

Hood: And Casey's putt...

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shining bright;
A band was playing somewhere,
and Casey's heart seemed light.
And somewhere the PGA was
crying, and traditionalists they
did shout;
But on the green there was great

joy,
as Casey's putt holed out.

Joel Hood is a sports reporter for the Emerald. Written with apologies to E.L. Thayer and his poem, "Casey at the Bat."

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Hockey team splits games with UCLA

The Ducks drop to 8-5 in the Pac-8 with their loss to UCLA Saturday

By Tim Pyle
Freelance Sports Reporter

The second half of the season began with a split for the Oregon Club Sports hockey team against UCLA. The Ducks prevailed 6-3 on Friday night and lost to the Bruins 4-3 on Saturday at Lane County Ice Arena.

A season-long trend continued for Oregon on Friday when it scored the first goal and went on to win the game. The Ducks led the entire way after taking a 2-0 lead in the first period. Oregon is now 7-0 when scoring the initial goal in their contests.

"We played solid," center Eric Williams said. "We actually played one of our better games all around."

Saturday night was a different

story for the Ducks, who dropped to 8-5 with the loss. Oregon lost momentum early when goalkeeper Stuart Robertson and winger Pete Dennett were thrown out of the game following a skirmish in front of the Ducks' goal. Ezra Louthis provided a bright spot for Oregon with two goals. UCLA improved to 7-3 overall.



"We have to play like we did on Friday," Williams said, looking forward to Oregon's remaining six regular season games. "It was a complete 180 from Friday to Saturday."

The Bruins and Ducks are likely to meet again at the Pacific-8 Hockey Conference Tournament in Eugene on Feb. 21 and 22. The top three teams in the final conference standings and the host quali-

fy for tournament play. Equestrian team earns five ribbons
The Oregon Club Sports equestrian team earned five ribbons on Saturday at a show at UC Davis.

Megan Robinson won first place in fences and second place in the flat category in the novice division. Kimberly Franklin, in her first collegiate-level show, earned a first place in the flat category of the novice division. Christina Gomez-Novy placed sixth in flat category in the advanced division. Megan Starkey placed fifth in western in the advanced division. Rachel Turner, Melisa Maddux, Megan Craig, Jen Luck and Alison Kerr also competed for Oregon.

The results from the show display the drastic improvement the team has made this year, Robinson said.

"The team was almost nonexistent last year and the year before," she said.

Women: Stanford Pac-10 win streak at 48

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from the weekend, No. 11 Stanford traveled to No. 9 Arizona on Monday for a rare Monday night Pac-10 game.

The game was originally scheduled for Jan. 31, but was moved up so both the Cardinal and the Wildcats could compete in the Pac-10/Big 12 Challenge in Lubbock, Texas, that weekend.

Because of the change, Stanford must make two trips to the desert this season, returning Jan. 29 to play Arizona State.

Tom player of the week

Arizona State's Michelle Tom was named the Pac-10 player of the week, largely for her buzzer-beating heroics in the win over Washington on Thursday.

Tom did a little of everything, averaging 13 points, 4.5 rebounds and 5.5 assists while shooting 53.8 percent from the floor as the Sun Devils swept the Washington schools.

In the first start of her career, the junior hit two three-pointers in the final 10 seconds against Washington.

Doubling up

Washington junior forward Amber Hall leads the conference in double-doubles, reaching the feat nine times in 12 games.

Hall's total is more than twice as many as the second-place player in that category, Arizona's Adia Barnes, who has four.

Hall grabbed a season-high 21 rebounds against Arizona State, upping her league-leading rebounding average to 11.8.

Odds and ends

Arizona State recorded back-to-back conference wins last weekend for the first time in two seasons ... With a 72-52 win at California last Friday, Stanford stretched its Pac-10 winning streak to 48 games. The Cardinal's last conference loss was against Oregon State in 1995 ... UCLA swept the Oregon schools on the road last weekend for the first time since the 1991-92 season ... With Washington ranked No. 7 it was the highest ranking team Arizona has ever beaten.

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