

Rugby crushes Huskies 62-7

■ Early-morning practices pay off for the ranger challenge team at regionals

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The Oregon Club Sports men's rugby team started what it called a "promising season" Saturday by defeating Washington 62-7.

Oregon coach Bob Snyder said before the game that he was concerned about the team's lack of game experience.

"I had no expectation of how the team would play," Snyder said. "The Huskies had played a lot more games and played against good quality teams."

Despite the Snyder's concern, the Ducks came out strong from the beginning. Oregon recovered an early Huskies' turnover and went on to score a try on the first play.

Senior wing Matt McLaughlin scored three tries for the Ducks. Bill Terrill also had three tries.

McLaughlin was excited about the team's performance.

"We had a lot of continuity going on," McLaughlin said. "The

backs were doing a really good job and the forwards were making the tackles."

Snyder said emotion is important for winning and he was worried about the team's emotions because last season it "played not to lose" at times instead of "playing to win."

Snyder said he was happy about the team's performance.

"The key was that in the first five minutes we came out and made them look silly," Snyder said. "And they could never recover."



Duck eight man Jacob Hays said if Oregon can continue to play like it did Saturday, it has a good chance at earning a bid for the NCAA Tournament in Colorado.

Two seasons ago the Ducks went to the nationals as a Division-II team. Since then, Oregon has moved up to Division I.

The Ducks have to win all their league games to get to nationals in April. The next league game is this Saturday against Western

Washington at the intramural grass field adjacent to Hayward Field at 1 p.m.

Rangers challenge at regionals, finish fourth

Weeks of practicing at 6:45 a.m. yielded fourth place for the Oregon Club Sports ranger challenge team at regionals at Western Oregon on Saturday.

"The competition was definitely better this year," said Shawn Dodge, senior cadet and team captain. "We did better [than last year], and everybody else did better."

Team camaraderie encouraged strong individual performances, sophomore cadet Don Bryant said.

The teams collect points in five different events. Oregon's best single discipline was Physical Training.

The Ducks finished second in the event, which combines sit-ups, push-ups and a two-mile run for 100 points each.

"Five people maxed the PT test with a perfect 300, including both our females," Dodge said.

Portland won the regionals and will represent the Northwest at nationals.

Galloway ends holdout, returns to Seahawks

By Jim Cour
The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Joey Galloway says he finally decided to end his season-long holdout and return to the Seattle Seahawks because he missed playing in the NFL.

"I realized that playing football is what I wanted to do," the star wide receiver said after reporting to the Seahawks and passing his physical examination Tuesday.

He came to Seattle two weeks ago to check out his house and see some friends before returning to his home in Dublin, Ohio.

"I had a chance to hang out with some teammates and I got closer to the situation," Galloway said. "It bothered me when I got on the plane to go back to Ohio. It bothered me that I wasn't joining the team."

His holdout began when he missed the start of training camp in Cheney on Aug. 1. It cost him \$1.047 million: \$837,117 in lost salary and \$210,000 in fines. During the holdout, the Seahawks took their \$35 million, seven-year contract offer off the table, includ-

ing a \$7 million signing bonus.

Without Galloway, new coach-general manager Mike Holmgren has the Seahawks off to a 6-2 start and in first place in the AFC West. They won at Green Bay on Monday Night Football and beat Cincinnati at home last week.

The Seahawks will play Denver in the Kingdome next Sunday night.

Galloway said he was ready to start helping his team right away, but wasn't sure when Holmgren plans to start using him. On Monday, Holmgren said it would be difficult for Galloway to begin playing right away. Holmgren did not talk to reporters on Tuesday.

Holmgren can choose to use a two-week roster exemption for Galloway.

When the player and coach met Tuesday, Holmgren handed him a thick playbook. Galloway took part in Holmgren's mini-camps.

The Seahawks players had Tuesday as their day off. They return to practice on Wednesday.

"I'm going to give it everything I have," Galloway said.

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Sports brief

Last standing Duck falls

Leslie Eisenga's run through the consolation bracket in the ITA Regionals at Washington ended one step short of the final.

The Oregon men's tennis team's Netherlands native lost 8-1 to Matt Cox of Santa Clara in the semifinals Tuesday after defeat-

ing seventh-seeded David Martin of Stanford 8-5 earlier in the day.

The Ducks' other remaining competitor, Joaquin Hamdan, lost to Cox 9-8 in the consolation quarterfinals.

"During the tournament...we were able to get some good experience," Oregon head coach Chris Russell said.

The Ducks look for more of the same starting Friday at the Salem Shootout in Salem.

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