

UO rugby hopes for another win vs. OSU

■ The men's and women's rugby teams gear up for their Civil War matchups

By Shigenari Matsumoto for the Emerald

Oregon Men's rugby team (4-0) faces Oregon State University (3-

1) at Corvallis this Saturday. Coming off an impressive 20-6 win against Central Washington (3-1) on a field that was 20 percent ice, the Ducks plan the same against the Beavers, Oregon coach Bob Snyder said.

"We only let Central Washington advance into our field twice,

and even that shouldn't have happened," Snyder said. "As long as we have the ball, the opponent won't."

Oregon's defense has been solid all season, not letting opponents score a single try. Yet the Ducks need to prove they can do the same in the Civil War.

"A lot of pride is involved in this game [against Oregon State University], and the result will also affect the postseason, so it is very important to win this game," Ducks prop Kevin Graham said.

The fact that Oregon has not won against OSU for 16 straight years adds to what is an already

an interesting matchup between the two powerhouses of the Northwest league. If the Ducks win they become the Northwest champions and host the national tournament on April 1st.

The mens' game starts at 1 p.m. after the womens' game at 11 a.m. in Corvallis.

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