducks with three shots on goal, while midfielder Elyce Kirchner and McLanahan both had two shots.

Following Sunday's action, Huss and McLanahan were both selected to the all-tournament team.

The Ducks' next match will be on Friday at 12 p.m. when Washington travels to Eugene.

Ducks' men golfers finish with a win

■ **GOLF:** J. J. Astorquia shot a final round 71 to take a share of the individual title

By Ryan Halvorsen
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The Oregon men's golf team finally broke out of the pack to grab a tournament and individual victory at the Fresno Lexus Golf Classic.

Oregon finished the 14-team, 54-hole tournament eight shots ahead of second place Oregon State and Brigham Young. J. J. Astorquia tied Andy Miller and Mark Henderson both of BYU to share the title with a tournament total of

212. Astorquia shot an opening round two-under-par 70 and followed up with two scores of 71 to grab a share of the title.

Freshman teammate Ryan Lavoie finished in fourth place, just one shot behind Astorquia and the other leaders. Lavoie shot a first-round 73 and then followed up with a second-round 69 before finishing up with a 71.

"We played extremely well," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said in a press release Saturday. "To win this one against the strongest field we faced this year is a good way to finish the season."

Chris Cone led the rest of the Oregon players shooting 220. Jeff Barney completed the tournament with a 227 and Derek Croskrey shot a 232. Ben Crane, an Oregon team member, competed individually and shot a 228.

Oregon put down rivals Oregon State, Stanford, and UCLA on its way to victory.

The Ducks can now relax with new-found confidence going into the winter layoff. Oregon will pick up its spring schedule in early February in California at the Pioneer Corey Pavin UCLA invitational.



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