

No. one mauls Ducks, 31-9

"A little experience would have made a lot of difference," said Coach Ron Finley in summing up the Ducks' 31-9 loss to Iowa State Thursday night at Mac Court.

A trio of freshmen Ducks lost three consecutive close decisions as the top ranked Cyclones came from behind to extend their dual match winning streak to 31. Oregon's winning streak came to a halt at five.

Junior standout Dave Luke pinned his seventh opponent of the season to jump Oregon into the lead 6-3 after two matches.

Senior Brent Merrill upped the Ducks' lead to 9-3, decisioning Iowa State's Larry Munger, 6-5.

Phil Parker, an NCAA third placer the last two years, clobbered Mike Oilar, 14-0, for four team points and brought Iowa a State within two at 9-7.

Don Evans, trailing 5-0 early in the second period, rallied to tie, 6-6. But Cyclone Doug Lunt's escape late in the final round and an extra point for riding time dealt Evans a 8-6 defeat.

Duane Statzman, a 158 pounder, was deadlocked 4-4 after two rounds but a third round reversal stopped him, the final score standing 7-5.

Pete Purkey battled national champion Carl Adams in a very respectable performance, Purkey losing, 4-1. Adams got the match's only takedown in the first period, followed by Purkey's only point, an escape.

At this point the Ducks trailed 16-9 and it was all but over. Dave DeForest was pinned in the first round, and Ray King had to default in the celebrated heavyweight bout, injuring a knee as 390 pound Chris Taylor took him down.

Wes Hines, at 190, was bested 9-0 by national champion Ben Peterson. The Cyclones got a 3-0 lead in the 118 pound bracket as Dan Mallinger beat Ric Willoughby, 5-2, with a third period reversal.

Finley was pleased with the team's performance despite the lopsided score. "There were some close matches there. With more maturity we could have beaten them. We were just inches from succeeding on some of our moves."

Big men haunt Ducks again

After being biffed, buffeted, battered and bruised by a collection of seven-foot or near seven foot behemoths for the past three games, you'd think the law of averages would work out and Oregon would meet an opponent of a little less stature.

Like a team with a 6-2 center, 6-0 forwards and a backcourt that averages 5-8.

The Ducks can live in hope but expect no respite this series.

Saturday, the Waddling Warriors face Washington in Seattle's drafty Hec Edmundson Pavillion and Monday, Washington State in the Pacific-8's Black Hole of Calcutta, Bohler Gym.

Coach Dick Harter says, and there's more than a grain of truth to it, "It doesn't matter where we play. It'd be tough playing in the middle of Autzen Stadium this year."

But playing in Autzen, Mac Court, Hec Edmundson or Bohler would be a lot easier if there wasn't an overgrown guard under each basket.

With Washington the jock in question is 6-9 Steve Hawes. With Washington State it's 6-9 Mike Dolven.

To successfully deal with a team offering one big man and a bouncy forward or two, you have to establish an outside game; something the Ducks have been getting better at. USC beat Oregon by 20, UCLA by 25 but New Mexico State by only six.

The game with the something less than amazing Aggies tells the tale. Rusty Blair and Paul Halupa hit from the corners from the start. This forced New Mexico State's big men out, allowing the Ducks, primarily Billy Ingram, to penetrate inside.

And that's what Oregon has to do against the Huskies and Cougars, hit outside and unclog the middle. But you ask, if Oregon hit outside and freed the middle against the Aggies why did they lose?

Because, as Harter put it, "we got knocked out of our patterns." He attributed this to "our lack of discipline and attack by different people at different times." The only assurance he offered that it wouldn't reoccur was "we've been working hard in practice so that it won't happen again."

Another sour point in recent outings has been the points scored by the opposition off their offensive boards—they're getting that second and third shot, many of which eventually fall through.

Harter admitted "we've had a going over of our defense. We found we have a defensive big men problem."

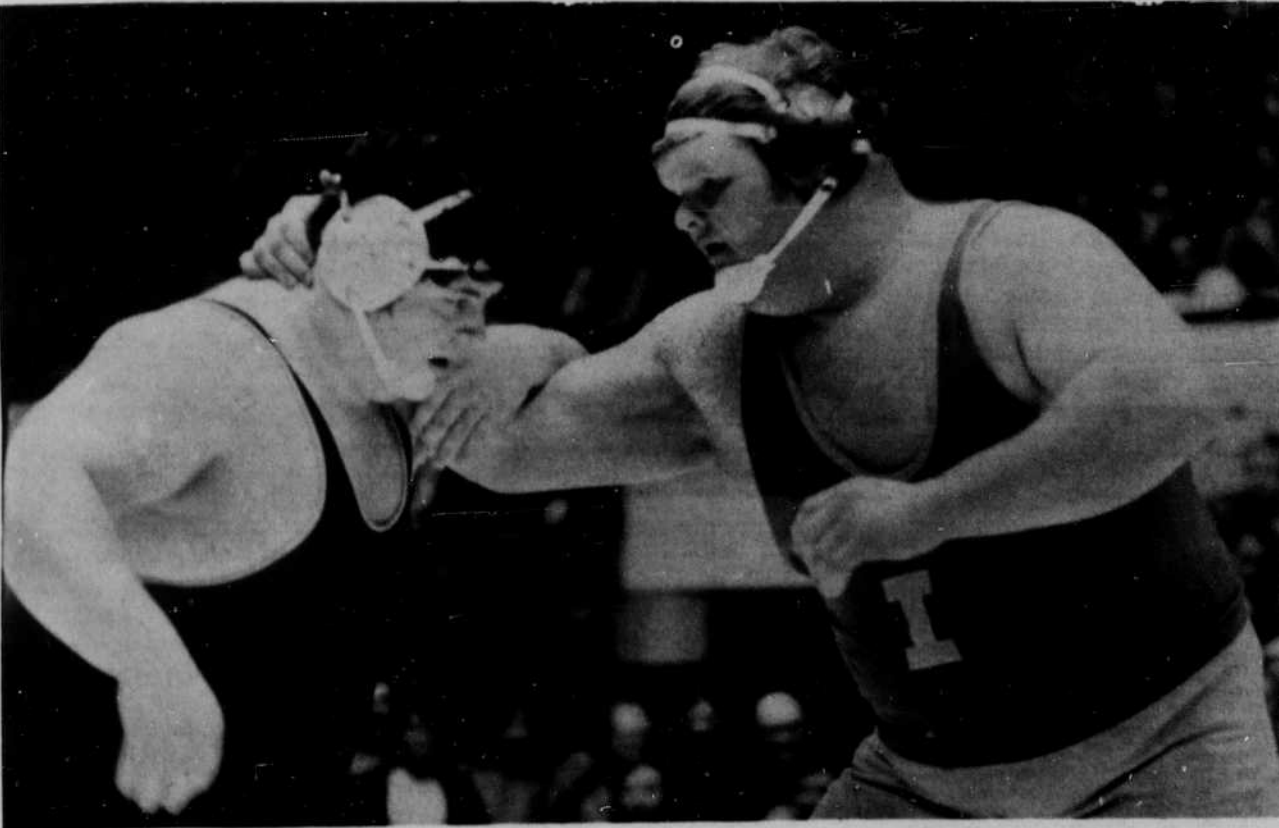
So is their a switch in the lineup to elevate the "defensive big men problem?" Well, there's a new guard starting. Walt Reynolds will join Paul Halupa in backcourt. Reynolds is a smooth ball-handler who has in the past proven he can shoot.

Joining those two is the usual supporting cast of forwards Ingram and Blair and center Al Carlson.

Guard Chris Thompson is ready to play and should see some action but is not up to par. Forward-guard Doug Little is "questionable" following an injury to his foot, sustained against New Mexico State.

Washington will start Louie Nelson (6-3) and Charles Dudley (6-2) at guard, Ray Price (6-6) and Paul Tillman (6-5) at forward and Hawes at center.

Washington State will go with guards Pat Rogers (6-0) and Dan Steward (6-0), forwards Bob Niehl (6-5) and Rick Rawlings (6-7) and center Dolven.



Oregon wrestler Ray King (the little guy on the left), 330 pounds, locks arms with 390 pound Chris Taylor. The Iowa State heavyweight was the eventual victor of the match when, with 50 seconds remaining in the first period, King was injured and had to forfeit. Photo by Matt McCormick.

The Oregon Frosh will be without the services of two of their leading scorers as they hit the road to face the Portland State Frosh Friday night and the Washington Frosh, Saturday night.

Guards Burt Fredrickson and Ken Kincheloe are down with the flu and are very doubtful for the two key contests this weekend. Fredrickson is averaging 11 points a game, while Kincheloe is contributing some 10 points a game.

Coach Dick Stewart indicated that Willis Van Dusen will most likely fill a starting spot.

Stewart, whose charges have

Frosh lame, still game

compiled a 8-0 record, was very apprehensive about the coming road trip. "We are in very poor shape for this road trip.

Besides missing Burt and Kenny, we have a lot of sore knees and ankles. Paul Benson

has been having a lot of trouble with his knee lately. I'm not pleased at all with his condition."

Through their first eight games, the Ducklings have proved to be a balanced scoring team. They have five men averaging in double figures. Forward Ken Stringer leads the Frosh, hitting at a 16.5 clip. Other scoring leaders are Gerald Willett (13.6), Fredrickson (11), Kincheloe (10.0) and Paul Benson (10.0).

As a team, they are shooting .433 from the field and are scoring over 92 points a game. They are giving up 63 points a game to their opponents.

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