

Mat Team Hosts California, Stanford

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Things could be worse for the Oregon wrestling team this week—but it would be hard to discover how.

The Duck grapplers host two California teams in McArthur Court—Stanford Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and California Friday at 2 p.m.—in what would have to be rated as a good chance to add a pair of wins to Oregon's 7-3 dual meet mark.

The reasons for the optimism?

Both Cal and the Indians have fallen—hard—to previous Duck victims. Cal Poly defeated both the Bears, 27-8, and Stanford, 27-6, and Fresno State dumped California, 24-9.

And these two squads fell to Oregon last weekend—Cal Poly, 20-8, and Fresno State, 23-6.

"Long Time Ago"

But Duck coach Art Keith doesn't hold much faith in past scores—especially the California tallies, as they were recorded late last year. "And that's a long

time ago," added Keith. "I hate to rely on scores from so long ago."

He also warns: "If we do the kind of job we did last week, then there'll be no problem at all. But if we don't, we could get hurt."

The Bears now stand 1-7, losing to San Diego State, UCLA and University of California at Santa Barbara last weekend.

But the team will be better prepared this week—heavyweight Jim Porter will be competing, after sitting out the three matches, and Alan Siegel, undefeated in nine meets at 145 pounds, will be wrestling down a weight at 137.

Siegel won an individual championship in the Northern California invitational tournament recently.

Beat Santa Clara

Victories have come just as hard for the Indians, as the Stanford team had to wait until Jan. 27 for its first win—a 34-3 shellacking of Santa Clara.

If the Webfoots do add two more victories to their won-lost record, then a pair of defending champions might have quite a bit to say about it.

Although not looking too sharp at the beginning of the mat season, Doug Robertson, 130, and Bob Mitchell, 160, have both increased their win marks recently and have gained praise from Keith.

"They're both doing a better job. Things are going better for them now," said Keith. "They're moving faster and harder. They're more aggressive."

Robertson is now 9-3-2 on the season and Mitchell is 7-3-1, both gaining dual victories last weekend. Robertson has been competing thus far this year in the 137-pound weight bracket, but is expected to start at 130-pounds Thursday night.

"I hope we can keep the fire burning under them," added Keith. Mitchell has now won five

out of his last six, while Robertson has won three and drawn once in the same six meets.

A fairly recent addition to the Duck lineup is Kent Studebaker, a 177-pounder who competed for the first time last weekend after being halted previously by a broken hand.

The Oregon junior drew one and won one, earning plaudits from Keith. "He's much improved," said the Oregon coach. "His conditioning is coming along well. For the amount of practice he'd had last week, I thought he did a real good job."

Other starters for the Ducks will be Grant Henjyoji, with a 4-7 record at 123, Curt Scott, 10-2, at 137, Steffen Criner, 6-5, at 145, either John Malpass, 3-6, or Craig Caster, 3-4, at 152, Bruce Glenn, 11-0, at 167, and Bob Lawrence, 6-5, at heavyweight.

EMERALD SPORTS

Freshmen Plan Hoop Revenge

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Don't tell anyone, but the frosh basketball team is planning something shady for this weekend.

Revenge, no less.

The scheduled victim is Clark Junior College.

Clark beat the Webfoots by 15 points when the Ducklings visited Vancouver last December, and coach Jerry Anderson has been revenge-minded ever since.

"That was probably one of our worst games this season," explained Anderson. "We were beaten everywhere—shooting, rebounding... you name it. Since then we've improved immeasurably."

There was one other thing about the Clark experience that the hoopsters didn't like... the gym. "It's the only one I've seen in some time with wooden backboards," Anderson observed.

If wooden backboards made a difference then, they won't this time around. The game is at home.

But, according to Anderson, the latter fact is of little consequence. The reason is improvement: Oregon's.

"We aren't the same team," said Anderson. "Everyone's improved. Take Glen Campbell. Clark's center handled him easily the last time they met—I mean really handled him. But now I think Glenn'll tear him up."

Defense Impressive

That's only one example. Ron Caderette, Rick Abrahamson and Claxton Welch are others.

Anderson is particularly impressed with the defense his team has been showing lately. Last week's effort against Linfield, he said, was their best of the season.

The freshmen meet the Wildcats again this weekend—at 6 p.m. Friday. The Clark game is 24 hours later.

Anderson concedes that Linfield may be a lot rougher this time around. The reason centers around two key performers—whether or not they play.

One is a 6-8 center and the other is a 6-5 forward. Both are not only capable of playing varsity ball, but have done it. "That's the reason they weren't in the lineup when we beat Linfield last weekend," he observed.

Good Board Job

"We were able to do a fairly decent job on the boards last week," Anderson pointed out. "But if those two play, it could be a different story."

The biggest thing that has impressed Anderson in recent weeks, however, has been the Ducklings' ability to run. He admits to being surprised. "I was planning on playing ball control last week," he grinned. "But we started running too well to do that."

About the same time the basketballers start warming up for Saturday's game, another group—the frosh swimming team—will be cooling themselves off in Leighton Pool while competing against the visiting Aero Club of Portland.

Aero Club battled the Ducklings once before during the season—at the Dick Strite Memorial Championships—and came up on the short end of the score. But coach Jack Kelso insists that that meet is no indication of what's going to happen this Saturday.

The teams, he says, are different. Oregon lost two and picked up three performers since then while Aero regained the services

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SU Lanes Set Bowling Tourney

The state's top intercollegiate bowling tournament of the year will get under way this weekend, as Oregon hosts 15 schools from four states for the annual Region 14 games tourney.

Additional competition will be held in pocket and carom billiards, table tennis, bridge and chess.

Action gets under way Thursday night with the bowling team event, which begins at 7:30 p.m. on the Student Union lanes. Competition in all the sports will continue throughout Friday and Saturday morning in the SU recreation area. No admission will be charged to spectators.

The Oregon men's varsity has won the regional championships ten times in the past 13 years. Coach Lou Bellissimo said that he "feels confident" that his team will make it 11 victories this weekend.

Bellisimo added that the women's team is "stronger than it's ever been before." Four members of last year's regional team

are back—juniors Mariann Furrer, Pat Johnson, Carolyn McCoy and senior Janet O'Dell. Rounding out the team is freshman Gayle Starnes.

Only one varsity bowler—sophomore Jim Parker—is back this year. His 198 average tops the team. Parker collected fourth place honors in singles and fifth in all-events last year at Seattle's tournament.

The men's team currently boasts an average of 194 per man. In addition to Parker, there is lefthander Larry Bell with a 196; freshman Dave Young, 195; junior Jim Donaldson, 193; and junior Arni Fredrickson, 188. Bell, a senior, is only the third lefty Bellissimo has had on a regionals team in 14 years. Bell has competed in the regionals before, when he attended Clark College his freshman year.

The top man and woman in the bowling tournament (those with the highest all-events scores) will be eligible to represent the region at the national intercollegiate tournament. This is the first time the selection has been made this way. In previous years, a whole team of men and women has been taken to the nationals.

For the past two years, Miss Johnson has bowled on the region's team to the nationals. She qualified for the honor by placing in the top five of all-events both times. Last year at Seattle, she and her partner, Miss Furrer, also came through with a first place in doubles action.

Games tournament entries this weekend include Washington, Oregon State, Portland State, Idaho, Washington State, Eastern Washington, Central Oregon, Idaho State, Clark College, OCE, Gonzaga, Eastern Montana, Western Washington, Marylhurst, and Columbia Basin College.

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