

Club hockey checks Eagles

■ The EMU Club Sports hockey team dropped Eastern Washington in consecutive games over the weekend

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The Club Sports hockey team pulled the plug on Eastern Washington in the first period Friday and didn't look back all weekend.

When the Ducks played the Eagles in Spokane in October, Oregon lost both games. On Friday, they came out seeking revenge and got it with an 8-5 win at Lane County Ice Arena.



"We came out flying," sophomore center Mike Tornabene said.

During the physical first period, the Ducks scored seven goals, including two from Tornabene and two from senior forward Doug Washburn, while the teams combined for 15 penalties.

Eastern Washington was determined to not be kept scoreless. The Eagles made their first goal eight seconds into the second period and scored another 49 seconds later.

The second and third periods were both low scoring and low in penalties. Eastern Washington was able to score two more times before the Ducks answered, scoring its eighth goal of the night halfway through the third. With four minutes left in the game, the Eagles ended the scoring with their fifth goal on the night.

"We had a really solid showing," said Tornabene, who had a hat trick in Friday's game.

Oregon started off strong again on Saturday, scoring two unanswered goals and committing only three penalties during the first period.

The Ducks didn't let Eastern Washington get the best of them during the second. The team held the Eagles to one goal while also scoring one of its own.

Oregon padded the game with two unanswered, unassisted goals in the third period to win 5-1.

Sophomore goalie Joe Fagliano had an outstanding game on Saturday, giving up one goal in the middle of his 20 saves.

Oregon lost two defensemen, senior Tim Gibbons and freshman Alex Pisciotto, to injury in the last weekend of play in 2001. Over the break, the Ducks picked up two new players in defenders junior Cory Howard and freshman Eric York. Howard played for Oregon during the 1999-00 season.

"The new guys stepped up big," senior forward Nathan Vogel said.

Point leaders on the weekend were Tornabene with five goals and four assists and Washburn with three goals and two assists. Andy Waldera contributed three goals and one assist to the effort.

The Ducks, who went into the weekend tied for third place in the Pacific-8 Conference, are now tied with Southern California for second.

"We're really confident as a team going into next weekend," Vogel said.

Next weekend the Ducks play Stanford and San Jose State in the Bay Area. In two weeks, Oregon will seek revenge against Washington for its losses in November back home in Eugene.

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Wrestling

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Michigan finishes sweep

After beating the Ducks last Friday night, the Michigan wrestling squad headed up to Corvallis the next night to face the Beavers and came away with another win. The 25-14 loss brought Oregon State's record to 7-6, but head coach Joe Wells was pleased with his wrestlers.

"It was a good meet," Wells said. "We fought hard and I'm proud of our guys."

The Beavers' 184-pounder, Isaac Weber, came up with an upset win over No. 2 Andy Hrovat, who pinned Oregon freshman Elias Soto at Mac Court on Friday.

Michigan's Clark Forward (141 pounds), who lost a close 5-4 decision to Oregon's Brian Watson, was pinned on Saturday night by the Beavers' Casey Horn 1:13 into the match.

The No. 2 wrestler in the nation, Otto Olson barely came away with a victory (3-2) against Oregon State's 174-pounder Nathan Coy.

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Basketball

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night, Willamette actually led the Pac-10 powerhouse. The Bearcats' B.J. Dobrkovsky and Brian Newton made back-to-back threes at the 16:53 mark to put Willamette ahead, 6-4.

"Hey, all we wanted was to score the first basket, call a timeout, go to half court and take a picture," Willamette head coach Gordie James said with a smile after the game.

The Bearcats forced Oregon's Mark Michaelis to miss a lay-up, then Luke Jackson committed an offensive foul, Jones missed a three, Robert Johnson missed a lay-up and Willamette started a three-on-one break with visions of upsets dancing in their heads.

But Ryan Hepp threw the ball out of bounds, Oregon scored on the next possession and the Bearcats were history, so to speak.

Willamette's poor shooting — James said his team "shot like a Division III squad" — eventually did the team in. The Bearcats' longest dry spell came midway through the first half, after their big run. Willamette went more than 10 minutes without a bucket, a drought that was finally ended with a Dobrkovsky lay-in at the 4:42 mark of the first frame. While the Bearcats were stuck on six, the Ducks scored 19 unanswered points to firmly take hold of the game.

But the Oregon players weren't dazzling, either. Whereas five Ducks scored in double figures against then-14th-ranked Stanford on Saturday, only three reached

that mark against Willamette on Tuesday night. Besides Jones' 19, Ridnour added 14 points and James Davis netted 10.

The most spectacular play of the game came, as usual, from Jones, who passed Terrell Brandon on the all-time Oregon scoring list with his performance Tuesday night.

With seven minutes elapsed in the second half, Davis led a fast break, dished a pass behind his back to Jones, who thumped the ball home for his only dunk of the game.

Several players saw more court time than normal Tuesday night. Reserve guard Anthony Lever saw the most minutes, 28, and reserves Michaelis, Jay Anderson, Ben Lindquist and Kristian Christensen also notched several minutes each.

All the players and coaches involved agreed that the game's importance rested not in the play on the court, but in the significance of Mac Court's birthday.

"We said before the game, 'This is a celebration. This is special,'" James said. "To represent Willamette in this game was truly special."

"This game was about all of these people who have gone through this program and made it what it is," Kent said. "It was about much more than this Oregon basketball team."

And, like those pulled-up socks donned by several of the Oregon players, the Ducks can only forget and move on.

"That was a one-game trail basis," Jones said about the socks. "And it failed."

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Mac Court

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As for the game, the Ducks weren't particularly pleased with their sloppy play against a Division III opponent, but as Kent pointed out, "the more important thing was to pay tribute to this great building."

At halftime, the former players and coaches gathered at midcourt and introduced themselves to the crowd.

When Oregon's victory ended, the players again went onto the floor where they could mingle with one another, as well as the fans. Stories were told, followed by laughter and hugs. Some players exchanged numbers to keep in touch.

And then there was Dick, who never passed up an opportunity to please a fan, causing his friend to call him "Mr. Superstar."

"It feels great," Dick said. "I was pleased to see all of the players. Not too many left in my age group, though."

Just then, 12-year-old Kate Carlson of Eugene politely asked Dick to autograph the back of her shirt. Dick obliged with a smile, and a memory was made.

"He's one of the older players, and I wanted to make him feel special," Carlson said.

On this night, she wasn't alone.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 16). You're a do-it-yourself person. That's why you'll be most successful in a tailor-made study program, designed by you. How can you teach yourself what you don't know? Buy books, ask experts, surf the Web. It'll work, and this is the perfect year for it.

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 extra time to mull things over before making any changes. Work your plan out thoroughly in your head before you put it into motion. You might decide to wait, and that might be wise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Would you like to take on more responsibility? Maybe make more money? You might get the chance sooner than you thought. Be nice to a person you previously found intimidating. This act of courage could be the final test.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Cool it just a little. You may have to explain how you've been spending your time. If this is company time we're talking about, "making new friends" is not a good answer. Try networking with influential contacts who can help us expand our business.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - As you continue to ponder the situation, strange things start to happen. Some of your annoying problems seem to solve themselves. There are other forces at work, so just wait. Keep things on course and stay alert. There'll be a break in the fog soon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're right in the middle of the project, and new expenses are coming. Consult with somebody who's been there before. If it's your money being spent, make sure your opinion is taken into consideration. At least make sure you understand the reason as well as the cost.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Did you recently have to do all the work on something? Was it unfair? Maybe you brought it on yourself. Maybe you thought you were the only one who could do the job right. Reconsider. Train somebody to help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Whoops! Looks like reality is about to intrude. A job you've postponed is almost due. You'd rather play, but you'd better take care of it before you're in trouble.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - The most frustrating part is almost over. You'll have more time for fun and games soon. Keep plugging away at the technical chores as carefully as you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Is there something you've heard about that you'd like to try at home? Looks like your chance is coming. Take your time and follow the instructions. Even then, things won't go exactly as expected. If you get flustered, try looking at the project from a different perspective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You're doing well now, but will this trend continue? How can you ensure that it does? By staying on top of the situation, that's how. Invest in your own education.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Some might say you live in a fantasy world, and sometimes you do. But, now is a good time to get practical. You may love the work, but make sure you also get paid.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Starting to feel better? You should be! You've had a tough battle for the last couple of days. You've had to overpower your own resistance. Congratulate yourself on what you've accomplished.

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