

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's basketball announces television schedule;

Ducks on air all season long

The Oregon men's basketball team is going to get plenty of television exposure during the 2003-04 season.

The Ducks announced Tuesday that every regular season game — 25 in all — will be televised.

Oregon will appear 10 times on Fox Sports Net, nine times on the Oregon Sports Network, twice on CBS, and once each on ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and the Beaver Sports Network.

"This television package gives basketball fans throughout the state of Oregon and the entire Northwest a tremendous opportunity to follow our program each and every game throughout what should be an extraordinarily competitive Pac-10 season," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said.

Oregon begins the regular season at McArthur Court on Nov. 21 when Fresno State visits Eugene. The Ducks will play seven nonconference games — including a Dec. 13 game against Kansas in Kansas City, Mo. (ESPN) — before beginning Pacific-10 Conference play Jan. 2 against USC in Los Angeles.

Six of Oregon's telecasts will be carried nationally; four times on Fox Sports, and once each on ESPN and ESPN2.

The Ducks lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season, 60-58 to Utah.

- Hank Hager

Club teams begin tryouts; not too late to sign up

Tryouts have begun for some of Oregon's Club Sports teams.

It's not too late, however, to become involved. Tonight, at the AstroTurf field next to the Student Recreation Center, the men's soccer team will hold its second of three tryouts from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The team will hold its final night of competition Friday at the Southbank field — located near the footbridge that leads to Autzen Stadium from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

There is no tryout fee and anyone is welcome. Club ice hockey, which is also conducting tryouts this week, does have a \$75 tryout fee and will continue tryouts until Saturday.

Crew and water polo are also recruiting students to join their programs. Both clubs always welcome anyone regardless of skill level. Water polo begins its season this weekend, and crew has upcoming races in October.

"Even if you have never rowed before in your life, we still encourage you to come out on the water and see what it is all about," returning rower Aaron Brent-Fulps said. "It is a little intimidating being on the boat for the first time because everything can be completely new. That is why we encourage people to come out early."

Those interested in tryouts or a specific team can contact Sandy Vaughn in the Club Sports Office, located in the ground floor of the EMU.

Club Sports will also be holding an open house on Thursday in the EMU Fir Room from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The coordinators of more than 30 different clubs will be available to answer questions and to discuss potential practice times and the level of commitment needed.

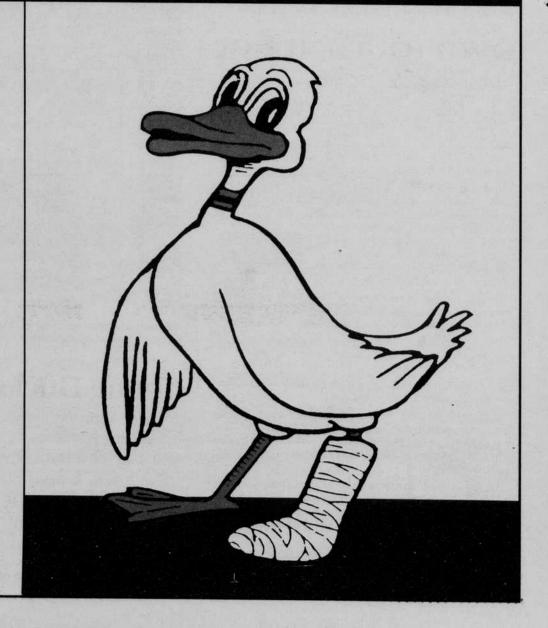
"For the majority of the clubs, the only requirement they have is that people make the commitment and stick with it," Vaughn said.

- Kirsten McEwen

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