

Matmen host strong field

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There will be 108 wrestlers on hand tomorrow in Mac Court for the University of Oregon invitational wrestling tournament. Eight schools including Oregon will be represented. The meet will feature three PCI, one AAU, and one NAIA champions.

THE TOURNAMENT will be held in three sessions beginning at 10, 1:30, and 7:30. No team points will be compiled, but individual awards will be presented in each weight class.

Saturday's action will be the first of the season for coach Mike Reuter's varsity and freshmen teams. Early as it is in the season the Duck team has already suffered badly from injuries.

TWO WRESTLERS are out for the season because of injuries, and another Oregon man may miss tomorrow's action because of a skin rash.

Team captain Ron Connor injured his back in a mill accident last term, and Jerry Mesecher suffered a shoulder injury this week. Both men will be lost to the team for the season. Lanny Holmes has a bad skin rash, but may be able to compete.

OREGON wrestling fans will get their first chance this year to observe the abilities of the state's two strongest squads, the Ducks and the Oregon State Beavers. Oregon State is the strong favorite in the meet.

The Beavers have two PCI champions and one national AAU champion. Portland State and Pacific University also boast PCI champs on their squads.

CHAMPIONS from Oregon State are Mitzy Tamura at 123 pounds and Don Conway at 191 pounds. Conway was the 177 PCI titlist last year.

Also wrestling for OSC is na-

tional AAU champion Fritz Fivian. He is from Switzerland where he was the 167 pound national champion. Fivian will be wrestling in the 177 pound class Saturday.

Other PCI title-holders who add to the prestige and importance of tomorrow's tournament are 130 pound Gary Hoagland from Portland State and heavyweight Charles Peterson from Pacific. Peterson won his crown in the 191 class last year.

Oregon College of Education is sending the NAIA (small college) 147 pound titlist Tony Cutsforth.

WEBFOOT'S strength Saturday will rest in 115 pound Gary Park who was third place on the coast in 1958; 130 pound Joe McFarland, an outstanding sophomore prospect; 147 pound Gary Wilson another outstanding sophomore; and Garry Stensland who was third in the PCI meet last year at heavyweight. Stensland will probably be seeded first place in the heavy division.

Tomorrow's meet has many stand-out competitors who were not coast or national champs, but could surprise some of the champs. Foremost in this category are Autry Ehler, 167 pounder from Portland State who was an alternate on the United States Pan-American Games team, and Oregon's own Stensland who will probably be seeded above a former coast champion.

OREGON STATE is sending sophomore Jerry Perez, three time high school titlist and undefeated as a freshman, at 130 pounds. Tobe Zwegardt, 147 pound transfer from the University of Kansas, is another highly regarded Beaver. At 157 pounds OSC has Tom Geinger who will probably be seeded first. Geinger was a top candidate to place in

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Mermen home from tour

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Oregon's varsity swimming team returned to the campus Monday after spending two weeks in Hawaii training for the upcoming Northern Division season.

Coach Don Van Rossen and 13 mermen made the trip. The group paid their own way in a precedent setting trip. They left Portland by plane on December 20.

Besides spending much of the time training for the upcoming ND season they competed in the Dolphin International Invitational Swim Meet in Honolulu. They competed with many of the top Hawaiian mermen in this meet.

THE DOLPHIN MEET was held in the Richardson Pool, a 50-meter outdoor pool in Pearl Harbor.

Two Oregon mermen won top places in their events in the two-day meet. Al Takashima captured the 50 and 100-yard freestyle championships, and team captain, Tom Herman captured a tie for first place one evening.

Van Rossen was very pleased with treatment accorded the squad and also added that the squad was beginning to round into pretty good shape for the upcoming season.

THE TRIP was a happy homecoming for two island boys, Takashima who lives in Honolulu and Bob Kawachika who resides in Hilo, Hawaii.

The meet was divided into several age brackets. The Ducks were awarded the Aloha Trophy for the senior division.

Van Rossen said, "There were no outstanding times but the boys turned in good performances."

VAN ROSSEN ADDED, "We hope to turn out in Hawaii every year just as the Eastern schools train each winter in Florida now. The opportunity to work outdoors will perhaps give us an edge over nations like Mexico when it comes to international competition."

The mermen worked out twice daily in the new Farrington Hotel pool in Honolulu. They worked on exercises and water workouts in an 11 a.m. session. The afternoon workout consisted of two miles of sand running, 30 minutes of continuous hard exercises, and one mile of continuous distance swimming in the ocean.

OTHER MEMBERS making the trip included the following: Al Lephart, diving coach; Lin Rhoades, backstroke; Jerry Reece, butterfly; Dick Moody, freestyle; and Tony Johnson, backstroke.

Other swimmers in the group included: Carl Burnham, freestyle; Fred McGinnis, freestyle; Ron Nakata, butterfly; Dave Boyd, freestyle; Rick Freberg and Bob Watts, diving.

The squad is currently working out for the upcoming meet with the perennial Northern Division champion, Washington. The

Ducks will face Washington in the men's pool January 22.

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