

Wrestlers Meet Vikings, Oregon State

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Oregon's wrestling squad won't have much chance to rest after it meets Portland State Friday afternoon.

Dale Thomas will see to that. Thomas, head mat coach of the Oregon State grappling team, brings his Beavers to McArthur Court Saturday for an 8 p.m. match with the Ducks. And he'll be bringing a team that owns a 7-3 record; a team that just finished a road trip to the tough wrestling country of the southwest, winning two out of five matches; and a team that is the

defending PAC champs.

"OSU is strong," said Oregon coach Art Keith this week. "They've beaten Central Washington real bad and Central was a little too much for us to handle."

If the comparison of the two meets is valid, then Keith will have a right to worry. The Ducks were beaten by Central Washington, 29-6.

Not Since 1957

Oregon hasn't defeated the Beavers in the mat sport since 1957, when the Ducks held a 14-13 edge. But that fact doesn't seem to bother Keith.

"I think we'll surprise Oregon State," Keith said. "We'll be ready for 'em. We're not going to lie down for them."

But that match is scheduled for Saturday and, as Keith says, "We'll take 'em one at a time." The Ducks travel to Portland Friday for a 3:30 p.m. match with the Vikings, the same squad Oregon edged last week in McArthur Court, 19-14.

"They're going to change their lineup and be after us," added Keith. "But if we can get the kind of performance I'm expecting, we could do well."

Keith, whose squad holds a 5-2

dual meet record thus far this season, will start the same lineup that defeated PSC and Oregon College of Education last week.

Squad Listed

Grant Henjyoji, with a 3-4 record, will wrestle at 123 pounds; Curt Scott, 7-0, at 130; Doug Robertson, 4-2-1, at 137; Steffen Cramer, 4-3, at 145; Craig Caster, 2-5, at 152; John Malpass, 1-4 at 160; Bob Mitchell, 4-2-1, at 167; Bruce Glenn, 4-0, at 177; and Bob Lawrence, 5-2, at heavyweight.

Glenn, who has won three of his four bouts by fall, sat out a three-match road trip a couple of weeks ago because of a leg injury. But, according to Keith, Glenn's "coming along much better; his injury is pretty well along." The coach continued, "Everybody's healthy."

Keith graduated from Oregon State with his bachelor's degree a year before Thomas arrived as head coach of the Beaver team. Keith wrestled for OSU, earning individual coast championship honors three different years.

And so he'll be meeting the team Saturday for which he has competed. "I think this situation heightens the interest a little," commented Keith, "and makes the desire to win a little higher."

No New Occurrence

It's not a new occurrence for the Oregon coach. Keith coached three high school teams in a period of nine years and saw a lot of his performers compete

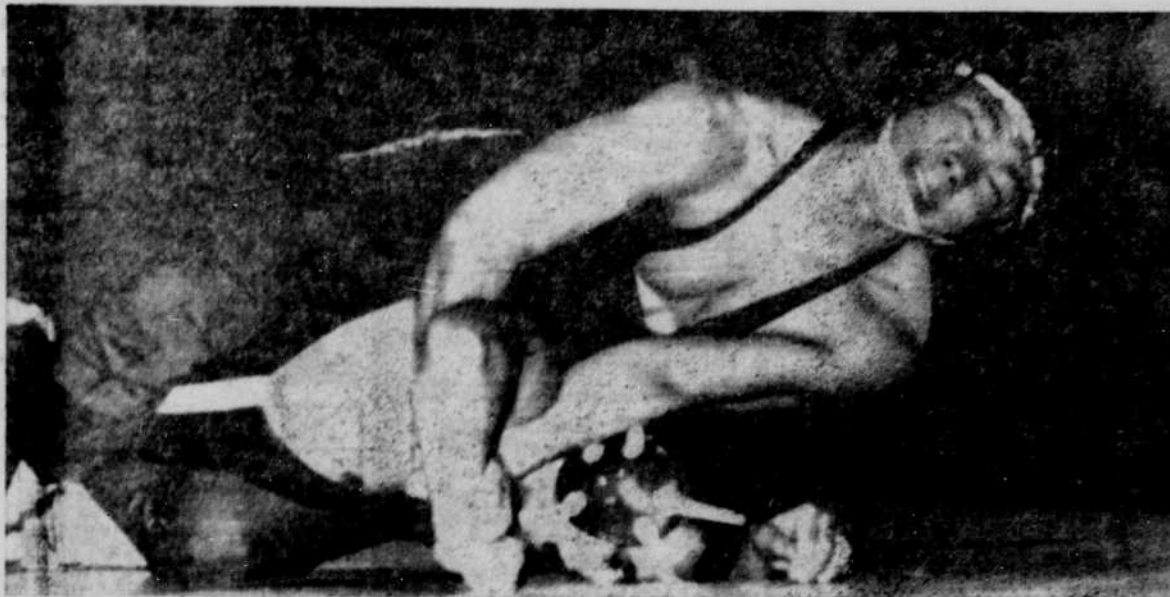
with others he had tutored previously.

"I've moved around so much," Keith said, "I'm kind of getting used to wrestling against coaches and kids I've worked with before."

Portland State will be looking for a win in its match with the Ducks Friday, having lost to Oregon last weekend. Two of the top grapplers for Howard Westcott's team are Rick Sanders and Masarvo Yatabe. Sanders and Oregon's Henjyoji will likely square off again in a rematch while Yatabe could wrestle any one of two or three Oregon middle weights.

Henjyoji stayed with Sanders through the third round until Sanders, leading 8-2, slapped a pinning combination on the Duck wrestler in the final minute of the match for the fall.

Yatabe defeated Robertson in a close match, 2-1.



OREGON'S Grant Henjyoji, a 123-pounder, strains for advantage during OCE match recently. He and his Duck teammates will meet Portland State and Oregon State this weekend.

Jim Chaskin Photo

Frosh Set Mat, Gym Meets

Oregon's freshmen wrestling and gymnastics team will see action this weekend as the frosh grapplers take on Portland State and the gymnasts meet a pair of high school squads.

The wrestling team travels to Portland for the afternoon Viking match.

The last time the Vikings and the Ducklings met was one week ago in Eugene. And that contest ended in an 18-18 deadlock.

"Both teams will be trying hard to win this," remarked Oregon coach Art Keith. "I know we can do better. Last week, we were in really poor condition. Since then we've been running a lot. I hope it'll show."

"Portland State has long been a wrestling power (the Viks won the NAIA tourney last year) and they're used to having successful freshman teams. So we've got a job to do."

Freshman gymnastics coach John Sampson is preparing his boys for an encounter with South Eugene and David Douglas high schools... two schools which are expected to have the field to themselves in the battle for the state high school crown next month.

The frosh squad, on the other hand, is "extremely thin."

Since the team lost all-around performer Bob Leech through academic difficulties, Sampson's squad has been reduced to five men.

One of those men, Wayne Noecker, can be counted on to

give South and Douglas as much as they can handle. Two weeks ago in a tri-dual meet, Noecker won the all-around twice, and compositely placed first in 11 of the 14 events.

In addition, Sampson says, "Spence Kissler has been improving tremendously on the still rings. We might pick up a first there. Dennis Schuldeisz, our floor man, is also looking good."

Last year the frosh did not meet South but beat Douglas, 48½-47½. "I don't think it can be much closer," observed Sampson. "But we'll be trying to win."

The meet starts at 9 a.m. Saturday in McArthur Court.

Oregon Judo Club Sets Tournament

The Oregon Judo Club will present a judo tournament this Saturday at McArthur Court from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participating schools are Oregon, OSU, Reed, Portland State, Lane Community College, Southwestern Community College, and Eastern Oregon College. There is no admission charge for this Student Union-sponsored event.

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