

Practice Makes Perfect for Wrestlers . . .

... OR SO THEY SAY. Toughening up for Saturday's big showdown with Oregon State are four of Oregon's top wrestlers. Right, 130-pound Brent Merrill attempts to escape from John Miller. Miller, who is 10-0 this season wrestling in the 115- and 123-pound divisions, was third in the National AAU and Pan-Am try-outs last year. He'll go at 115 pounds against OSU. Below: undefeated heavyweight Henry Muller, in white, grapples with challenger Nick Shur. Oregon State has won the traditional rivalry for 11 straight years. This year might be different. Oregon, with an outstanding crop of sophs, has its best chance in recent times to break the streak and win the 8 p.m. Saturday clash at Mac Court.



Photo by Clark Allworth



Swimmers Meet BYU, Redskins

By DAN HAUSLER
Of the Emerald

Oregon's swimmers hit the road again this weekend, and it's another rocky one.

The Ducks will dangle their 4-1 season record in front of the noses of Brigham Young and Utah, the Big Eight Conference's two top swim teams.

Friday, the Ducks battle the Cougars and the University of Denver in a three-way match. BYU will be the big challenge. Favored to win the Big Eight swimming title this season, they are the defending conference champs and a good young team.

Swimming for BYU this season is the national freshman record-holder in the 200-yard butterfly, Fred Baird, who last season clocked a phenomenal 1:54.3.

Little is known of the Denver squad. According to Coach Don Van Rossen, they will give Oregon's ace diver Dennis Hartman his first real challenge. Coaching Hartman's opposition is, ironically, his father.

Saturday won't be any easier. In Utah, they face a team predicted to finish number two in their conference, (right behind BYU) a team which the Ducks have never beaten in a dual meet, a team which finished fourteen points ahead of them in last year's NCAA meet, and

a team which edged them 56-48 last year in Eugene.

The Utes have a number of outstanding swimmers, among them former Big Sky butterfly king, John Shackelford. This season, Utah has already bettered all their victory times from last year's UO-Utah meet.

Oregon tankers will be well primed for their weekend tests. Coaches Van Rossen and Don McGavern have worked their men hard all week with emphasis on fundamentals.

Van Rossen explained this in reference to last week's California meets. "We found out they were still out of shape. They need more endurance, so we're training harder. We're going back a few weeks in drills."

Water Polo Practice

The water polo team will hold practices 6-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free instructions in the basics of the sport will be given. Anyone intending to compete for the team spring term should participate.

WRA Schedule

BASKETBALL
5:00—University House vs. Kappa Alpha Theta
Rebec vs. Off-Campus II
5:30—Caswell vs. Alpha Chi Omega
Zeta Tau Alpha vs. Thornton

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UO Gymnasts Host Sparts, Tony Cappola

By BEN KALB
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Oregon's undefeated gymnasts go after their fourth straight win Friday night against San Jose State in a dual meet at McArthur Court.

Coach Dick Smith professed his team's hopes by saying, "We've never been more psychologically ready. We are looking stronger than ever, but we know it will be a tough meet."

Last year the Oregon ironmen were on the narrow end of a 156-150 decision, but this season, according to Smith, the margin may be within two points either way.

San Jose State is paced by all-around athlete Tony Cappola, who will be featured in five events, has consistently scored over 50 points by himself every meet.

Super-Cappola

The Spartan super-star has registered a 9.05 best on the long horse, an 8.4 in floor exercise, and a 9.2 on the still rings. Jim Turpin and Joe Sweeny are among other Spartans who figure in the scoring picture.

Oregon will go with the same lineup that defeated Washington State two weeks ago. Smith said that the only exception will be the addition of Eugene sophomore Bob Leach. The Duck mentor commented, "Leach has been working hard and now has good moves."

The only other question mark is senior veteran Mike Olson, who has been sidelined with a cold. However, the 21-year-old two-year letterman should be ready to go by Friday.

Captain Dave Telling will lead the floor exercise squad, and will meet stiff competition from Cappola. Top side horse man is Ken Betterton, who put on a good performance in the win against the Cougars.

Sophs on Rings

Three sophomores, Jim Lambert, Jim Pittman and Dave Manock, will be the men to watch on the rings, and Mike Olson will be number one man on the trampoline, where the Webfoots were weakened by the graduation of John Turchi.

Dave Olson and Mike Olson will lead the long horse contingent, while senior Jim Hampton and sophomore Brad Hunter figure high on the parallel bars.

Leach and all-around man Wayne Noecker will face Cappola and Sweeny on the horizontal bar, and that figures to be quite a duel.

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BASKETBALL
3:50—Court 40—Dymont A vs. Sheldon A
Court 43—Adams A vs. Henderson A
4:35—Court 40—Parsons A vs. Carson A
Court 43—Campbell A vs. Philadelphia A
5:15—Court 40—Kappa Sigma A vs. Beta Theta Pi A
Court 43—Phi Kappa Psi A vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon A
HANDBALL
4:00—Sigma Pi vs. Delta Tau Delta
4:45—Winner of Wednesday's play-off between Sherry Ross and Sigma Chi vs. River Rats

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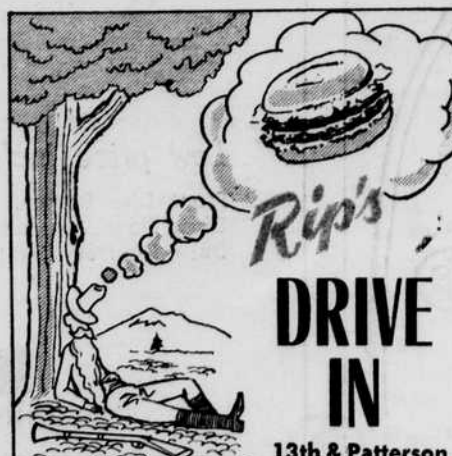


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