

Women's rugby wins 95-0

Central Washington also took a fall to the men's team last weekend, but in a slightly closer-scoring game

By Jesse Thomas for the Emerald



Another slaughtering took place this past weekend as the Oregon Club Sports women's rugby team crushed Central

Washington 95-0 on Saturday.

The Ducks were dominant from the start, as they completed 15 tries and 11 conversions en route to a 57-0 halftime lead.

The women are now 2-0, shutting out both their opponents.

"They are the best-conditioned people out on the field," coach Greg Farrell said.

Oregon was led by wing Amy Johnson, whose four tries helped her gain player of the game status. Prop Cheyenne House executed well, hooker Nicole Merrill had two tries, and kicker Shelby Frail finished with two tries and 11 conversions.

"It was a very clean game of rugby," Frail said. "It ran very textbook with our plays and tackles."

Although they're dominating the scoreboard, Farrell said that the forward pack still isn't as strong as he

would like because of their inexperience, but the backs are running extremely well in working together.

The women take on Washington State Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on the Southbank Field.

Men's rugby starts slow, finishes strong

The men's rugby team also took it to Central Washington last weekend, winning a hard-fought battle by a score of 42-27.

The Wildcats came ready to play as they scored first to take a 5-0 lead, but then the Ducks woke up and began to play their game, taking a 31-5 lead at the half. Central rallied hard in the second to bring the score to 31-22, the closest the Wildcats would get. The Ducks then took over and scored quickly to increase their lead to 38-22 to finish off the Wildcats.

"They kept their character, kept their heart and were able to score the ball," coach Bob Snyder said.

The Ducks did win by 15, but their goal was to do so by at least 19 because it would have helped their chances of acquiring a berth for nationals. Their likelihood of going is still high because Oregon State defeated Washington 34-11.

Oregon will still need to defeat Oregon State in two weeks to make it to the nationals at UC-Davis.

"We just need to stay focused on what we are doing," Snyder said.

Alpine ski teams give valiant effort

The Oregon men's and women's Alpine ski teams didn't finish as favorably as they would have liked last weekend in Park City, Utah.

The men finished the Western Regional competition 11th out of 18 teams in both the slalom and giant slalom races. The men didn't advance to nationals because they didn't place in the top five. As an individual, sophomore Colby Gail placed 10th in the slalom and 18th in the giant slalom. He'll soon learn whether he will compete at nationals.

As for the women, they placed last in the giant slalom and as of press time, they did not know the results of their finish in the slalom competition.

"Competition was so intense, and you had to be totally at your best," freshman Sonja Handy said. "It was a great experience."

Misfortune struck both the Duck teams with two men falling in both races and the top two women falling in the giant slalom.

"We had the potential to do very well, but the guys couldn't put it together on the same two days," coordinator Chuck Leavitt said.

Now, with the season over, Leavitt commented that next year should be a rebuilding year for the men and is very optimistic about the women's team.

"We were all proud of ourselves and raced aggressively," Handy said.

What time is it? That's right: poll time!

Last week, Peter Hockaday's online sports poll asked which team dominated college hoops.

The men of Stanford were the overwhelming winners, with 42.1 percent of the vote. The Lady Volunteers of Tennessee received 18.4 percent of the vote, Duke's men's team garnered 15.8 percent, the women at Connecticut got 13.2 percent, the men of North Carolina got 7.9 percent, and the Notre Dame women's team got 2.6 percent.

This week, we ask you to review the Oregon basketball season that was. We ask:

"What is your favorite Pit Crew cheer?"

Is it "Who's your daddy" or "Dad was better" to Arizona's Luke Walton, "Your son hates you" to USC coach Henry Bibby, "Oompah loompah" to Cal's Shantay Legans or "U-C-L-A" to Stanford the week after it lost to the Bruins?

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