

UO hockey frustrated following two tough losses

■ The Ducks come away empty-handed after a two-game homestand with Trojans



By Inge Scheve
for the Emerald

The Oregon Club Sports hockey team swallowed two hard defeats against USC on home ice last weekend.

The Ducks fell to the Trojans 4-0

on Friday and 5-1 on Saturday at the Lane County Ice Arena.

Friday's loss was particularly painful. Oregon was in the game the entire time and had the most chances (35 versus the Trojans' 28), but the Ducks didn't execute the way they should have.

"It was pretty demoralizing," Oregon captain Tyler Shaffar said. "We had the opportunity to beat them, but they embarrassed us in front of our own crowd."

The Trojans scored the first goal

within the first minute of the first period, a score that stood until the third period. In the final session, USC shoved in three more for the 4-0 shutout.

"It's really disheartening," defenseman Rob Starkey said. "We played really well, but we couldn't get it past their goalie. Nobody has been able to step up and score."

The Ducks tried new systems and lines this weekend, following tough losses on their Utah road trip in the weekend prior.

On the bright side, Oregon had many

of the breaks and bounces in the game.

"We were all over them," Shaffar said. "We can't lose a game like that."

The Ducks had 17 shots in the second period alone, but it wasn't enough.

On Saturday, Oregon was no competition for USC despite the fact that a Trojan player dislocated his kneecap when he collided with one of his own players. The accident caused a 45-minute pause in the game, which threw the Ducks off, Starkey said.

But USC finished what it started Friday and drove the Ducks to the brink of hitting the panic button. The Trojans scored three goals before Oregon even got one in the net, and then they slapped in another two to finish off the Ducks.

"They were the better team," Shaffar said. "They outplayed us. It's so frustrating. You try to change everything, and it's not working. We have a better team than last year, but we're doing worse."

"Where do you go from here?"

Giants' quarterback bares soul in discussion of past

By Tom Canavan
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Kerry Collins bared his soul about his troubled past Monday night, transforming a Super Bowl interview into a very public confessional.

The New York Giants quarterback, a self-admitted shy kid, discussed the problems that almost ended his NFL career.

Standing behind a podium for 35 minutes, Collins answered question after question about alcohol dependency; being labeled a racist and a quitter; the dark moments of rehabilitation; and eventually turning his career around, leading the

New York Giants to a Super Bowl meeting with the Baltimore Ravens.

In an era when athletes do their best to shield their private lives, Collins treated this news conference like a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, opening himself up in a candid, informative and impressive manner.

When a moderator asked him if he wanted to stop after the allotted 30 minutes was up, Collins said no and answered about five more questions. No subject was taboo.

"Well, I'm human and I too have frailties and weaknesses, and we all do," Collins said. "Hopefully, people can see me as a role model in the sense people have problems,

and alcohol dependency is part of life. It's part of everyday life."

Collins, who has been very frank about his problems since signing with the Giants two years ago, gave new insights into his alcohol dependency and for the first time publicly discussed the racial incident that led to his falling into disfavor with his Carolina Panthers teammates.

Collins, 28, said he didn't drink everyday or every other day, but "when I did, I never stopped."

The racial incident followed a binge that came at the end of the Panthers' training camp in 1998.

"We all went out and had drinks and I was very intoxicated," Collins

said. "There was celebrations going on back in the dorm and I used a word that was not meant to be used."

Collins did not disclose the word he used, but insisted he was trying to use it in a joking manner to get a few laughs.

"I used a term that was not meant to be used in a malicious way," he said. "In my polluted, altered mind, I believed that, in some sort of way, it would bring forth some sense of camaraderie. I certainly didn't mean for it to be taken the way it was."

Collins said he was most proud of his success off the field.

"I had a hard time separating between Kerry Collins the quarterback and Kerry Collins the person," he

said. "That distinction wasn't clear until I realized I needed to take care of myself first before I could do anything on the football field or in my career."

In turning his life around, Collins also turned around his career, setting personal bests for yards passing (3,610) and touchdowns (22).

"I didn't want to look back in 20 or 30 years and see I wasted a talent that is a unique talent," Collins said. "That has been one of the driving forces in the whole process."

So is being honest.

"Do I like to talk about it everyday? No!"

Maybe he won't have to after Monday.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 23). You've got talent; that's obvious. Now, prove you've also got common sense. Follow an older person's advice in February. Gather the loot in March. Make a down payment on permanence in May. Renew an old love in June. Push yourself to work harder in July. Encouragement in October brings out your true genius. A barrier that worried you looks puny in November. Dance through the tulips in December and remember to be thankful. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Take it easy at work. The rules may be too strict, but you're not likely to change them now. You'll have better luck with friends tonight. Hang out with a group that's always trying to change things for the better, just like you!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Work out your strategy so you're ready to be a tough negotiator. If you're going to make what you think you're worth, you'll have to be able to prove it. It's easier today than tomorrow, if that's of any help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — If you've been planning your life astrologically, you have just enough money to start on your world cruise. Scurry to be as ready as you can by tomorrow. An awesome opportunity pops up then.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — If your New Year's resolution included becoming fabulously wealthy, get busy. Stash more into savings, in a place where it will grow. Something that wasn't valuable could appreciate rapidly over the next few days.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're used to having the spotlight, but not this time. You're better off now if a powerful, intellectual type stands up for you. Just feed this person all the information he or she needs to argue your case. And remember to keep quiet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Your relationship should be well-established by now. What to do next? Why not launch a project you can work on together? This could be for fun or for profit, or both. The first step is to work out your plan.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Difficult issues need to be discussed, and some changes need to be made. Seeing what a loved one wants will get easier, and so will deciding whether or not you'll provide it. A storybook romance can come true if you do the work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Your house is full of change, ideas and opportunity. It may be so full, it's hard to move around. Maybe it's time to recycle a few things. Is it time for major renovation? This could be your big excuse to get creative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Acquiring new technical skills would improve your financial situation and would also impress your friends. They always come to you for advice. This will give them more things to ask you about. Become an expert in something else.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Quite a bit of money could slip through your fingers if you're not careful. You've been so busy playing the game, you may not have had time to keep score. That's OK for a while, but doing it for long is foolish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — You've been focused on finishing old business. Soon you'll know why. Something you've learned recently will be quite useful. Your confidence improves, too. Get ready to take bold action tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — You should be writing your dreams down over the next few days. Your imagination will be fertile. Your head will be full of arguments and battles, being won and lost. Remember these visions. You might have a movie in there that's good enough to sell!

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