

In Cup Tournament

Kickers Follow Winning Trail

By GIL HULIN
Of the Emerald

Victories have come frequently for Oregon's soccer teams, but Sunday's 6-0 Duck win over the Eugene Bavarians was the soccer club's first win in three tries in cup play. The Ducks are now in the quarterfinals of the Johnston Cup tournament.

Undefeated in nine league games, the Ducks dropped 2-1 decisions to Germania and St. Patricks in the Bennett Cup and Cameron Cup Tournaments last fall. These were both six-team affairs for Portland Soccer Assn. clubs, while the current Johnston Cup play is a statewide, all-comers championship. Five Portland League and six Metropolitan League teams entered, but first round play has cut the remaining competition to six clubs.

After a bye in all play this weekend, the Ducks will host Germania Feb. 18 in the cup quarterfinals. The winner will then face Portland's Skyline Cardinals for a berth in the finals against St. Patricks, Steinhau or the Forest Grove Loggers.

League Leaders

In Portland League action the Ducks won the first half round with a 4-0-1 record, and lead the second half round with a 2-0-1 mark. Without an upset, the Ducks most likely will end the round in a tie with Germania, who held the UO team to a scoreless draw last month.

Oregon's Mallard team will open its second half play Saturday at Lewis and Clark, after last week's scheduled opener with University of Portland was postponed. The Mallards lead the Oregon Intercollegiate Soccer Assn., a loop which continues its fall standings into the second half.

Saturday's match with the Pioneers will be the first official meeting this year, although the teams met in Eugene last November with Oregon taking a 3-1 decision. A Pioneer protest against the officiating was upheld by the OISA officers and the rematch has not yet been played.

Also Unbeaten

The Mallards enter the game with a 4-0 mark in first place, followed by Oregon State also with eight points, but a 4-2 record. Portland's Pilots rank third with a 3-1-1 record, and meet OSU Saturday for second place.

The Pioneers are fourth in the league with a 2-2-1 mark, but proved tough last winter when they held the Mallards to a 2-2 draw after losing their first six games. Lewis and Clark was the last school to defeat Oregon's top OISA entry in a league game. That win gave the Pioneers the loop championship in March, 1965.

Since October, 1965, the top

Oregon OISA entry has won 23 consecutive games, while outscoring opponents 142 to 19. Last season the Mallards provided Oregon's second league entry and finished right behind the undefeated Ducks with a 5-3-2 mark.

Rodolfo Klien and Joe Macca lead the Mallard scoring with 11 and five goals respectively, including at least one in each match. Other scorers include Per Endresen with three goals, Eric Van der Hoven and Hugh Venables with two each.

Captain Paul Wormleighton leads the Duck scorers with 17 goals including three Sunday. Hans Nicks added two Sunday to raise his second-place total to 13, ahead of Randy Swangard's nine tallies. Six Duck kickers have scored one goal each.



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Wrestlers Slate Three-Day Trip

By STAN HORTON
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Lamoin Merkley—a Central Washington State legend—will be among the many outstanding wrestlers competing against Oregon this weekend. The Ducks are faced with a grueling three-day road trip beginning Thursday involving Central Washington, Washington State, and Eastern Oregon College.

Merkley, recently featured in Sports Illustrated magazine, is more than a sensational wrestler. He is extraordinary. Currently 14-0, without a point being scored against him in actual competition, the 167-pounder has secured ten victories with pins. He has won his last 48 encounters spread over a period of several years.

Central Washington State boasts a fine all-around squad which holds a 19-15 win over Portland State, NCAA college division champions last year. The Wildcats have also beaten Washington State and Seattle Pacific. One of their losses was to Washington, 19-13. The Huskies topped Oregon 21-18 in action last weekend.

The Cougars of Washington State appear to be the weakest of the three teams Oregon will face. The Cats bowed to both CWSC and Eastern Oregon this year. They had two third place finishes in the 1967 AAWU meet, Jim Yamamoto at 115 pounds and Harold Surplus at 191.

Brick and Craig Woodward, brothers from Prineville, Oregon, add a unique touch to a strong EOC squad which will be the last stop for Oregon on their three-day tour. The Woodwards wrestle at 160 and 167 pounds for a team which lost a tough 18-17 decision to Portland State.

Oregon Coach Art Keith reports that with everybody healthy he will probably take a traveling squad of about 13. He added that without a man to go at 115 pounds the Ducks will have

to forfeit five points to begin the WSU meet.

Randy Franke and Pete Helzer were cited by Keith for their outstanding performances in the San Jose match last weekend. Helzer, who usually wrestles at 140 pounds, had to go at 152 so that Oregon would not forfeit the division, giving up five points.

He won his match 3-2, upping Oregon's lead to 14-0. Earlier, against Washington, Helzer had won his 145 pound match 9-1.

John Miller remained undefeated with a 13-0 record. He will be moved up from 115 pounds to 123 in order to provide him with strong competition in the upcoming road trips.

1,000 UCLA Tickets Still Available

Don't let any scalpers coerce you into purchasing tickets to the Oregon-UCLA basketball game at outrageous prices. At least not yet. According to the Athletic Department tickets office, there are still 1,000 student tickets available for the 8 p.m. Saturday encounter.

IM Schedule

BASKETBALL
3:50—Court 40—Bean East A vs. Sheldon A
Court 43—Dymont V vs. Adams A
4:35—Court 40—Collier A vs. Carson A
Court 43—Parsons A vs. Campbell A
5:15—Court 40—Phi Delta Theta B vs. Kappa Sigma B
Court 43—Sigma Chi A vs. Pi Kappa Alpha A
HANDBALL
4:00—River Rats vs. Westmoreland

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