

This time 'D' dominates Ducks' scrimmage

■ After the offense shines in the team's first scrimmage, the defense limits Oregon's quarterbacks Friday

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In the Oregon football team's first major scrimmage of the spring on April 15, Jermaine Hanspard rushed for only two yards on six carries as the starting tailback.

On Friday, in the Ducks second scrimmage, Hanspard busted loose for a 36-yard dash that drew plenty of "oohs" and "ahhs" from the couple hundred fans on hand at the Kilkenny Practice Field outside of Autzen Stadium.

The fans weren't cheering an offensive play though. Hanspard, who was moved to his more comfortable position as cornerback

earlier in the week, intercepted Orlando Evans' pass near the five yard line.

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound cornerback proceeded to wow the crowd as he zig-zagged left to right and right to left, eluding offensive wannabe tacklers. He was only credited 36 yards for his vertical gain, but his horizontal length was much farther.

"Jermaine obviously has some skills on the run with the ball in his hands," head coach Mike Bellotti said. "He adds a certain toughness [to the secondary] and has some real intensity."

Hanspard's interception helped the Ducks' defense gain the upper hand over the offense as Oregon completed its third week of spring practice with the 90-minute controlled scrimmage.

A week after Oregon's quarterbacks combined for 385 yards, the

quartet of arms were limited to just 213 yards on 19 of 35 passes.

The most impressive offensive showing of the afternoon was Oregon's 13-play, 95-yard scoring drive that was anchored by No. 2 QB, A.J. Feeley.



Feeley accounted for the offense's only passing touchdown when he threw a tight spiral down the middle of the field to wide receiver Marshaun Tucker, who leapt, snared the ball and darted into the end zone to complete the 23-yard touchdown pass.

"Yeah, that drive felt pretty good," said Feeley, who completed seven of 10 passes for 68 yards. "Offensively, we did some things fundamentally sound. I just try to go out there and make things happen."

"A.J. put together a nice drive," Bellotti said. "He's such a great competitor, and I thought he did a nice job of leadership during that drive. I was very pleased."

Bellotti was also happy to see his inexperienced backfield show some development. Redshirt freshman tailback Joe Broder, who is a walk-on, led all runners with 48 yards on nine carries. Derek Earls, a redshirt freshman from Portland, also impressed with 33 yards on eight carries.

Josh Line and Mike Zeck, both fullbacks, each muscled home a one-yard rushing touchdown. Line showed tremendous grit in his three rushing attempts and 11-yard catch.

"I think I'm getting more comfortable with the offense," said Line, who hails from Springfield. "But it was nice to see the defense improve. They came out fired up."

The defense made the offense work for everything it got. Along with Feeley's TD pass, Harrington's 22-yard dart to tight end Enyi Nwamuo was the only other play that went beyond 20 yards.

"I saw some good things on both sides of the ball," Bellotti said. "But I thought our defense had the advantage."

Afterwards, Hanspard, who is not at full speed due to a hip pointer, was still thinking about his interception.

"I was trying to get into that end zone," said Hanspard, who also ran track Saturday. "I wanted to take it to the house. That's all I was focusing on."

The Ducks turn their focus to next Saturday when they culminate their spring with the intrasquad Spring Game at 1 p.m. at Autzen.

Huskies pin 5-2 loss Oregon, tournament bid unlikely

■ The men's tennis team's chances at an NCAA bid are hurt with a 5-2 loss against Washington

By Robbie McCallum
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They put up a fight, but in the end, they were unable to come through.

The Oregon men's tennis team faced No. 28 Washington in its last Pacific-10 conference match,

needing a win to qualify a spot in the NCAA tournament. It was the fourth meeting between the two teams this season, with the Huskies prevailing twice before in Seattle.

The Ducks started out well in doubles play, but then the outdoor match was suspended by rain. When the match had been moved indoors to the Willow Creek Racquet Club, the momentum switched to the Huskies.

Washington went on to take the doubles portion of the contest by

winning two of the three matches. Washington's Nick Quatrochi and Ari Strasberg defeated the 39th-ranked team of senior Guillermo Carter and freshman Leslie Eisinga fell 8-6. Matt Hanlin and Mark Woolley put away senior Joaquin Hamdan and junior David Becker, 8-3.

"They were more ready in doubles, and they came out more fired up, with more intensity," head coach Chris Russell said. "They just out-played us."

Freshman Oded Teig and soph-

omore Thomas Schneiter won an inspired 9-7 doubles matches against Jeremy Berman and Andy Posavac.

The misfortune in doubles meant the Ducks would need to take four of the six singles matches to win. Oregon seemed well on its way after Hamdan and Teig dominated their opponents in straight sets to give Oregon a 2-1 lead.

Three other Ducks won or were leading in their opening sets, but were unable to prevail as the Huskies regained the lead, 3-2. Oregon's top two players, Carter and Schneiter both lost tough matches against No. 89 Hanlin and Posavac, respectively.

The pressure then fell on freshman Jason Menke and Eisinga to win their matches. As the more experienced Husky opponents wore down the Oregon freshmen,



hope for a victory slipped away. Junior Marius Lunde put away Eisinga in three sets, securing the Washington victory. Woolley, a senior, put the icing on the win by defeating Menke, 6-3, 6-4.

The Ducks fell to 2-5 in the Pac-10, tied with California and Arizona for fifth place. Oregon will now focus on a April 26 non-conference match at UC-Santa Barbara before the Pac-10 Individual Championships in Ojai, Calif.

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significant advantage" Baumgartner said. "We feel very comfortable on that golf course."

The men's team will not experience that kind of advantage in Tempe, but it will feel nearly as comfortable at Karsten as the women do in Eugene. The Ducks played in Tempe last weekend at the Arizona State/Thunderbird Invitational and finished third among Pac-10 teams.

"It's a good golf course for us," head coach Steve Nosler said. "We're relatively long, and the golf course is relatively long."

Nosler will rely once again on senior co-captains Ryan Lavoie and Andrew Tredway to be "long" and lead his team. Lavoie has been the Ducks' leader on the golf course all season, with a fourth, third, second and first place this year.

Nosler also thinks the format of the Pac-10 championships will favor his Ducks. The team has played a format all year in which the team fields five players with

the four lowest scores counting towards the team's score. In Tempe, the men will field six players, with five scores counting,

and Nosler thinks his team has the depth to compete with the Pac-10 powers.

The Pac-10s are not the end of the postseason for either team.

The West Regionals, in Tempe for the women, and in Fresno, Calif., for the men, determine

whether or not the teams will go to the NCAA Championships. Both teams are assured of berths in the Regionals by virtue of the competition they have faced all year, but that one tournament will make or break both seasons.

The women play at the Eugene Country Club starting today, with the first Oregon tee time at 10:06. Admission is free.

On tap

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