

Club hockey skates by Bears

■ The Club Sports ice hockey team opens the season with a home sweep of California

By Chris Aster
for the Emerald

With the football team taking a bye week and preparing for Arizona, University sports fans may have thought that they also had a weekend of rest. This was not the case for the faithful who showed up at Lane County Ice Arena on Friday and Saturday nights to see the Oregon Club Sports ice hockey team open its season against the California Golden Bears.

The Ducks finished 19-5-1 in 1998-99, ending the season with a heartbreaking overtime loss in the Pacific-8 Conference Tournament semifinals to Southern California. Team captain Tyler Shaffar said getting back to the postseason is a goal for this season.

"We lost our seniors, but we have three solid lines, and I think we're going to have a good

year," Shaffar said.

Oregon started this season as if that loss to the Trojans had never happened. The Ducks swept the Bears in two games, improving their record to 4-0-1 against Cal in the last two seasons.



The Bears, 10-10-1 last season, were handed a 4-3 defeat Friday. The game was highlighted by the play of Oregon's Jeff McGillis, a graduate student from Ottawa, Ontario. McGillis lit up the meager Cal defense for two goals to secure the close win.

Saturday's game wasn't nearly as even, as the Ducks stomped the Bears in a 5-1 rout. Oregon treated the crowd to a superb display of both stingy defense and offensive firepower. Junior goaltender Josh Hardin spearheaded the defensive effort with 26 saves, only letting one shot slip through the wall he essentially constructed in front of the net. The Duck offense was defined by the outstanding play of sopho-

more forward Brett Ledder, whose hat trick helped lead the win. Shaffar added two goals, and McGillis also pitched in with three assists.

The Bears didn't take their whupping so well and toward the end of the third period used every chance they received to attempt to start some sort of altercation.

"We kept our cool," Shaffar said. "That's definitely something that's different from last year."

With two wins under their belt to start off the season, the Ducks travel south to Arizona State this weekend to take on the Ice Devils.

"They're a Division-I team," Shaffar said, "so they're going to be a big test for us."

That may be so, but if last weekend was any indication, it's a test that the Ducks are definitely ready for.

The Ducks next home game is Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. against the UCLA Bruins.

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Yankees capture pennant

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

BOSTON—Fenway's fans didn't scare El Duque and neither did the Boston Red Sox.

When you've fled Cuba — by raft or yacht, it doesn't matter — nothing intimidates you.

On a night many degrees removed from his island homeland in temperature and locale, Hernandez wrapped up the New York Yankees' record 36th American League pennant in his typical Mr. Cool fashion. The MVP pitched them past the Red Sox 6-1 Monday night to win the AL Championship Series 4-1.

Less than 1 1/2 years after making his major league debut, he's 4-0 in postseason play with a 0.97 ERA, nearly halfway to Whitey Ford's Yankees record of 10 postseason wins.

Think that's impressive?

Toying with major league hitters as if they were kids on sandlots, he's allowed four earned runs in 37 innings.

Nothing seems to rattle him.

Not the taunts of Red Sox fans or the threat of debris flying on the field.

Not falling behind 3-0 in the count. He's just setting up the batter — with more windups than most teams have pitchers.

Not questions about his age — is he 30 or 34? He answers only to Yankees owner George Steinbrenner.

Not the debate over whether he left Cuba on a raft or in a luxury boat. His answers are as hard to figure as his pitches.

On a staff that struggled for consistency at times, he became the anchor, never going more than three starts without a win after mid-May.

With all the concern about Roger Clemens' legs, Andy Pettitte's mind, David Cone's arm and Hideki Irabu's gut, Hernandez was the constant: just give him the ball and let him pitch.

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Measure 20-25 will be on the November 1999 vote-by-mail ballot.

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