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**IN BRIEF**

**Duck wrestlers bury PSU to finish regular season**

There's nothing like finishing the regular season on the right foot, and Oregon (6-10 overall, 3-6 Pacific-10 Conference) did just that as they buried Portland State (2-17, 0-9) 35-11 on Wednesday at the State Fairgrounds in Salem.

The dual win brought the Ducks' team season to a close, but several are set to compete next weekend at the Pac-10 Championships in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

The dual commenced in the 197-pound weight class giving sophomore Tony Rolen of Oregon the team's first crack at the Vikings. Rolen faced Jake Schneider and had little trouble recording a win by way of a 9-3 decision.

Rolen's teammate and fellow sophomore Cody Parker (Hwt.) wrestled next against Alan Kennett. Parker pulled out a close 7-6 victory bringing

his dual record to 4-4 on the year.

Joey Lucas (125) upped Oregon's lead to 12-0 by pinning Ryan Farwell. Ensuing forfeits by Portland State in the 133- and 141-pound weight divisions nearly sealed the deal for the Ducks, but the Vikings would not go quietly.

Eddie Dahlen (149) of Portland State protected his No. 4 ranking in the conference with a 13-4 major decision over Nick Cautrell in the next match. Dahlen's teammates Kainoa Casco (157) and Chris Feist (165) followed with a decision and a major decision, respectively.

Those three straight decisions ended up being Portland State's only wins recorded against Oregon.

Junior Chet McBee (174) of the Ducks pinned Josh Gustafson, and Shane Webster (184) closed out the win for Oregon with a 16-0 technical fall win recorded against Sean Murphy. With the regular season over, the Ducks will prepare for the Pac-10 Championships to be held Feb. 27-28.

— Scott J. Adams

**Men's tennis team takes on No. 37 Minnesota**

The Oregon men's tennis team is looking for revenge as they travel to Minneapolis to battle No. 37 Minnesota today at 3:30 p.m.

The Ducks (6-3 overall) experienced a tough 4-3 home loss to the Golden Gophers last season after Minnesota captured two of the last three singles matches to seal the victory.

The Oregon men seek their first win against a top-60 team this season after unsuccessful attempts against No. 59 Brigham Young, No. 44 Boise State and No. 43 Florida State.

Despite Minnesota's poor record (2-4), all of its losses have come against top-30 teams.

With a squad consisting of just two seniors and a combined 10 freshmen and sophomores, it appears the Golden Gophers are experiencing growing pains in the development of their younger players.

However, Minnesota senior Avery Ticer said he has seen a lot of

improvement in the younger players after each match.

"We have a lot of guys on the break of really making a big jump in their game," Ticer told The Minnesota Daily.

After the dual match, the Ducks make their way to Evanston, Ill., to face No. 40 Northwestern (5-3) on Saturday at 6 p.m.

The Wildcats had a shocking 5-2 upset victory over No. 24 North Carolina on Jan. 30.

Meanwhile, Oregon will be without senior Manuel Kost, who has been unavailable due to a wrist injury. Kost hasn't played since Feb. 5 when the Ducks fell to BYU, 6-1.

He is expected to return to action next weekend against Texas Tech on Feb. 26.

The women's tennis team returns to action Feb. 25 and 26 when it travels to face the Arizona schools.

The Ducks are 8-1 this season and suffered their first loss to No. 9 Washington last weekend.

— Alex Tam

**Men: Hairston pours in 21 points on 83 percent shooting**

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capitalized on it."

Keeping Oregon somewhat close was the play of freshman Malik Hairston. The swingman led the Ducks with 21 points on 10-of-12 shooting.

Fellow freshman Bryce Taylor also played well for the Ducks, scoring 15 points, including 3 of 6 from behind the three-point arc, and two blocked shots.

"I thought the freshman played very well for us tonight," Kent said. "Malik played well and did some good things for us. I told Bryce he still left about 10 points on the floor if he would run on the wings like Luke (Jackson) and Freddie (Jones) used to do."

Oregon kept it close in the first half and led 11-8 with a chance to build on it when Aaron Brooks threw away a pass on a four-on-one break for the Ducks. Brooks struggled with turnovers all night, committing a season-high 10 to go along with 10 points, seven rebounds and six assists.

Despite the turnovers, Oregon still led 21-18 after Brooks hit a three-pointer, but the Wildcats pulled

ahead to end the half, capped off by a Stoudamire three-pointer as time expired giving them a 43-34 advantage at the break.

"We played an excellent first half, except letting Stoudamire get open for that three," Kent said.

Also playing well for the Wildcats was another Portland native. Chris Rodgers hit some key three-pointers and made great passes in his 11-point, nine-assist performance against the Ducks.

Oregon travels to Tempe, Ariz., next to take on Arizona State in a game that could help the Ducks out of ninth place in the conference, a position that would keep them out of the eight-team Pac-10 Tournament. A win against the Sun Devils would bring Oregon within half a game of the coveted eighth-place spot.

The Sun Devils are coming off a 75-73 victory Thursday night against Oregon State and are now 6-8 in the conference.

The game against the Sun Devils tips off at 4 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Arena.

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**Softball: Ducks hope to get more offensive production**

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Oregon's biggest concern, after scoring only two runs in the last two games, is getting more offensive production out of its lineup as well as correcting some of its defensive woes.

"This (past weekend) just showed us that we're not there yet," Boskovich said. "We need to work on our offense and defense to get ready for the Pac-10s."

One person who doesn't need to work on her offense is Barnes. She hit her first-career home run during last weekend's tournament and went on to hit two more.

"I was kind of surprised in myself," said the 5-foot-4 Barnes. "It's not my job to hit the bombs."

Boskovich said the team was also surprised by her offensive output.

"She's been working real hard and it's funny to see this little 5-foot nothing dropping bombs left and right," Boskovich said. "It's like seeing a little girl driving a huge lifted truck. It makes you laugh."

Oregon will open the invitation against Portland State today at 10 a.m.

The Ducks haven't lost to the Vikings since head coach Kathy Arendsen took over (8-0). Portland State is led offensively by Laura Segall, who is hitting .357 this season.

At noon today, Oregon faces San Diego. The Toreros (1-2) are led on the mound by Erin Harmonson. She is 1-1 this season with six strikeouts and a 1.00 ERA.

Saturday, the Ducks will face host UC Riverside for the second time this season at 2 p.m. Oregon won the first meeting 11-3 at the UNLV Desert Classic on Feb. 12. The Highlanders (1-8) have a tough start to their season, have lost their last six games. Jessica Black leads the team offensively with a .417 batting average.

Oregon shortstop Breanne Sabol has been the hot bat for the Ducks so far this season. The junior is leading the team in hitting with a .545 average and is tied for first in RBIs with six. She also has the team's longest consecutive starts streak, with today being her 128th consecutive game started.

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