

Oregon puts Washington on ice

The Ducks rack up 22 goals on their way to a sweep over the Huskies

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The Oregon Club ice hockey team rebounded from two humbling losses against UCLA by dismantling Washington 13-1 and 9-2 in a doubleheader last weekend at Lane County Ice Arena.

The Huskies looked helpless while trying to contain forward Peter Harris, who torched Washington with seven goals and six assists and filled the scoring void left by team captain Ari Friedman, who was suspended for the games because of a fighting incident against UCLA the weekend before.

Friday night's game was a breather for the Ducks (12-4-1),

who exploded for a 5-0 lead in the first period and never looked back. The only rally the Huskies could put together netted one goal with two minutes left in the game, ending Oregon's chance for a shutout. Matt Mattson, who was recently added to the roster, filled in for Friedman in impressive style by



recording two goals. Penalties, which have hurt Oregon all season, continued to sting Saturday as the Ducks spotted Washington a 2-0 lead in the first period. Oregon forward Tyler Shaffar got the Ducks on the scoreboard late in the period, but it ended with the Huskies leading 2-1.

"Sometimes, people just aren't

using their heads," Shaffar said. "There needs to be more discipline for people who commit penalties, whether it is benching them for a shift or even a period."

In the second period, Oregon came out with a vengeance to tie the game 2-2 before Harris gave the Ducks a 3-2 lead they would never relinquish. Oregon then rattled off six more unanswered goals to preserve the Ducks' 4-0 sweep over their Northwest foe this season.

The wins gave Oregon a 9-4-1 Pacific-8 Conference record heading into its final league matches against Washington State this weekend in Pullman, Wash. A sweep against the Cougars would force Stanford to sweep doubleheaders against Pac-8 leaders UCLA and Southern California to nab Oregon's final conference tournament slot.

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High-scoring Sun Devils

Surprisingly, Arizona State (10-7, 2-3), which was expected to struggle under first-year head coach Rob Evans, boasts the Pac-10's highest-scoring tandem.

Junior guard Eddie House is second in the conference with almost 20 points per game, while senior forward Bobby Lazor ranks third with nearly 19 points per game.

House, Lazor and their fellow Sun Devils invade the Northwest

this week for games at Oregon State on Thursday and Oregon on Saturday.

Game of the week

After the Huskies try to run their win streak to three at California (11-4, 2-3) on Thursday, Washington will measure just how close it is to matching last season's post-season form at No. 3 Stanford (15-2, 5-0) on Saturday afternoon.

To pull off the upset, the Huskies will need superb guard play from Donald Watts and Deon Luton and for MacCulloch

to have a huge game inside.

For a conference opponent to beat Stanford and its wonderful balance, that team will have to play a near-perfect game and/or benefit from a Cardinal breakdown. Neither of those things will probably happen for the Huskies at Maples Pavilion, starting at 3 p.m. and televised regionally on ABC.

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