

Beavers have the Ducks' number once again

■ The Ducks can't fight back from an early deficit, losing to the Beavs for the second time this season

By Matt O'Neill
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Slow starts always kill a team. That was the case for the Oregon wrestling team in its loss to No. 25 Oregon State. The Beavers (10-7 overall, 6-3 Pacific-10) handed the Ducks (11-6 overall, 6-4 Pac-10) their

second loss in two tries against their rivals from Corvallis.

Oregon State jumped out to an early lead by winning four of the first five decisions, eventually cruising to a 27-12 win.

The Beavers' early success included Ben Richards' pin of Adam Marino to post a 16-4 lead for the hometown team. Marino continued to fill in for the injured Brian Watson, who is expected back for the Pac-10 championships.

Oregon State's dominance was

capped with a 17-3 decision by Jason Cooley over Eric Webb in the heavyweight division.

For Oregon, senior Doug Lee extended his winning streak to 17-0 in dual meets. The No. 7 junior from Central Point got a impressive 14-4 win over Clint Wilson, in which Lee recorded six takedowns. The win improved his overall record to 29-3 on the season.

Two other bright spots for Oregon were the wins by Eugene Harris and Tony Overstake.

Harris, wrestling at 165-pounds instead of his normal 157-pound class, got a 12-4 decision over OSU's Jake Huffman to improve his win total to 25, second only to Lee for the most on the team.

Overstake continued to bounce back from his defeat against Portland State with a 13-3 decision over Andy Frey at the 149-pound division. With the win, Overstake pushed his season record to 18-8 and 8-2 in dual matches.

Freshman Jake Leair, who is coming off an ankle injury, wrestled in the closest match of the night. Leair owned a 20-15 ledger advantage, but still lost to Oregon State's freshman, Jason Lovell. With seven seconds left, Lovell used an escape and a point for riding time to win 2-0.

The loss to the Beavers comes a week before the Ducks head to the Pac-10 championships. The tournament is held in Davis, Calif., on Feb. 26-27.

Oregon men's golf finishes ninth, women tee off today

■ The Oregon men golfers finish well in Hawaii while the women wait in the wings for their tournament

By Peter Hockaday
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The Ducks are back on track. While the women's golf team eagerly awaits their first tournament of 2000, the men took ninth place at their second tournament

of the year in Hawaii.

Georgia Tech won the Taylor Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate by eight strokes with a one-under par 855 over three rounds. The Ducks shot a 10-over 866 to earn the ninth spot, finishing only one stroke out of eighth. Twenty-four teams competed in the tournament.

Senior co-captains Ryan Lavoie and Andrew Tredway led the way for Oregon. Both scored six-over

220s to finish in a nine-way tie for 26th. Tredway, in second place after the first round, was hampered by a second round 82, ten strokes over par.

Sophomore Brandon Harnden was three over par after two rounds, but shot an eight-over 80 in the final round and dropped to 53rd place. Oregon sophomore Aaron Byers (231, 82nd) and freshman Chris Carnahan (233, 91st) also placed.

The Ducks did well against Pacific-10 Conference foes. Oregon State finished seventh, only seven strokes in front of Oregon. Stanford, tied with the Ducks after two rounds, finished in eighth place, a stroke better than Oregon.

The men travel to Cleveland for the Southwest Intercollegiate next Monday and Tuesday.

The women take center stage this week, participating in their first tournament of the year, the

Arizona Wildcat Invitational in Tucson, Ariz.

The Ducks hope to continue the winning trend they set in the fall, when they took first place once and second place twice in five tournaments. The women have four tournaments this year before the Pac-10 championships in April.

The three-round Wildcat Invitational starts today and concludes Wednesday.

Ducks' softball team eventually finds its stroke in UNLV Classic

■ Oregon continues its heavy hitting against Notre Dame and Fordham

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Power is the name of the game. The Oregon softball team continued to flex its muscles over the weekend at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Tournament.

However, it took the Ducks a game to regain the offensive prowess they showed last weekend in Texas. In the first game of the tournament, Utah blanked Oregon, 1-0.

Utah pitcher and Eugene native Kristin Arbogast shut out the Ducks for only the second time this year. Oregon's Connie McMurren threw a complete game and gave up one run on three hits.

The Ducks' best chance to score a run was squandered in the bottom of the first inning when Lindsey Welch was caught in a run down between third and home on a Triawn Custer single.

Oregon then bounced back in the second game of the day to score three runs to defeat Florida International, 3-2.

The Ducks used three doubles to propel them to the win. Holly

Ray scored on an Andrea Gustafson double in the top of the fifth. Gustafson then scored on a Missy Coe double to give the Ducks the win.

The power explosion continued for Oregon the next day as they swept both Fordham and Notre Dame by a score of 11-0 and 11-3, respectively.

The win against Fordham was highlighted by Ray's three-run

home run. In the afternoon contest against the Irish, the Ducks jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first on a Jill Robinson home run.

In the top of the fifth, Oregon's bats came alive, exploding for seven runs and chasing Irish pitcher Jennifer Kreich out of the game. The Ducks' McMurren held Notre Dame to only three runs on five hits to gain her third win of the season.

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