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Cal has target on Ducks

■ Oregon must master rebounding and the road to win its 13th straight against the Bears

By Scott Pesznecker
Oregon Daily Emerald

Finally — the end is in sight. Just two more games stand between Oregon and McArthur Court. Two more contests — 80 minutes total — separate home and the road.

The Ducks (10-3 overall, 1-0 Pacific-10 Conference) are eager to count only 40 minutes by the end of tonight. But before they can do that and then wrap up their road trip with a game against Stanford, Oregon must face California (5-7, 0-2).

Marianne Stanley, fourth-year head coach of the Golden Bears, has watched her team lose close battles including a 70-65 road loss at No. 12 North Carolina and a 64-68 loss at Santa Clara.

But four of California's last five games were on the road. At home, the Bears are 4-1. Counting two home exhibition wins, their home record is 6-1. And Stanley said they're set on making it 7-1 when Oregon comes to play tonight at 7:30 p.m.

"Oregon has a big target on its

back as far as I'm concerned," Stanley said. "Number one on our minds is Oregon. That's all that we're thinking about."

"We're road weary, and we need an emotional lift of being at home."

The Ducks, also a road-weary team, received a lift of their own by beating Oregon State in their Pac-10 opener. Although the

Ducks are yearning to return to "The Pit" where they are undefeated this season, head coach Jody Runge knows the importance of playing hard against California.

"We're taking it one game at a time," Runge said. "Cal had better be our priority, or else they'll sneak up on us; then we've got to come back and play well against Stanford. It's a very challenging road trip."

"They're a much improved basketball team. They know how important the home wins are, and they're going to give us everything they've got down at their place."

The game will be the Bears' first Pac-10 match up in Haas Pavilion, which officially opened on Nov. 21 with a 74-52 win over Nevada. The \$57.5 million-dollar structure

seats 12,300 and took two years to complete.

If that isn't enough to fire up California, then old-fashioned rivalry could fuel the fire. Oregon guard Lindsey Dion and Bears' guard Paige Bowie were teammates at Clovis West High School in Fresno, Calif.

"Paige is a self-made athlete," Dion said. "She can shoot from deep and she's got a strong, right-handed jumper. Those are things I've seen from the past and I imagine that she'll be the same."

Shaquala Williams, the Ducks' leading scorer with 17.9 points per game, will match up with junior Courtney Johnson at the point. Johnson leads the Pac-10 in steals (3.0 pg), is 11th in scoring (12.6 ppg) and eighth in free-throw percentage (.765).

The Ducks must also do better on the boards. California ranks third in the conference in offensive rebounds and shares No. 3 on the defensive glass with Stanford. Oregon is ranked seventh and fifth, respectively.

"Cal is definitely capable of coming out and pulling out a win against us," Oregon forward Angelina Wolvert said. "As long as we take care of what we're supposed to do, that won't be a problem."

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American during his wrestling days at Oregon. "He has a good work ethic, and he can do so many things well. Right now it's as if he has too many options, and he needs to define which of those he's going to use by the time nationals come around. He's as good as anyone in the country when he is wrestling well."

The Ducks lost the majority of their lineup to graduation last season, and the team is very young. Harris said this year will be important for the team to gain experience.

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"This year is a learning year, and people need to realize how good they are," Harris said.

Kearney said the same applies to Harris.

"This is a year that Eugene needs to gain confidence," Kearney said. "We need to get him wrestling like a seasoned veteran."

When Harris gains experience, he has the ability to be an elite force in the Pacific-10 Conference. And Oregon is lucky to have him, especially considering he once believed the similarities between him and Oregon ended with his name.

"At first I didn't want to come to Oregon because I heard it rained a lot," said Harris, who's from Las Vegas. "But I talked to the coaches, and they talked a lot about turning the program around. I have everything I need to become a champion here with the athletic facilities."

Harris wasn't the only wrestler from Lassen who keeps his stay at the junior college short and sweet. Harris said almost everyone who wrestles at Lassen — a school that is a five-time national champion — hits the big college ranks after one year. That list includes Iowa's T.J. Williams and Oklahoma State's Reggie Wright, both of whom wrestle for nationally ranked teams.

Oregon may be young, but the valuable experience the Ducks receive this season could spur Oregon to the ranks of the nation's elite next season. With All-American Chael Sonnen retuning next year (he took the year off to practice with the Olympic team), Harris is already making predictions for next year.

"We should be in the top 15 next year, and we should have some All-Americans," Harris said.

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ference," Kent said. "Obviously, last year we struggled a bit at home, but we have a totally different team this year, and we've done some good things on the road that have allowed us to grow."

Kent knows how important defending your own home court is. A year ago, the Ducks lost their first four home games en route to a 2-8 league start.

In Kent's first year in the 1997-98 season, Oregon also opened conference play against Cal and beat them but then lost six of the next seven and finished one game under .500 for the year.

"The next step up for us is to really play well at home in the conference," Kent said. "We can't wait to get it going — it needs to happen right now. We've got to come out in the right mental mind set and really take the energy level of Mac Court to a whole other level because of how hard we're going to play."

The Ducks will face a California team that they became very familiar with a season ago. Oregon had the advantage in the two regular-season games, but it ran into the

Golden Bears again at Madison Square Garden in New York on March 23.

The two teams met in the National Invitation Tournament semifinal, when the Ducks were overtaken by California 85-69, the eventual NIT champions.

But the team that will be at the Pit tonight has a much different look.

Cal has only two seniors and one junior on its roster after losing four starters and its sixth man from that championship team.

With only three upperclassmen among its 11 scholarship athletes, the 1999-2000 Bears are the youngest team in Cal history.

That crop includes five freshmen who have all played significant minutes this season. Each freshman has been in the starting lineup at least six times, while forward Joe Shipp and guard/forward Brian Wethers have started 12 and 10 games, respectively.

"We need to introduce those freshmen to the Pit," Kent said. "The Pit just needs to be rocking because those young guys have a big adjustment to make on the road, and we need to make sure that's a big advantage for us."

California should come out strong, as it is looking for its first Pac-10 win of the season.



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