

UO Wrestlers Eye Successful Mat Year

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A pair of Washington teams pair off with the Oregon wrestling squad this weekend and, according to head coach Ed Johns, the two meets could be the start of a successful season.

"We're a better team than last year," said Johns, referring to the 1965 Duck squad that finished 6-8 on the dual match season and in a fourth place tie in the AAUW meet.

And his team will get the chance this weekend to prove his point as it meets Western Washington Friday night and Washington Saturday night in McArthur Court.

"The team is a lot tougher and has looked real good in practice. We've got a strong team and it's a good nucleus with which to work," Johns said.

"Good Balance"

But he cautioned that, although Oregon's improved, "the teams we meet are going to be stronger too."

"Western Washington has good



ED JOHNS
Eyes Weekend Wins

balance and Washington is supposed to be better than last year," Johns added. The Webfoots blanketed the Huskies last winter, 30-0,

but were edged by Western Washington, 14-11. And Western Washington has already topped traditionally strong Washington State this season, 24-11.

The Ducks are bolstered by a couple of returning PAC champions, 167-pound Bob Mitchell and 130-pound Doug Robertson. Robertson has seen action previously this season in December when he nabbed a first place in the University of Washington invitational in Seattle.

Mitchell didn't participate in that tournament, but posted a 11-2-1 dual meet record last year and will take plenty of experience into the meets this weekend.

But a top notch prospect for honors this year is senior Bruce Glenn, ineligible last year but a PAC runnerup in 1964 and a former national AAU champion.

"Real Good"

"Glenn has been looking real good in practice," mentioned Johns. "He's an outstanding prospect." Glenn also garnered a first place in the Washington invita-



BRUCE GLENN
Slates Mat Action

tional, winning four matches, one by fall, in the 180-pound division. Sophomores support part of the

squad and Johns is happy with the performance of a couple of them. Rick Marx, a 123-pounder from Eugene and Steffen Criner, a 145-pounder from Portland, were singled out for shaping up well in practice.

Although Johns is working with a strong nucleus, he is worried about the number of wrestlers on the squad. "We've got a lack of bodies in the wrestling room," the head coach mentioned. "And we need a better freshman turnout, too."

The lineup for the Friday and Saturday meets was still tentative Tuesday afternoon in the lower weights with Grant Henjyoji, Curt Scott, Marx and Robertson battling it out for a starting nod.

Other probable starters are Criner at 145, Craig Caster at 152, John Malpass at 160, Mitchell at 167, Glenn at 177 and Bob Marshall at heavyweight.

Friday's meet is scheduled for 4 p.m., and Saturday's for 7:30 p.m.

WEBFOOT-PRINTS . . .

Hoop Play Opens

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The winter sports scene opens with a blast this weekend with three sports slating battles with other schools, both conference and non-conference, while the gymnastics team holds an intersquad meet at McArthur Court Saturday afternoon.

Both the wrestling and swimming teams play host to a pair of squads, the Duck matmen meeting Western Washington and Washington and the Oregon swimmers taking on Stanford and California.

But the big news is in basketball as the AAUW opens its conference slate—and Oregon faces a couple of the toughest squads it will meet this season in UCLA and USC.

And all this with a possibility of seeing no service from starting guard Jim Barnett. According to Oregon coach Steve Belko, "There's a slight chance Barnett might be ready for USC and UCLA, but we are preparing for the games on the basis that he won't be available."

The Bruins, sliding up and down the wire services' hoop polls, will meet the Ducks Saturday night and the Trojans, rated very high in pre-season choices as a possible darkhorse to upend the Uclans, Friday night.

The Weekends Stretch

It could be a long weekend for the Webfoots who have now lost three in a row. And it could get longer, stretching into the next weekend as Belko's squad hosts Washington and Washington State. The Cougars, although losers of two contests in the Far West Classic in Portland, have a young, quick team, that is going to get progressively better as the season continues.

WSU has already dumped the Webfoots once, by a 76-58 count in the Classic, and the Cougars will be looking for another win come Jan. 15 in McArthur Court.

And they could get it if they perform in the manner they did in the first half and the initial part of the second half in their contest with Michigan in Portland. The game stayed close throughout that period until the Wolverines just wore the Cougars down for a 93-81 victory.

But a pair of guards were the flash of the game. Washington State's Tom Tommervik and Ray Stein, both 5-11 and little compared to the massive Michigan team, used quick hands and a good eye to make a number of steals from the slower and bigger Wolverines. And both handled the ball well on offense with Stein, a sophomore, performing like the senior that Tommervik is.

Another Cougar pair to keep an eye on for the remainder of this year and next season are junior forwards Bud Norris and Mike Werner. They, too, handled the ball well and will be a definite asset to the WSU team during the 14-game PAC slate.

But the Press Thought Different

Rose Bowl notes . . .

It was a good year for Tommy Prothro and his UCLA football team. That, of course, is obvious, but, before the Bruins' 14-12 win over Michigan State, oddsmakers, sports writers and others wouldn't have given too good of odds that the year would end as rosy as it did.

An article in the recent Sports Illustrated, describing the bowl games, typifies this:

"Just looking at it as a line of type, Michigan State against UCLA sounds more like a mismatch than a rematch. (The MSU team previously beat UCLA, 13-3, during the regular season.) You have to think that if both teams play as well as they are capable of doing, the Spartans, with vastly superior players, will chase the Bruins all the way from Pasadena back to the Westwood lab where Coach Tommy Prothro conjured them up."

Yet magician Prothro received superior performances from all-conference quarterback Gary Beban and a tough Bruin defense. It was a well-earned Rose Bowl win, a surprising win in the eyes of many and a start of a PAC sports year that, with the UCLA hoop squad beginning league play, could continue for another three months . . .

Pinkstaff Tops Hoop Scorers

Oregon center John Pinkstaff leads his teammates in scoring after seven games with 99 points on 38 field goals and 23 shots from the charity stripe.

Pinkstaff, a sophomore who sparked the Oregon Frosh attack last year, hit 38 of 93 shots for a .409 percentage.

But Jim Barnett, missing three Far West Classic contests during Christmas vacation, kept the average lead with 17 points a game.



JIM BARNETT
Third in Duck Scoring

The Duck guard has tallied 68 points in four games and barely trails Pinkstaff in the field goal percentage column with 26-65 for a .400 mark.

Nick Jones has gained the best percentage of any Oregon player scoring more than 15 points as he hit 39 field goals out of 83 tries for a .470 average. Jones is now in second place in the scoring column with 88 points.

Pinkstaff also leads the Duck squad in rebounds with 69, 25 more than second-place Bob Craven. Forward Bill Thomas is

third with 33 rebounds.

Pinkstaff has attempted the most free throws and also has made more than any other Webfoot. Barnett follows Pinkstaff's 23 with 16, while forward Bill Jennings is third with 11. Guard Don DuShane holds the best percentage of team members who have attempted over ten free throws with 9-11 and a .818 mark.

As a team, Oregon is shooting .410 and has scored an average of 70.3 points a game while holding its opponents to a .385 mark and 69.3 points.

	G	F	A	FG	Pct.	F	T	A	FT	Pct.	Reb.	PF	TP	Avg.
Pinkstaff, c	7	93	38	.409	.31	23	.742	67	17	.99	14.1			
Jones, g	7	83	39	.470	.18	10	.556	25	20	.88	12.6			
Barnett, g	4	65	26	.400	.21	16	.762	31	12	.68	17.0			
Craven, f	7	73	28	.384	.15	9	.600	44	8	.65	9.3			
Thomas, f	7	36	16	.361	.20	8	.400	33	12	.40	5.7			
Jennings, f	7	31	11	.355	.14	11	.786	17	12	.33	4.7			
Smith, f	5	30	12	.400	.11	7	.636	20	12	.31	6.2			
DuShane, g	6	21	8	.381	.11	9	.818	16	16	.25	4.2			
Kafoury, g	6	22	7	.318	.2	2	1.000	9	7	.16	2.7			
Franz, c	7	12	6	.500	.4	2	.500	6	7	.14	2.0			
Jones, g	3	10	4	.400	.0	0	.000	2	4	.8	2.7			
Nicksic, g	4	3	2	.667	.2	1	.500	2	3	.5	1.3			
Romppanen, f	1	1	0	.000	.0	0	.000	4	1	.0	0.0			
Totals	7	480	197	.410	149	98	.658	337	131	.492	70.3			
Opponents	7	472	182	.385	173	121	.699	341	125	.485	69.3			

Badminton Slates Meeting, Open

The Oregon badminton club will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the West Gym of the men's P.E. building.

Plans for the Oregon State Open on Jan. 28-30 will be made.

Sports Meeting Set

All persons interested in writing for the Emerald sports department during winter term are asked to attend a meeting at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Emerald office, 301 Allen.

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