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Giusti draws OSU women

After a rugged three-game trip to the Midwest last week, the Oregon State University women's basketball team will get a chance to rest up for the upcoming Giusti Tournament. The Beavers have just one game this week, an exhibition against Belco Electric of Seattle this Saturday, Dec. 11, at Gill Coliseum beginning at 3 p.m.

The Beavers returned to Corvallis Wednesday after dropping a 74-72 decision to the 18th ranked Drake Bulldogs. Drake's Kay Riek sank a shot at the buzzer to pull out the game. The Beavers also lost to Illinois State 60-56 and defeated Southern Illinois 65-63 on the trip.

OSU traveled to Portland State Friday for a game with the much-improved Vikings and won 73-62 to raise its record to 3-2 on the season.

Belco Electric and the Beavers met last season in Gill Coliseum with OSU pulling out a 50-45 win in a sloppy contest. Belco has since added a pair of players from the Canadian National team and boasts a 9-3 record to date. One of those wins came by 12 points over the University of Portland.

Debbie Hyband is one of the Canadians and the 5-8 guard from Bishops University in Quebec is leading Belco with a 20-point scoring average. Close behind is fellow Canadian Carol Turney-Loos, a 5-8 guard from the University of Victoria, averaging 16 points a game.

Also in double figures is Jo Metzger-Levin, a 6-0 forward from Western Washington, who has chipped in 15 points a contest.

Belco is a short team, however, with Metzger-Levin and Linda Hopper the tallest players at 6-0. Hopper and 5-11 Keri VonMoof share duties at the center position.

Since the game won't count on the OSU schedule, Beaver coach Aki Hill may take the opportunity to rest starting guard Juli Coleman, who has been hobbled by a troublesome thigh bruise since the Republic of China game. Coleman has been limping badly and can't plant her leg properly, which has hampered her shooting and jumping.

It may also give the Beaver bench a chance to see a little action. In the first five games, OSU has used just seven players and one of those, Belinda Lopez, played just one minute. That adds up to a lot of minutes for the other six and Judy Spoelstra has been averaging 38 minutes a game, as has Robyn Clark.

The Beavers will need the rest because the Giusti Tournament should provide quite a challenge again this year. The Beavers will open Dec. 19 against fifth-ranked Texas, with the winner going against either second-ranked Louisiana Tech or Washington the following day. Long Beach State, also ranked in the top 10, is favored to win the other bracket.

Gresham takes football crown

by Joe White

A partisan Gresham crowd of 15,426 fans was treated to Gresham's first-ever state football championship as the powerful Gophers outmuscled the Lebanon Warriors 13-12 Saturday at Civic Stadium.

The strength Gresham used earlier in the playoffs to up-end No. 2-ranked Lakeridge and No. 1-ranked Medford once again surfaced against the No. 4 Warriors.

The final one-point margin came about because Lebanon All-State performer Bo Yates couldn't convert on two extra points but the game wasn't really decided on Yates' toe.

As the season developed, the Gophers gradually flexed their muscles until reaching the playoffs. First year head coach Gary Stautz then unleashed the strong running game headed up by Darin Humphreys and Brian Hug.

The team's overall strength came through the players down in the trenches. The Gophers stormed through the playoffs with players like Steve Mick, Rich Haggerty and Kirt Voss opening up holes on offense and closing them on defense.

Lakeridge's usually potent offense was stifled by Gresham's defense in the quarterfinals and Medford fared no better in the semifinals.

Going into the title game, Gresham was aware that it must stop the powerful Lebanon running at-

tack. Lebanon did get 126 yards on the ground but was averaging 288 yards rushing per game.

Some of the main reasons the Warrior offensive output was lower than usual were quarterback sacks, penalties and defense.

Warrior quarterback Cliff Walker was caught behind the line five times in the first three quarters. A few of those losses took the air out of the sails of Lebanon drives.

Penalties also were costly on a couple of occasions. The yellow flags didn't result in any Gresham scores but did help stop Lebanon drives and keep the Warriors from collecting any momentum.

Gresham's defense was as selfish as they come for allowing points this season. Lebanon entered the game having scored 424 points on the season but the Gophers had allowed a scant 99 points to their opponents. Lebanon's offense did manage a pair of touchdowns but during the final quarter Gresham held ground against the Warriors.

Lebanon had two final chances late in the game but once again the defense for the state champs prevailed. Gresham's Steve Belmore stripped Walker of the football to end one threat. Humphreys almost got his third touchdown after he scooped up the fumble Belmore caused by was just tripped up or else he would have scored. Lebanon stopped the Gophers from moving the ball in for the score but Jim Gos-

nell intercepted Walker's desperation pass as time ran out.

Gresham's running attack was the most notable offensive producer for the Gophers. During the season many reports said the Gopher offense was suspect but those reports were unfounded.

Stautz developed a balanced attack that let everyone have a piece of the action. It wasn't until the playoffs that Gresham moved toward its running game as the main weapon. The Gophers only threw three passes in the title contest.

Humphreys gained 550 yards on the ground during the regular season but rambled for an impressive 639 playoffs yards. That total included 119 yards and the two Gresham touchdowns during the title contest. His touchdown runs of 29 and 21 yards gave him 44 points in the playoffs.

Yates set a new state playoff record by scoring 58 points. He scored one touchdown Saturday, on a 44-yard run, but the junior fullback would trade all those points for a couple of missed extra points and a title.

After all was said and done, the conversion Tod Ronson made after Humphreys' first touchdown proved to be the final margin. Ronson's second attempt was blocked but he was spared the unhappiness that might have been when Yates missed both of his attempts.

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The Portland Winterhawks and KGON-Radio are supporting the Salvation Army's efforts to provide food for those in need at Christmas by designating December 17th's game as "Salvation Army Night At The Winterhawks."

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bringing one can of food and 92 cents to the ticket gates at Portland's Memorial Coliseum.

Salvation Army-manned food barrels will be located at each gate. Food collected will be distributed by The Salvation Army's Family Service Christmas Clearing Bureau to people in need.

The game begins at 7:30 p.m.

"Signals of stress" forum, 7-9 p.m., Dec. 8, at Kaiser-Permanente "Town Hall" Education & Conference Center, 3400 N. Montana Ave., Portland. Free. Seating is limited and on a first-come basis.

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