





Hockey skates to win, tie with Utah

■ The men's water polo team avenges an earlier loss to Oregon State with a win Saturday

By Chris Aster and Nick Haselwander

In the first set of American Collegiate Hockey Association rankings released last week, the Oregon Club Sports hockey team found itself ranked No. 9 in the western region and No. 2 in the Pacific-8 Conference. Last season, the Ducks finished with a No. 6 ranking, finishing third in the Pac-8.

The No. 6 Utah Utes came into town Friday and were greeted with one of the best defensive efforts by the Ducks thus far. Goaltender Josh Hardin collected 37 saves in the 4-1 win against the Utes, continuing his consistent play. Andrew Belcher, a sophomore forward from West Hartford, Conn., provided his first two goals of the season.

On Saturday, the Ducks jumped out to an early lead, only to have the Utes score four goals in the first and second periods. Three minutes into the second, junior forward Tyler Shaffar scored Oregon's fourth and final

goal for a 4-4 tie that held up.

The Ducks now have a 4-3-1 record and will likely move up to No. 7 or

higher in the next rankings.

Oregon next heads to California for a three-game series against two Bay Area teams. The Ducks play 0-7 Stanford on Thursday and Saturday in matchups that shouldn't be too challenging.

"We should sweep them," Shaffar said.

Friday, Oregon battles San Jose State, which is ranked No. 4 in the region with a 4-5 record.

Water polo sinks Beavers

The Oregon Club Sports men's water polo team took an early 2-0 lead and turned it into a 20-14 wire-to-wire victory against Oregon State on Saturday.

The victory avenged a loss to the Beavers earlier in the week in Corvallis.

"For the first time, we were thinking and playing like a team," Brian Stoody said.

The victory was led by Ben Gottlieb's seven goals. He also added a solid performance in goal that included four difficult saves in the third period.

Tyson Lunden added six goals, and Dave Nelson tacked on five

"We played with a lot more intensity than we have been," Gottlieb said. "We became a real cohesive unit."

The Ducks were never really challenged, but when Oregon State scored with just less than three minutes left in the third period, the Beavers were within two at 11-9.

Oregon responded quickly, however, with three straight goals to make it 14-9, and the

Ducks never looked back. Oregon State was led by a strong performance from James Owens, who had seven goals for

"This was a really good tuneup for our upcoming tournament,

the Beavers.

That tournament is the 16team event in Federal Way, Wash., on Nov. 20-22.

But one thing that often hampers the Ducks is their smaller pool. When they go to tournaments, they play in pools much larger than what they are used to.

"Our pool is smaller and other teams have an advantage," Stoody said. "We are as good or better technically, but we just don't get the same practice."

On Saturday, however, that seemingly made little difference.

Dodgers, Blue Jays swap Mondesi, Green

By Ken Peters

DANA POINT, Calif. - The Los Angeles Dodgers made Shawn Green one of baseball's highest-paid players Monday, agreeing to a six-year, \$84 million contract to complete a deal that sends Raul Mondesi to the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Dodgers acquired Green and minor league second baseman Jorge Nunez from Toronto in exchange for Mondesi and pitcher Pedro Borbon.

Green's average salary of \$14 million per season is the secondhighest ever in baseball, trailing only the \$15 million earned by his new teammate, pitcher Kevin Brown, in a \$105 million, sevenyear contract he agreed to with the Dodgers in December.

It's the fourth-highest package ever in baseball, trailing only Brown, New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza (\$91 million for seven years) and New York Yankees outfielder Bernie Williams (\$87.5 million for seven years).

Dodgers general manager Kevin Malone said Green is a perfect fit for the team.

'The fact that he hits from the left side, and I think most important, his importance and his integrity," Malone said during a news conference at the general managers' meeting.

Green is a native of suburban Tustin, some 35 miles from Dodger Stadium.

"It's something to get a chance to play at home in LA," Green said at the news conference. "Everybody who knows baseball knows what a class organization this is."

Mondesi, 28, had asked the Dodgers to trade him last season. The Dodgers and Blue Jays agreed to the tentative deal Friday night, and Los Angeles was given 72 hours by the commissioner's office to work out a contract with Green.

"Shawn Green has a chance to come home to Southern California, where he went to school and spent much of his youth," said his agent, Jeff Moorad. "Raul Mondesi gets a chance for a new start in Toronto.'

Moorad, also Mondesi's agent, said he had mixed feelings about the trade because both players would be leaving the teams they had spent their entire major league careers with.

Mondesi, who had been benched for two straight games, leveled a profanity-laced tirade against Malone and manager Davey Johnson on Aug. 11, saying they were trying to blame him for

the Dodgers' poor season.

Moorad said Mondesi told him Monday morning, before the deal was finalized, that he thought it was time to move on.

Bob Daly, the former Warner Bros. executive named the Dodgers' chairman, CEO and managing partner on Oct. 28, pretty much agreed it was time.

'I was disappointed that he didn't want to be a Dodger," Daly said of Mondesi. "We only want players who want to be here.

Toronto general manager Gord Ash believes the deal was a good one for the Blue Jays.

'We got some power, run pro-

duction and speed, and we also got a left-handed reliever to take the place of Graeme Lloyd, who probably is going to leave us," Ash said.

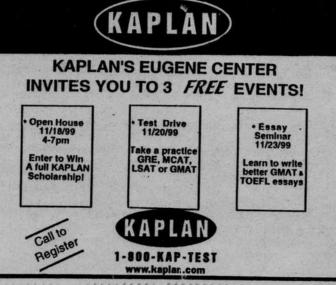
Asked about Mondesi's lashing out at the Dodgers last season, Ash said, "I think there was some frustration with the club as a whole and some personal frustration. He's a very passionate player and wants to win."

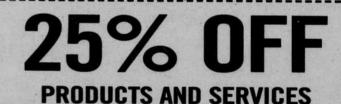
Green, an outfielder who turns 27 Wednesday, made \$2.9 million last season, when he hit .309 with 42 homers and 123 RBIs. He was eligible for free agency after next season and had turned down a \$45 million, five-year offer by Toronto.

He gets a \$4 million signing bonus, \$8.75 million in 2000, \$11.5 million in 2001, \$12.75 million in 2002, \$15 million in 2003 and \$16 million in each of the final two years.

As part of the deal, Moorad said Green will donate \$250,000 each year to the Dodgers' Dreams Foundation, which refurbishes youth ballparks in the Los Angeles area.







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