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Duck hockey to face Montana State here

■ The Ducks are approaching this weekend's home games with caution, as they are facing a team they have yet to play

By Inge Scheve
For the Emerald

It's time to once again defend the home turf.

After playing two on the road last weekend, the Oregon Club hockey team returns home Friday and Saturday, facing off against Montana State for the first time ever.

Both games will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will be played at the Lane County Ice Rink. Oregon is 2-0 at home this season.

"We don't really know much about [Montana]," team captain Tyler Shaffar said.

While Oregon is in the Pac-8 league, Montana plays in the RMCHA West, and was ranked eighth in the ACHA last year, Shaffar said.

"The RMCHA is a pretty premier league," Shaffar added.

The league includes all of the Utah schools - hockey powerhouses such as Weber State and Utah State.

Unfortunately for the Ducks, Mike Tornabene and Brett Ledders, who came forward as stellar players in Los Angeles last weekend, have personal obligations and can't play against Montana.

"Two good forwards are not going to be here, which will make it

that much tougher," Shaffar said.

"Some of our other players need to step up our game, and put the puck in the net," forward Andrew Belcher said.

Belcher will be a part of the starting line for the Ducks Friday. This week's practice has revolved around hard skating.

"We want to be in shape and ready to skate three hard periods Friday and Saturday," Belcher added.

Key players for the Ducks this weekend will be Scott Tedrick, Jack Hendrickson and Steve Budke.

"They played great this last weekend, especially on Saturday," Shaffar said. "Steve had a rough couple of first games, but Saturday he really showed what kind of player he can be."

Budke is also a part of the starting line for the games this weekend, and Josh Hardin will be tending the goal for the Ducks. Hardin has played really well this week in practice, Shaffar said.

"It's exciting to play new teams," Shaffar said. "We'll just go to the rink and take it from there."

This will also be a key week in forming the right mix of players.

"Last weekend we established ourselves as a physical team," Belcher said. "After this weekend we should be more settled down in the line to set up something more permanent with everyone back in town and ready to go."

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as such I think he has the respect of his teammates."

Oregon is also earning respect on a national basis. Not only are the Ducks ranked in the top-10, but Smith and punter Kurtis Doerr are included in some pretty select company.

Smith was selected as a semi-finalist for the Butkus Award, which honors the nation's top collegiate linebacker. He is one of only 11 linebackers to make the cut, including Pac-10 foes Adam Archulata from Arizona State and Robert Thomas of UCLA.

Doerr earned national props when he was listed on the ABC sports mid-season All-American team as its punter.

Oregon was first honored with a Pac-10 player of the week after its 29-10 victory over UCLA Sept. 23. Both tailback Maurice Morris and safety Keith Lewis received the honor for offense and special teams, respectively.

A week later, Doerr showed off his pin-point accuracy in the Ducks' 23-16 win against Washington and earned player of the week honors for special teams. And then against USC Oct. 14, it was quarterback Joey Harrington's turn after he tore apart the Trojan defense en route to a career passing day.

"When opposing teams try to target on just one person, then somebody else steps up," Patu said. "Maybe this week it'll be somebody else."

Phil phoning home?

The buzz began Tuesday night and continued throughout Wednesday. Will Nike CEO Phil Knight attend Saturday's Oregon game in Tempe, Ariz.?

Knight has not attended a single Duck athletic event since the University's decision to join the Worker

Rights Consortium April 13.

However, on the heels of the news that the university may soon officially cut ties with the WRC, there have been reports that Knight may have had a change of heart. Portland KGW television sports anchor Colin Cowherd announced Wednesday night that Knight will indeed be in attendance at Sun Devil Stadium.

In an interview with the Emerald in September, athletic director Bill Moos said, "Phil Knight is a supporter of the U of O, has a passion for his alma mater and wants to be involved. We'd like to have Phil back, and a primary goal of mine is to just get him back here as a fan and let everything fall where it may."

Pass the popcorn

Oregon State went to see the movie, "Remember the Titans," as a team before its 33-30 loss to Washington Oct. 7. California also went to see the movie before its win over UCLA last weekend.

The Ducks joined the movie party, as the team went to the Cinemark theater in the Gateway Mall to see the Denzel Washington flick during the day last Saturday before its night game.

"There were times in that movie when our hairs on our backs raised and we got excited," Patu said. "There was certainly a lot of intensity in the air when we were watching that film."

Still playing

Former Ducks Tony Hartley and Dietrich Moore are still showing off their moves on the gridiron here in town. Hartley attended the Cincinnati Bengals' training camp and with the help of his agent, Leigh Steinberg, is looking for another opportunity in the NFL. The two were seen playing in an intramural football game against two of the Emerald sports staffers, Adam Jude and Peter Hockaday.

The results weren't pretty.



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