

Sports brief

Club hockey team hosts Eastern Washington

With the season halfway over and the Oregon Club Sports hockey team tied for third place in the PAC-8, the Ducks have a shot at the tournament in February.

"We have an intense schedule with very little room for error," head coach Gareth MacDonald said. "We do expect to finish well above .500."

The Ducks still have games against Washington, USC and Stanford, the first, third and fifth place teams, respectively, in the conference.


This weekend Oregon plays Eastern Washington for the third time this season. In October, the Ducks lost 5-3 in both games.

Having only lost the first home game this season, Oregon is 7-1-0 in Eugene.

"When at home, we're a very strong team," said MacDonald.

The Ducks host Eastern Washington at the Lane County Ice Arena at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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Wrestling

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Its top two wrestlers, No. 2 Otto Olson (174 pounds) and senior captain No. 3 Andy Hrovat (184 pounds) were both selected to the 36th annual 2002 National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Star Classic, a meet that hosts the best wrestlers in the country. This is the third straight year that Olson has been invited to the All-Star Classic. A sixth year senior, he recently notched his 150th career victory.

Other standouts for Michigan include No. 5 Matt Brink (heavyweight), No. 5 Ryan Bertin (157), No. 7 Kyle Smith (197) and No. 8 Mike Kulczykcki (149).

To pull an upset, the Ducks must take advantage of opportunities at 141, 165 and heavyweight classes.

Junior Brian Watson, who is 13-6, has been wrestling well and has earned 27 points for the Ducks so far this season, a number second only to stand-out senior Eugene Harris's 53. Watson will battle Michigan's sophomore Clark Forward, who is ranked 12th in the country.

In the 165-pound slot, No. 6 Harris (17-2) will face No. 13 Charles


Martelli. Off to a 6-4 start in his senior season, Martelli last lost to No. 5 Chris Vitale of Lehigh on Jan. 4. Harris' only two losses came at the hands of Cal-Davis' Burt Pierson, 2-1, and No. 2 Tyrone Lewis of Oklahoma State. Harris has won by major decision seven times this season.

Oregon heavyweight wrestler Eric Webb is ranked No. 17 and will face No. 5 Brink, who has not competed since Nov. 30. Before then, he won individual titles at both the Eastern Michigan Open and the Michigan State Open. Webb may be able to take advantage of the fact that this is Brink's first dual meet action of the season.

No. 9 Shaun Williams is scheduled to return from an ankle sprain that kept him out of Oregon's last two dual meets, but the injury may still be a factor. Tony Overstake, whose knee is almost healed, Jason Harless and Shane Webster will have to sit out of the Michigan meet because of injuries.

Oregon should be at full strength by Jan. 25 when it has two dual meets against Pacific and Central Washington.

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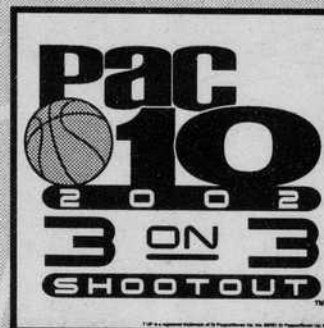
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