GEMERALD Winning Rooks Love life slips on grease To Meet Frosh

By Chuck Mitchelmore

College wrestlers probably lead a more unusual life during their season than do any other athletes. A wrestler once told us that his sport is the world's second most intellectual (only fencing, he claimed, requires more brainpower), but it wasn't until we learned of the strenuous weight reduction plans of these boys that we became inclined to agree.

In gathering a few of the harrowing details, we were invited by one of the wrestlers to "come along down the tube with us. It's really a sensation."

However, after having watched some of these boys systematically starve themselves for four or five days out of the week, we suddenly lost courage.

Light Weights Difficult

The bigger men, we're told, aren't bothered too much by the scales which loom like the last judgment each week. However, the lighter boys have to slim off about five or ten pounds before each match.

Each bracket represents the maximum weight that a wrestler may be to compete in that division. Anyone under 123 pounds may wrestle in any weight class up to, and through, unlimited. But when a man weighs in officially at 124, he must move on up to the 130-pound division or higher to wrestle that day.

Exceptions are sometimes made in agreements between coaches if both teams have men overweight, but no man may wrestle in conference matches if he is even an ounce

Some of the methods employed by the wrestlers in meeting the scales five hours before their match probably wouldn't appear very attractive to figure-watching co-eds, but they usually bring results for the matmen.

The men figure on a two-to-three-pound loss each day between the weigh-ins before and after each workout. Running laps and taking extra workouts also helps cut the figure.

Meals Varied

Of course the diet is trimmed in accordance with other parts of the reduction plan. Typical meals range from very light (a piece of toast or well-done hamburger) to nothing at all. Liquids, with the exception of an occasional glass of juice, are eliminated from the menu almost entirely.

When these standard procedures fail to net enough loss, wrestlers may go hours without sleep (even more than final week), chew hard candy or huge wads of gun and spit as much as possible. These little things may total an extra pound in the final analysis.

Just before the weigh-in the men fight of last minute gains in weight with vigorous rope jumping sessions and perods in the steam baths.

Cycle Begins Again

But the big relief comes after the match, when these masters of will power can eat normally for a couple days before the whole cycle begins again.

Incidentally the more successful team of Oregon's most intellectual athletes (to our knowledge the Webfoots sponsor no intercollegiate fencing squad) makes its final appearance Saturday afternoon in Mac Court. The Duck Frosh, unbeaten in college competition this season take on the Portland YMCA at one o'clock in the year's final home wrestling match for either squad.



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sever a 23-game winning skein well-balanced scoring machine when they take on the Oregon that the Ducklings have found State college Rooks tonight and hard to stop. tomorrow at 5:45. Friday's game Arthur court.

Both games precede the Duck-Beaver varsity clashes.

The OSC youngsters haven't been whipped since early last season, and they picked up their thirteenth of this season in their usual manner on Tuesday.

Their "usual manner" consists of Forward Dave Gambee sailing in nearly half the Rook total. The big boy hit for 25 in leading his mates to Tuesday's 54-38 win mentor puts his varsity baseball over North Salem high.

In addition to the agile Gamteam, the Rooks have another ad- Hastings, Bob Ayre and Wendy Moss, who collected 17 points in sively on defense. the first Oregon-OSC freshman

With Ken Nanson handling the record.

Carrigan and Gary Haynes in The Oregon Frosh will try to backcourt, the Rooks have a

The Frosh, however, can counis scheduled for Gill coliseum in ter with an equally potent start-Corvallis, and the Ducklings and ing crew. To match Gambee's Rooks will close their 15-game high-scoring habits, the Duckseason Saturday night in Mc- lings have hook-shooting Paul Tuchardt, who has 216 points for

a 16.6 average.

Moss will get most of his competition for rebounds from huge Hal Duffy, 6'6" center. At the other forward, Dave Wanaka has finally found his shooting eye, and he hit for 43 in the last twogame weekend series.

Coaches Alex Byler and Barney Holland, substituting for Don Kirsch while the regular charges through their pre-season workouts, have little to choose bee, whose 252 points leads the between three top guards. Wimp dition to the varsity's collection Rasor have all proved their abilof cloud scrapers in 6'8" Wayne ities to score and play aggres-

> Two Oregon wins would give the Ducklings an 8-7 season's



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