

Club: Women's lacrosse goes 0-3

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its season of success by blowing out boats from Seattle Pacific and Pacific Lutheran. Even with the large margin of victory, Holmes insisted that the crew wasn't at its best Saturday.

"They were out of sync," Holmes said. "They were not going anywhere near as fast as they could have been."

The men's lightweight four also gained a win along with the women's novice four. Holmes said the women's victory was the biggest of the season for the team, which capped off three weeks of progress by beating the competition by about 12 seconds.

"This is a vast improvement over last year," Holmes said.

The men's lightweight eight, which Holmes predicts is the second-fastest crew on the West Coast, will take a step up in competition at the Windermere Cup in Seattle on Saturday.

Men's lacrosse

In a semifinal playoff match against No. 1 Simon Fraser, the Oregon Club Sports men's lacrosse team played its heart out last Friday.

The Ducks scored more goals in the 14-8 loss than any other team has against Simon Fraser all season. Up until the end of the game, Simon Fraser needed a few key goals at the end of the fourth quarter to secure the victory.

The loss marked what team member Jerry Baglien called a "vast improvement" from the first contest between the two teams, which the Ducks lost 22-1.

"It was quite an accomplishment, but still, we're obviously upset," Baglien said of the loss,

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Stephanie Erba
Women's lacrosse center

which ended the Ducks' season as the No. 16 team in the nation.

Pat O'Donnell scored three goals for the Ducks and John Laurman added two. Nick Wall's play was "phenomenal," Baglien said.

The team will lose six seniors this season but doesn't expect to fall behind in its quest to go to the national championship next season.

"We're going to be there next year, no doubt," Baglien said. "This marks a change of an era in Oregon lacrosse, a new beginning in many ways with a good group of young guys."

Baglien credits first year coach Peter Hoffman for much of the Ducks' success this season.

"We definitely would not have been the team we were without him," Baglien said. "He improved our team a lot."

Women's lacrosse

It wasn't the easiest weekend for the Oregon Club Sports women's lacrosse team as it went 0-3 against teams that they had expected to have a chance of beating.

The first two games of the PNLA tournament in Portland were within the Ducks' grasp. Both losses to Colorado and the University of Puget Sound were

decided by a few goals.

"We had the competitive edge going," said center Stephanie Erba.

The third and final match for the Ducks in the tournament was "really tough," Erba said.

Facing Montana which, like Oregon is a four-year-old program, the Ducks came up short, losing 19-4. Montana had several graduate students on its roster, compared to the Ducks' one graduate student, defensive wing Juliet Baker.

Baker and attack wing Kate Tierney were the offensive sparks for the Ducks, scoring most of the team's goals. After the final tournament match ended Saturday, the two stayed in Portland to try out for the Northwest regional team.

The three losses gave the team reason to contemplate the position of the program.

"It made us realize this is a critical point," Erba said. "We need to step it up or tone it down. It's tough to keep your chin up and enjoy it at the big tournaments when you're faced with such hard competition."

Although, Erba noted, the tournament did supply some positive points.

"It was good to have the team pull together in the face of really tough competition," she said.

Women's soccer

The Oregon Club Sports women's soccer team is still looking for its first win as it was defeated 6-3 by Hep Cat at Ascot Park last Wednesday. The Ducks will play Flaky B.O.B. at Maurie Jacobs Park on Wednesday.

Spurs' Tim Duncan wins NBA Rookie of the Year

San Antonio's top pick of June's draft received 97 percent of the votes

By Kelley Shannon
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — After just one season, Tim Duncan is drawing comparisons to the likes of David Robinson and Kevin McHale.

Duncan, a major force in leading the San Antonio Spurs to a record turnaround this season, was overwhelmingly voted the NBA's Rookie of the Year on Monday.

"It's a goal I had coming into this year," he said. "I wanted to play well this year and win this award."

The No. 1 draft pick from Wake Forest received 113 of 116 votes (97 percent) from a panel of NBA writers and broadcasters. New Jersey's Keith Van Horn got the other three votes.

Duncan's margin of victory is the largest since Shaquille O'Neal received 98 percent of the vote in 1992-93.

"He's big time, just like David [Robinson] was and just like Shaq was," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "His demeanor and approach to this whole business is uncommon and extraordinary."

With Duncan in the lineup and Robinson returning from foot and back injuries, the Spurs went 56-26 in the regular season, an improvement of 36 victories from their 1996-97 record.

San Antonio set another

league record by holding opponents to 41.1 percent shooting. After missing the playoffs last season, the Spurs qualified this year with the fifth-best record in the Western Conference.

"It's been great playing with every one of my teammates because it's a veteran crew," said the 7-footer from Wake Forest, who was the top pick in last June's NBA draft. "I came in here with little pressure on me because we had such a core of great players."

With slick post moves, deft ball-handling and smothering



defense, Duncan became the first

rookie to play in the NBA All-Star Game since Grant Hill in 1995.

He averaged 21.1 points, 11.9 rebounds, 2.7 assists, 2.5 blocks per game and shot .549 from the field. He was the 19th rookie in NBA history to average at least 20 points and 10 rebounds per game.

Duncan led all rookies in scoring, rebounding, blocks and field-goal percentage and ranked seventh in assists. He ranked third in rebounding, fourth in field goal percentage, sixth in blocks and 13th in scoring among all players.

Duncan joined Ralph Sampson (1983-84) and Robinson (1989-90) as the only players to win Rookie of the Month honors every month since the NBA started giving out the award in the 1981-82 season.

"It's been a great year," Duncan said. "It's been a lot of fun."

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