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October 14, 1976

BRUIN HOCKEY WOMEN AT 1-1

"A fantastic game, a super, super game." George Fox College field hockey coach Dee Bright couldn't quit bubbling about her team's effort in a 3-2 loss to visiting Willamette University Wednesday (Oct.13).

While its's not exactly common to see a coach excited about a loss, Bright's optimistic outlook seems to be justified.

Willamette, regarded by most to be the strongest women's hockey team in the area, was forced to a goal in the waning minutes to break at 2-2 deadlock.

"We both won," Willamette Coach Fran Howard said after the contest played in Newberg.

Coach Bright commended freshman Kelly Davidson, Lincoln City, for making "a fantastic save." "She came from nowhere.....she saved a score," she said.

The Bruins take on visiting Eastern Oregon Friday (Oct.15) and travel to Pacific Lutheran in Tacoma for a Saturday game.



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BRUIN HOCKEY WOMEN 4-1; AWAIT
WILLAMEETE REMATCH

It's been a big weekend for the George Fox College field hockey team.

Coach Dee Bright's gals knocked off three tough opponents in three attempts; Easter Oregon State, Friday, 2-1; Pacific Lutheran, Saturday by a 1-0 score; and Oregon College of Education, Monday, 2-1.

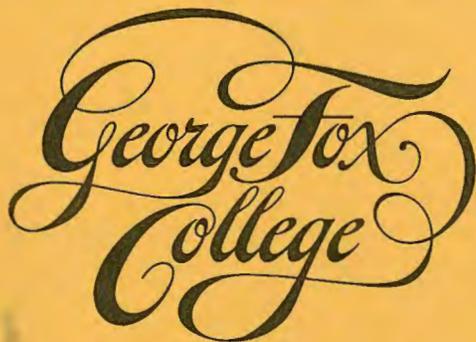
The string of wins boosts the Bruin season mark to 4-1 one of the best in the conference.

The only blemish is a 3-2 loss to Willamette earlier this season.

"Willamette is a good team, but they just won't be good enough to stop the Bruins a second time," is Bright's prediction as her team starts to get mentally prepared for next Tuesday's (Oct.26) return match in Salem.

And the Bearcats will be watching the scoring duo of Pam Sturzinger, Salem senior and Nancie Thompson Portland senior. In this last flurry of games, the two were responsible for four goals. Senior goalie Diane Offet also deserves special attention. She has managed two shut outs and held back all attempts at an OCE score until the last ten seconds of play.

Tuesday's game in Salem is scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m.



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BRUIN HOCKEY SQUAD WINS OPENER; 1ST OF FOUR IN WEEK

"Our offense did a fantastic job during the entire game; the ball was in Linfield territory probably 80-90 per cent of the time," beamed George Fox College field hockey Coach Dee Bright after her squad blanked the Wildcats 2-0 in the season opener Monday (Oct. 11).

Senior Nancie Thompson scored the first goal for the Bruins as Salem senior Pam Sturzinger chalked up the assist. The duo reversed roles and scored the second goal. Senior goalie Diane Offet is credited with the shutout, a bright premier for the first-year coach and team.

And Coach Bright says more of the same might be expected the rest of the season. She says the opening performance should be an indicator of the Bruins strength this year.

It will be a tough beginning for the Newberg team. Four of its scheduled nine matches will be played in a seven day stretch.

Willamette University comes to Newberg Wednesday (Oct.13) and it will be a good test, Coach Bright says. "They had 21 girls turn out this year and they've got a fantastic team," she says. Last year the Bearcats stopped the Bruins twice, 0-7 and 1-5 in regular season play and went on to win the conference championship.

Eastern Oregon State College visits Newberg Friday morning (Oct.15), then the Bruins load up and head to Tacoma that afternoon to prepare for a game with Pacific Lutheran Saturday morning (Oct.16).

Seniors Becky Ankeny, Newberg, Thompson, from Portland and Sturzinger, last year's conference all-star honorable mention, lead the Bruin attack. Offet handles goalie chores, and Cindy Mortier, Eugene, sophomore and Lavonne Kolmer, sophomore Bonanza, Ore. also returned to help. Seven new players also



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GFC HOCKEY TEAM AT 5-2; FACES OREGON STATE

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