

Kennedy may return in December

Seattle team doctors say that if Cortez Kennedy's broken leg can heal fast enough, he may be able to play in the Seahawks' game in Baltimore Dec. 7

By Jim Cour
The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Maybe Cortez Kennedy isn't finished for the season.

The Seattle Seahawks' six-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle underwent surgery on Monday — after sustaining a fractured left leg at San Diego — but coach Dennis Erickson held out hope that Kennedy would be able to play again this year.

"There is a good chance he could be back," Erickson said. "There's a chance that that could happen."

A plate was inserted in Kennedy's left leg a day after he broke his fibula in the first quarter of Seattle's 37-31 victory over the Chargers. After the game, Seahawks coaches thought he was lost for the season.

But Erickson said during his weekly news conference that team doctors had told him there was a remote chance Kennedy — depending on how fast his leg heals — could be back in time for the team's Game 14 in Baltimore Dec. 7. They play San Francisco in the Kingdome Dec. 21 in their regular season finale.

The Seahawks (6-4) will be at New Orleans on Sunday. They're trying to make the playoffs for the first time since 1988.

Kennedy, 29, played in a club-record 100th straight game against San Diego on Sept. 21, but suffered a

sprained knee and missed games 5 and 6. He has played in 120 games, including 106 starts, in his eight seasons with the Seahawks.

The Seahawks will not sign a defensive tackle to replace Kennedy on their roster.

Dan Saleaumua, who has been part of a three-man defensive tackle rotation in Seattle with Kennedy and Sam Adams, will replace Kennedy as a starter. Saleaumua was signed as a free agent with the Seahawks on Aug. 6 after playing eight seasons with Kansas City. The Chiefs released him after he refused to take a pay cut.

"He played extremely well in that football game," Erickson said in and without a doubt played his best of the year."

Riddick Parker will be the Seahawks' backup defensive tackle.

In addition to Kennedy, the Seahawks could be without punter Rick Tuten this week. Tuten has a pulled groin muscle. He punted in pain in the San Diego game, averaging 40.5 yards on six punts.

The Seahawks will see how Tuten responds to treatment and then bring in "two or three" free agent punters Tuesday if they determine Tuten won't be ready for the New Orleans game.

The Seahawks hope to have two starters — offensive tackle Walter Jones (sprained ankle) and strong safety Bennie Blades (back spasms) — back for the New Orleans game after they could not play in San Diego.



AP top 25

1. Michigan (44)	9-0	1,723
2. Florida St. (23)	9-0	1,693
3. Nebraska (3)	9-0	1,623
4. Ohio State	9-1	1,496
5. Tennessee	7-1	1,477
6. Penn State	7-1	1,342
7. Georgia	7-1	1,314
8. North Carolina	8-1	1,248
9. UCLA	7-2	1,200
10. Kansas State	8-1	1,125
11. LSU	7-2	995
12. Florida	7-2	966
13. Washington	7-2	898
14. Wash. St.	8-1	873
15. Arizona State	7-2	865
16. Auburn	7-2	615
17. Mississippi St.	6-2	479
18. Texas A&M	7-2	418
19. Purdue	7-2	404
tie. Virginia Tech	7-2	404
21. Syracuse	7-3	372
22. Iowa	6-3	289
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UO rugby team spans Lewis & Clark 57-0

Newcomers Joe Penna, Geir Solberg and Kevin Grahham were key to Oregon's victory

By Tim Pyle
Freelance Sports Reporter

Lewis & Clark became the latest victim of the Oregon Club Sports rugby team last Saturday, as the Ducks rolled over the Pioneers 57-0 at Lewis & Clark.

The victory pushed the Ducks' record to 4-0 for the season.

"We won big and got to play the new guys," Calan Taylor said.

Taylor named wings Joe Penna and Geir Solberg and prop Kevin Grahham as players who were critical to the Ducks' success against the Pioneers. All three are new to the team this season, and Taylor said they have quickly impressed their new teammates.

"The younger guys have really helped out," Taylor said. "They don't have a lot of experience, but they really work hard."

Oregon can now set its sights on a game they have been eagerly awaiting all season, according to both Taylor and teammate Alex Sroka. That game is the Nov. 22 Civil War match with nationally

ranked Oregon State.

The Ducks have the next two weeks to prepare for the Beavers. They will scrimmage with the Eugene men's club team this Saturday at noon at South Bank Field to help in their preparations.

Oregon sweeps UW

It was a sweep for Oregon sports in Seattle this weekend. The Oregon Club Sports hockey

team defeated Washington, just as its football counterpart did.

The only difference between the football and hockey teams was that the hockey team defeated the Huskies not once, but twice. Oregon cruised to a 13-2 win on Friday night and followed up with a 6-3 victory on Saturday.

Freshman Peter Harris continued his spectacular play with seven points (three goals, four assists) in Friday's game.

With their victory on Friday, the Ducks broke their three-game losing streak. Oregon now stands at 4-3 overall.



Clemens first AL pitcher to win four Cy Youngs

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens became the first AL pitcher to win four Cy Young Awards, beating Randy Johnson to take the honor for the first time since 1991.

Clemens, who in his first season with Toronto became the first pitcher to lead the AL in wins, ERA and strikeouts since Detroit's Hal Newhouser in 1945, got 25 of 28 first-place votes and three seconds for 134 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Johnson was second with two first-place votes and 77 points after returning from back surgery to lead Seattle back to the AL playoffs. Minnesota's Brad Radke was third with 17 points, and Balti-

more reliever Randy Myers got the other first-place vote, finishing fourth with 14 points.

Clemens also won the award with the Boston Red Sox in 1986, 1987 and 1991. The only other pitchers to win four Cy Youngs were in the NL: Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux.

The 11 years between Clemens' first and last Cy Youngs is the most ever, one more than Carlton, who won his four from 1972-82.

Clemens went 21-7 with a 2.05 ERA and a career-high 292 strikeouts in 264 innings, topping 11 wins for the first time since 1992 and reaching 20 for the fourth time. His ERA was the lowest among AL starters who won the Cy Young since Ron Guidry's 1.74 in 1978.

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