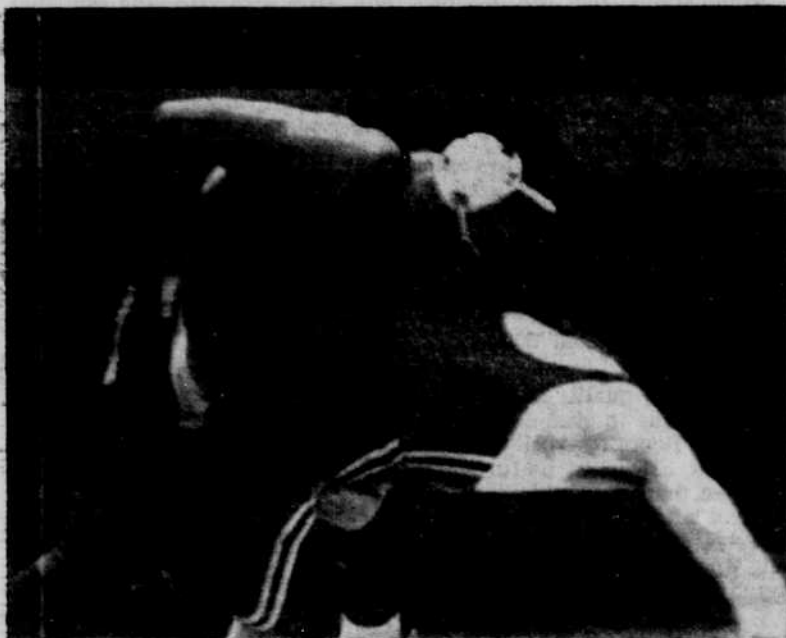


Highest Ever for Webfoot

Wrestler 4th in NCAA



Scott (top) rides opponent

By DAVE BARONTI
Sports Writer

Of the 32 wrestlers in the 130-pound division of the NCAA wrestling tournament, held during spring vacation at Ames, Iowa, one was a two-time national and 1964 Olympic champ.

The rest were "something less"—eastern champions, midwestern champions, NAIA champions . . . and other wrestlers of the "less superior" mode.

Oregon junior Curt Scott was one of those other 31.

And by a chance draw, Curt met the Olympic champion—Yojiro Uetake of Oklahoma—his first match.

Uetake won, as expected, 12-4. And the world's best 130-pounder went on to take his third straight NCAA title, pinning Joe Petrole of Brown in the finals.

But in the meantime, Curt "followed" the Japanese through the bracket, lopsidedly beat three opponents — (Allgood of Neb.,

11-2, Rolley of Bloomfield, 18-3, Milone of Temple, 9-2) and placed fourth in the tournament, losing 4-1 to Indiana's Bob Campbell in the consolation finals.

But that was still a higher finish than any in the history of University of Oregon wrestling (which includes a 1956 Olympian, several national AAU champions, and scores of Pacific Coast and conference champions).

Only Disappointment

The last match was Curt's only disappointment.

Two of Campbell's four points were for riding time, and had two rounds been about five seconds longer, Scott may have had four additional points (he was

about to get a takedown at the end of the first round, and was on the verge of a reversal at the end of the second).

"That guy also wrestled too conservatively for Curt," noted Art Keith, Duck wrestling coach. "All those things added up."

One other factor was that Curt lacked all the tremendous fire and drive that characterized his early matches.

"I usually start out slow and finish strong in tournaments," Scott observed. "This time it was the other way around."

"If I had wrestled Campbell like I did those other guys, I would have won."

Best Effort Was Uetake

He agrees that his best effort was against Uetake.

"That guy," says Curt, "is tremendous. He controls, controls, controls, so you can't do anything. His ride is fantastic. I'd spin once and lose any other guy, but with him I spun three and four times and he was still on me."

"He's absolutely the best wrestler I've ever met or am ever going to meet."

But there is one area where Curt felt he was superior to Uetake—strength.

"He really wasn't that strong," grinned Curt. "But he knew how to use his strength. Take his grip. It didn't hurt you — but you couldn't get away from it either."

However, Curt, who sets chokers in the summer, admits that he has yet to find any wrestler able to use strength to an advantage over him.

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OREGON DISTANCE STANDOUT Bruce Mortenson will be on hand Saturday when the Duck track team opens its home season on Hayward Field against Montana State and Santa Clara Youth Village. Mortenson nabbed both the NCAA and Northern Division steeplechase crowns last year and, along with the remainder of the Oregon team, will be working to defend the NCAA championship which the Webfoots share with USC.

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Sportswriters — veterans or prospectives — should be at 301 Allen 9 p.m. Thursday for a short meeting if they expect to work on the Emerald's sports staff spring term.

Previous experience with the Emerald or any other paper is unnecessary. If unable to attend, contact Rande Wilmarth, sports editor, at extension 1997 or 1817.

Baseballers Slate Howe Field Debut

After a spring vacation tour through the Southwest that left them with a 1-7 record, Oregon's baseballers open their home season Wednesday at 1:30 with a doubleheader against Linfield College at Howe Field.

Last year the Ducks, led by returning senior Ron Delplanche, compiled a 27-8-1 record enroute to placing second in the Northern Division.

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