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Jerry Brown's 29 yards on 13 carries.

"We're not very deep at running back," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said on Saturday. "But Derien Latimer and Kevin Parker should be back for any bowl game."



SMITH

As encouraging as that sounds, Latimer has 232 yards on 71 carries this season for a 3.3 yard average. Parker has been a little more effective, averaging 4.5 yards per carry with 14 rushes for 63 yards.

"The running game kind of sputtered today," Smith said after the game. "We need to have a running game so the passing game will be open, too."

In the past three games, in which the Ducks have rushed for a total of 186 yards, Smith has completed 75 of 115 passes (65 percent) for 1,269 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Ducks honored at awards banquet

Smith and Droughns were among those honored Sunday night at the Ducks' annual banquet at the Eugene Hilton.

Smith was named the Ducks' most outstanding player after setting a new Pac-10 record

with his 170.4 efficiency rating this season. He also set school records for touchdown passes (30), passing yards (3,307) and total offense (3,490) with one game remaining.

Droughns joined kicker Nathan Villegas as co-recipients of the Len Casanova award as Oregon's top first-year players. Both are transfers.

Droughns rushed for 824 yards and 11 touchdowns before breaking his leg in the Ducks' loss to UCLA Oct. 17.

Villegas was successful on all 52 of his extra-point attempts and hit 20 of his 22 field goals, including his first 14 in a row. He set a school record for points with 112.

Droughns also joined Parker as co-recipients of the Gonyea Award as Oregon's most inspirational players.

Parker played in just six games but served as the team's most visible cheerleader with his signature white towel swinging over his head.

Also recognized were Chris Vandiver and Jed Weaver as most improved players, Josh Bidwell as top special teams performer, Stefan deVries as top offensive lineman and top senior student-athlete, Damon Griffin for playing through physical adversity, Eric Edwards for most playing time and Leie Sualua as the top defensive lineman.

Basketball

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25 minutes. Point guard Darius Wright got his first start and contributed 12 points and six assists.

The Ducks broke the century mark for the second time in their two exhibition games despite the absence of offense from guard Terik Brown, who led the team in scoring last season. Freshman Freddie Jones started in Brown's usual off-guard spot, and Brown did not respond well by going

scoreless in 11 minutes, Kent said.

"I didn't think he got himself ready to play. Therefore, he didn't play a lot of minutes because he really wasn't productive when he got on the floor offensively or defensively," Kent said.

Though he is encouraged by Oregon's prolific offensive production so far, Kent said the Ducks need to improve defen-

sively to win road games.

"You have got to defend on the road," Kent said. "Because if you don't you're going to be in trouble."

If the Salukis cannot give Oregon a formidable challenge, the Ducks will have to look no farther than their Monday nonconference game against defending National Invitation Tournament champion Minnesota for a real test.

Wrestlers head to Mat-Town

By Scott Pesznecker

Oregon Daily Emerald

Many teams try to get "up and running" to open their regular seasons. However, the Oregon wrestling team would rather do the opposite — start its season on the ground.

The Ducks hope to do just that on Saturday at the Mat-Town USA Invitational, hosted by Lock Haven at the Thomas Field House in Lockhaven, Pa.

"It is important for the guys to go out and be the aggressors," Oregon's first-year head coach Chuck Kearney said. "We must be physical and do the things we talked about in practice."

Three teams that received pre-season top-25 rankings by Amateur Wrestling News will be at the tournament, as well as 13 individuals who are ranked in the top 8 of their weight classes. Kearney said the competition will be tougher than it was last Saturday at the Southern Oregon Open in Ashland.

"We're getting outside of our certain comfort zone," Kearney said. "Anytime you wrestle in the state of Oregon against teams from predominantly the northwest, these guys have wrestled those people all their lives. When we travel, obviously we're meeting against people who are a little bit foreign to us."

Oregon's Chael Sonnen, who is currently ranked

fourth in the nation at 197 pounds, will be hungry for a win at the tournament. Last year at Mat-Town, Sonnen lost in the championship round to third-ranked Mark Bodo of Pittsburgh. And at the Ducks' most recent tournament, Sonnen lost in the final round to Shane Zajack of Oregon State.

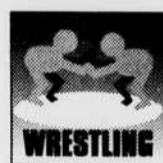
Sonnen should have an easier time on Saturday. The only other ranked wrestler he will face is No. 18 Shawn Scannell of Rider.

"I'm excited for the tournament, definitely," Sonnen said. "I want to go out and wrestle, especially after last weekend. Getting to the finals last year at this tournament and again last weekend and coming up short isn't too fun. I'm ready to go."

Daryl Christian will wrestle in the 157-pound weight class, a group that includes No. 2 Clint Mussler of Penn State and No. 14 John Fogarty of Cornell.

No. 9 Sean Morgan will also wrestle in difficult company, grouped with Bucknell's Brian Pitzer, who won the 158-pound weight class title last year. No. 11 Doug Lee will fight for the 184-pound title with Ross Thatcher of Penn State and Dave Murray of Lock Haven, who are ranked ninth and 10th, respectively.

"We need to quit thinking too much," Sonnen said. "The guys talk themselves out of winning. I'll look up and see guys sitting in the corner focusing and all this stuff that I don't understand. We need to just go out there and fight until the match is over, then go home. It's simple."



WRESTLING

By Allison Ross

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The Oregon volleyball team had hopes of reaching postseason play this season. It wanted a berth at the NCAA Tournament.

Unfortunately, the Ducks' 8-21 overall record and 3-15 record in the Pacific-10 Conference did not qualify them for the tournament. However, Oregon will compete in some tough postseason competition this weekend when they travel to California to compete in Long Beach State's annual Thanksgiving Tournament.

Oregon will go against Oral Roberts on Friday and Illinois State on Saturday to finish out its 1998 season.

"We feel this is a chance to prove to the other teams how tough the Pac-10 is," Oregon middle blocker Alli White said. "It's tough to get to the tournament because we're in the toughest conference. That's our drawback."

Sports briefs

Oregon has strong showing at Nationals

The Oregon Club Sports men's soccer team made a good showing at the National Championships in Statesboro, Ga., last weekend, marking the fourth straight championship appearance by the Ducks.

The Ducks (15-4-4) made it into the quarterfinals before losing 2-1 to eventual runner up Virginia. Oregon advanced to the second round by finishing second in its bracket with a win over Armstrong Atlantic State and a 0-0 tie against Houston.

Forward B.J. Perrett led the Ducks with three goals and Andy Lanier and Ross Minckler added two goals apiece in Oregon's 7-0 rout of Armstrong Atlantic on Thursday. The Ducks had a chance to claim first in their

bracket Friday morning, but they lost 3-2 to James Madison after taking a 1-0 halftime lead.



The players are voted onto the team by the coaches and players from other tournament teams.

Louisiana State concluded the championships Saturday with a 1-0 victory against Virginia.

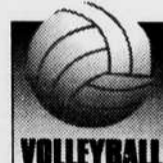
Equestrian team claims top honors

Thirteen members from the Oregon Club Sports Equestrian team competed in an intercollegiate horse show hosted by Brigham Young in Provo, Utah, over the weekend.

The team won the English High Point and the Western High Point team awards with top finishes in each event. Oregon also swept first, second and third place in the Advanced Stock Seat II division with Christina Gomez-Novy, Megan Starkey and Megan Robinson taking home top honors.

Overall, Oregon was able to bring home five first-place ribbons, seven second-place ribbons, one High Point rider award and 11 other ribbons for general excellence in competition. Every Oregon rider was able to place in her weight class.

The competition was the second of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's fall season. Oregon's next competition will be hosted by UC Davis in Davis, Calif., on Saturday Dec. 12.



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