

Men's volleyball begins season with tough matches

■ **CLUB SPORTS:** The Ducks lose to Portland State but beat Pacific

By Rob Moseley
Freelance Sports Reporter

The Oregon men's volleyball club team got off to a 1-1 start this season after splitting matches with Portland State and Pacific over the weekend.

In Saturday's contest, the Ducks faced a Portland State team fresh off its first victory in 38 matches, with a win over Lane Community College.

Led by the play of hitters Brian Berdanier and Chris Finseth, Oregon raced to a 15-5 victory in the first game. It appeared that

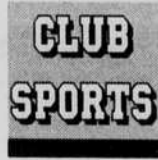
Portland State's lack of a head coach and bench players would not be too much to overcome. However, the Ducks were unable to match the intensity of the first game through the rest of the match.

"We relaxed after the first game," said Oregon head coach Andy Isogai, "and they stepped it up a notch. We just didn't respond."

In the second game, the teams traded points. The Ducks struggled to maintain momentum, and Portland State fought to avoid a 2-0 deficit. Their efforts were successful as the Vikings took the set 17-16.

By the third game, it was clear that the Ducks didn't have what it took to overcome

the dispiriting loss of the second game. The Vikings sailed to a 15-8 win and scored the inevitable victory in the match by capturing the fourth game 15-7.



On Sunday, the Ducks welcomed their opponents from Pacific, and the intense rivalry between the teams was obvious. Each game was a battle with the teams trading points all afternoon.

Showing they had recovered from the previous day's loss, the Ducks flew out of the blocks taking a quick 14-4 lead. However, Pacific gained 12 consecutive points,

and communication problems among the Ducks became apparent. The Ducks debuted their new setter Brian Riehm this weekend, and mishaps between Riehm and his hitters cost the Ducks points all day.

In the second game, the Ducks again found themselves serving for the game but could not seal the victory and lost 17-15.

After a stirring talk with the team between games, Isogai attempted to overcome a 2-0 deficit to Pacific.

And he did.

The Ducks took the next three games from Pacific for the 3-2 win behind the serve of Oregon's Josh Eagle.

Fox expands its network into South

■ **SPORTS NETWORK:** Rupert Murdoch launches new network right under Ted Turner's nose

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Ted Turner and Rupert Murdoch don't like each other. Still, right there on the sixth floor of Turner's CNN Center is Murdoch's newest venture, Fox Sports South.

How did Murdoch become a tenant of his biggest nemesis? How did Turner let Murdoch's Fox logo wind up in the downtown Atlanta building that houses his broadcasting empire?

It all began when Turner, who founded SportSouth in 1990 as a regional cable TV outlet for his sports programming, sold his interest in the network to alleviate antitrust concerns while pushing through his merger with Time Warner.

SportSouth's other owner, Liberty Media, entered into an agreement with the Murdoch-owned Fox Network, which had been gobbling up other regional sports

networks as well.

Now, joining Fox Sports Midwest, Fox Sports Northwest, Fox Sports Rocky Mountain and Fox Sports West is Fox Sports South, which makes its debut Tuesday as part of Fox Sports Net. With 5.8 million subscribers in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina, Fox Sports South edges out Madison Square Garden Network with 5.4 million as the largest regional sports network in the country.

"We had a terrific launching pad with Turner Broadcasting because of its history and credibility with professional and collegiate sports in the Southeast," said Hunter Nickell, general manager of the network. "For us, going from SportSouth to Fox Sports South works pretty well. It's just spelled a little differently."

Two of Turner's teams, baseball's Atlanta Braves and the NBA Atlanta Hawks, will remain a vital part of Fox Sports South's programming, despite the feud that looms over this new arrangement.

The enmity between Turner

and Murdoch became public last year after Time Warner refused to carry Murdoch's Fox News Channel on its important New York City cable system. Turner has gone so far as to compare Murdoch to Adolf Hitler, saying he "controls the media for his own personal benefit."

"I think the feud is really at the top," said Jamie Kimbrough, director of public relations at Fox Sports South. "The Turner people are friends of ours and will continue to be friends of ours. I don't see it bleeding down to our level."

But, he added, "That doesn't mean there couldn't be some decisions on high that could make it like that."

The tension created by the Turner-Murdoch clash is evident in Nickell's voice when he's asked how it affects the newest Fox network.

"That's an appropriate question, but I just can't comment on it," he said tersely. "I'm just trying to do my job."

In reality, both sides need each other, at least when it comes to Fox Sports South.

Baseball: Johnson still not 100 percent

■ **Continued from Page 9A**

four times a week at a therapy center here. He owns a home in the Phoenix area.

Johnson admits he's still not feeling 100 percent. "I still have a few symptoms in my legs but nothing like I had prior to my surgery," he said. "I occasionally have a burning sensation in my toes, usually after I really fatigue my back."

Mariners pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report to Peoria on Feb. 14.

"I hope a lot of this irritation will be gone in the next four weeks and dissipate even more in spring training," Johnson said. "I know I'm going to have to take it slow in spring training, but the real test is going to be when I start facing batters and even more importantly, how I respond the following day."

Johnson was a workhorse for Lou Piniella before

his back woes. In 1993, Piniella's first season as Seattle manager, Johnson made 34 starts and pitched 255 1-3 innings in going 19-8.

He began experiencing discomfort in his back, right thigh and calf last April 26, while pitching against the Brewers in Milwaukee.

It wasn't just one game though. "Over the years, the constant pounding took its toll," he said. "It had a snowball effect." Johnson has had to change his lifestyle. He hasn't picked up a golf club since last April.

A 104-64 career pitcher, he's looking at his future, not his past. He can become a free agent after this season and he'd like another big contract.

"This will be a year to prove to myself that I'm healthy and to prove to other teams that I haven't lost anything and am as competitive as ever," he said.

Have you considered studying in another state? Why not transport yourself onto a different campus?

NEXT EXPLORATORY MEETING

National Student Exchange Program.

Wednesday January 22
EMU Century Room A 4:00 p.m.

\$1.00 OFF 50¢ OFF
Foot long Sub Half Sub
Expires 2/4/97

SUBSHOP
1225 ALDER
345-2434

Not valid with any other discounts or coupons.
MON-FRI 10AM-11PM • SAT 11AM-9PM • SUN 12PM-9PM

24th Anniversary Roe vs. Wade Celebration
Commemorating the 1973 US Supreme Court Decision Legalizing Abortion
Thursday, Jan. 23rd
Ben Linder Forum, EMU 12:00 p.m.
Two Generations of Women Speak About Their Experiences Before and After the Passage of Roe vs. Wade
Followed by Group Discussion and Live Music
Sponsored by Students for Choice for more info call 346-0649
We Won't Go Back!

Etiquette Consulting by Linda Reed
(541) 688-2959
Lifetime Skills For the 90s
Classes For Ages 17-21
Begins Wed., Feb. 5 • 6-8 p.m.
14-hour Workshop Includes Resume Development and Job Interview Skills

- Self-Esteem and Confidence Building
- Table Manners
- Dos and Don'ts of Dining
- 3-Course Dining Tutorial
- Continental and American Style of Dining
- Meetings, Introductions, Handshaking
- Etiquette in Public Places

Linda Reed

Are you a chain smoker?

Smoking Cessation Workshop

Wednesdays
3:30-4:30 p.m.
January 22 to March 5, 1997
Health Center, Medical Library
Free to UO students
Call 346-4456 to register

HEALTH CENTER • 13th & AGATE • HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM • 346-4456