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Injured Ducks rest body, mind during much-needed bye week

Oregon has lost 11 players to season-ending injuries en route to a 4-3 record in seven games

By **Mindi Rice**
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The biggest hit to Oregon came in the first quarter of the Ducks' opening game at Mississippi State.

Haloti Ngata injured his left knee in Oregon's 42-34 win.

DUCK FOOTBALL

Starting with the first week of fall camp, injuries have piled on the Ducks, adding up to 11 players through seven games who are out for the season. More come and go as their injuries flare up.

"The number of people who are out for the season has hurt us more than the dings and the nicks, because what it's

done is probably create some of those dings and nicks," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said.

In Oregon's 59-14 loss to Arizona State, the Ducks added two more players who will sit out at least one week.

Fullback Luke Rowley will not play this week and may have his season ended prematurely due to concussion problems.

Bellotti said wide receiver Kellen Taylor will not likely play again this season because of a broken left wrist. Taylor must remain in a cast for six weeks, but it is possible he could play if Oregon reaches a bowl game.

Jason Fife sprained his left ankle in the second half Saturday, but he continued to play. After taking Monday off from practice, the quarterback was back on the field Tuesday with a brace on the ankle.

"With the guys we've got out, the younger guys have to step up and realize

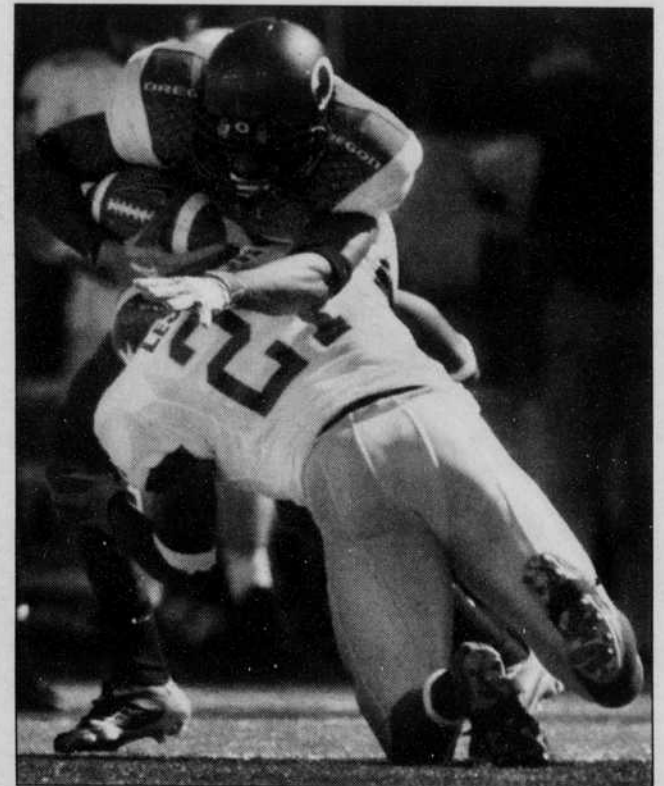
— I mean, (freshman quarterback) Johnny (DuRocher), he's only a couple plays away before he's thrown into the mix," Fife said.

Bellotti has said repeatedly that DuRocher will redshirt this season unless circumstances call for him to play. The way injuries are adding up for Oregon, the two quarterbacks — Fife and Kellen Clemens — are at one of the few positions to not have major upheaval.

"If you have 11 players down, the other guys are more susceptible to the dings and nicks because they're working harder," Bellotti said. "We've got to back off a little bit, but the problem with that is that if you're not playing well enough to win, you can't back off."

The Ducks will scrimmage Thursday, and Bellotti intends to give the team Friday through Sunday off to help heal.

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Mark McCambridge Photographer

Kellen Taylor broke his left wrist in Oregon's loss to the Sun Devils.



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Club Sports Coordinator Sandy Vaughn (center) speaks with Club Sports Executive Committee member Sarah Higginbotham (left) and crew coach Erin Koenig (right) about advertising issues in the Club Sports office on Tuesday.

Queen of Club Sports

Sandy Vaughn has been with Club Sports for 29 years and has seen the addition of 23 sports

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Watch out, Oregon Athletic Director Bill Moos.

Sandy Vaughn, Oregon's Club Sports coordinator, is catching up. Unlike Moos, Vaughn does not have million-dollar facilities or flashy uniforms. Yet she manages to produce, just like Moos, championship seasons and talented, hardworking athletes.

For 29 years, Vaughn has persistently worked at improving Oregon's Club Sports program and has increased participation.

Nearly three decades have passed, and Vaughn has been giving out the same business card.

"When I accepted the job at Oregon there were 12 sports, and it was primarily male students who participated," Vaughn said. "We have 35 sports now. It evolved due to women becoming more active and also non-traditional sports became more popular."

Vaughn grew up in Portland and attended Oregon State. She spent five years overseas in Korea and Germany and worked for the United States Army as a civilian running recreation programs.

Ironically, Vaughn's experience overseas is what brought her to Oregon.

"I found out that Oregon, at the time, had one of the best recreation masters programs, so I came here thinking my stay would not be permanent," she said.

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Young Oregon golfers finish slow at Invite to finish in tie for 12th

Mike Sica leads the Ducks by finishing in 26th place at the Alister Mackenzie Invitational

By **Brian Smith**
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The Oregon men's golf team returns to Eugene after a disappointing second day at the par-71, 6,583-yard Alister Mackenzie Invitational Tuesday in Fairfax, Calif.

MEN'S GOLF

"We could never quite recover from our second round," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said.

"We're still a young team getting our feet wet and we'll get better as we get more experience, but we're still not playing at the level we need to."

The inexperienced Ducks did recover somewhat on Tuesday after finishing 13th on Monday, shooting a final round 3-over 287 to move into a tie for 12th with Nevada. The Ducks finished the tournament with a team score of 868.

Oregon finished 33 shots back from tournament-host and winner California, which came back from 14 shots down to overtake first-day leader Northwestern. The Wildcats' lead imploded Tuesday after

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Oregon soccer comes up big; despite loss, Cubs will win it all

I know it's only the third week of school, but I feel the need to ramble.

• Kudos to the soccer team for battling back to beat Oregon State. Whether it's soccer, football or competitive lawn mower racing, it feels good to stick it to the Beavers.

• Chicago fever has taken over the University. I've seen more students sporting Cubs gear in the last two weeks than I've seen in the past two years. I'm standing by my Spring Training prediction (it's been the same for the last 14 years): The Cubbies are going to win the World Series.

• Pedro Martinez tossing 72-year-old Don Zimmer to the ground Saturday was unprofessional. I don't care if Zimmer came at Martinez with a knife;

he's 72 and slow. Just get out of the way and go pick a fight with Karim Garcia or Jorge Posada.

• Good things are in store for the Oregon volleyball team. Carl Ferreira has the Ducks heading in the right direction and I sense the season's first Pacific-10 Conference win is right around the corner.

• Racquetball is a great workout and a severely underrated sport.

• Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti must have used the old pregame locker room cliché — "leave it all out on the field" — when addressing the football team prior to playing Michigan. Whatever "it" was that got the Ducks past the Wolverines was left somewhere and it's nowhere to be found.

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Jon Roetman

Roughing the passer