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California schools too experienced for Club water polo

The Ducks lost their first three matches of the season and hope to rebound at the regional tournament

By Kirsten McEwen
Freelance Reporter

If Oregon compiled its very own dictionary, under the word "dedication" there would be no words. Instead, there would be a picture — a picture of the Oregon women's water polo team hard at work on a Friday night.

The women's water polo team practices at Leighton Pool in the Student Recreation Center every Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The players make the choice to be at the pool, and an average of 18 young women show up to play. They have no regrets about giving up their Friday nights for water polo practice.

Club Sports

"Water polo is one of the best investments I've made at the University," Claire Hugo said.

Hugo and Co-Coordinator Paitra Sharp cite a unified team and great friends for making Friday practices bearable.

"We have a really close-knit group of girls," Sharp said. After practicing three days a week for the entire term, Oregon traveled to UC Davis to play three California teams on Saturday and Sunday. UC Davis, Fresno State and Chico State handed the Ducks their first losses of the new year.

Oregon opened up against the home team, UC Davis, and suffered its worst loss of the weekend, 16-2. Oregon then lost to Fresno State, 9-2, and on Sunday the Ducks fell to Chico State, 7-4.

Although Oregon was outscored 32-8 during the weekend, head coach Matt Baumann said the emphasis of the tournament was on improving over the course of the weekend.

"Overall, we played really well," Baumann said. "It was their first time playing together and they got better and better with every game, especially against California teams that are usually a lot better than what we see in the Northwest."

Oregon hopes to rebound from its three losses when it hosts the regional tournament March 6 and 7. Oregon, Oregon State, Simon Fraser University, Washington, Western Oregon and Western Washington will all compete at Willamalane Park and Recreation facility in Springfield for a chance to attend the regional finals.

With only 11 returning players on the 26-woman team, Sharp said that she believes the key to success this year will be learning how to play as a cohesive unit.

"It's more a matter of playing together more often and figuring out team dynamics," Sharp said.

According to Baumann, Oregon has more than just dedication — it has all the ingredients needed to compile a winning record. With speed, a strong defense and offense and a deep bench, Baumann said he "has a really great group of girls who work very hard."

California dreamin'

Come March, Oregon's Club racquetball team will be heading south to compete in the 32nd USA Racquetball National Intercollegiate Championships in Fountain Valley, Calif. For four days, the Ducks will compete in singles and doubles at the Los Caballeros Racquet and Sports Club.

In preparation for their Spring Break tournament, the Ducks competed in

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Call for Nominations Faculty Distinguished Teaching Awards

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themselves like a team that enjoyed playing with one another.

"In warm-ups, everyone just had a really good aura," Oregon forward Kedzie Gunderson said. "We were all laughing and having fun and we started that way. We were playing defense and getting out and running and keeping to our strengths."

Gunderson fed off the pre-game energy, tying career-highs in points (13) and rebounds (seven). The Bellevue, Wash., native also drilled her first three-pointer since Dec. 6.

"It's been awhile since I made one of those," Gunderson said. "(My teammates) were all laughing at me because it took me like five minutes to shoot it."

Gunderson's three-pointer was one of several amusing moments for the Ducks.

There was Brandi Davis' running scoop shot off the glass midway through the second half. There was 5-foot-8 guard Corrie Mizusawa playing the role of shot blocker.

The most amusing moment of the night, however, came with 2:23 remaining and Oregon ahead 74-47. Washington State guard Nikki Stratton appeared to be on her way to an uncontested layup when Oregon freshman Cicely Oaks came out of nowhere and delivered an I-don't-care-how-much-we're-up-by-you're-not-getting-an-easy-two-points-foul.

The result was Stratton flying into the basket, then walking away unharmed.

The most impressive performance of the night was turned in by freshman Eleanor Haring. The 6-foot-1 forward scored a career-high 16 points, while showing off all the different weapons in her offensive arsenal.

Haring connected on 8 of 12 field goals, knocking down jump shots, baby hooks and beating opponents off the dribble.

"We were all pretty pumped up, ready to go," Haring said. "During the game — with the great start we had — we were having a ball."

Pundits will say Thursday's performance by Oregon was nothing to write home about, looking at Washington State's 1-13 record in Pacific-10 Conference play. Those who share the opinion probably haven't been following the Ducks.

It didn't matter if Oregon beat Washington State or the Sheldon High School girls junior varsity team Thursday. With all the obstacles the Ducks have faced this season, they needed to have some fun on the basketball court to prepare for the season's stretch run.

The Ducks have five games remaining on their Pac-10 schedule. Even though they won't face the Cougars again, there's no reason Oregon can't have a few more fun nights.

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