

## Ducks lose to USC 66-65 after UCLA disaster

# Oregon almost shocks Trojans

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LOS ANGELES (SPECIAL) — Perhaps the most memorable thing Oregon accomplished Friday night was to establish one Pauley Pavilion record and escape another.

The Ducks' slow-down game held the No. 1 ranked Bruins to 18 points — a bucket and a free throw short of their lowest first half ever. With just a minute to go in the game, they escaped the second record when Burt Fredrickson's shot slipped through the slot. That bucket gave the Ducks their 36th point, one more than Oregon State scored two years ago, the lowest total in Pavilion history.

Down by just four at half, the Ducks eventually did what everybody does at Pauley Pavilion — lose — and they lost big, 64-38.

The next afternoon, on regional television, USC was carried down to the wire before the taller Trojans finally prevailed, 66-65.

While providing the radio stations with plenty of base background for the fans, the Oregon slowdown Friday night accomplished a couple of other things, too.

Obviously, it provided the press with plenty of questions to fire at the visiting coach and gave a job of defending it.

## Pac-8 Standings

|                  | W | L | Pct.  | GB    |
|------------------|---|---|-------|-------|
| UCLA             | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | —     |
| Washington       | 1 | 0 | .000  | 1/2   |
| Southern Cal     | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | —     |
| Washington State | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 1/2   |
| California       | 0 | 1 | .000  | 1 1/2 |
| Stanford         | 0 | 1 | .000  | 1 1/2 |
| Oregon State     | 0 | 2 | .000  | 2     |
| Oregon           | 0 | 2 | .000  | 2     |

**Saturday's Results**  
Southern Cal 66, Oregon 65  
UCLA 87, Oregon State 61  
Washington 71, California 59  
Washington State 61, Stanford 59  
**Monday's Games**  
Stanford at Washington  
California at Washington State

More important, though, it was a collegiate course in basketball for the Ducklings — as even Oregon's varsity should called this year. Harter was quick to point out "our kids learned a lot more out there tonight than they would have if they'd been beaten by 10 points each half."

"If these kids were seniors we would have come in here at half time with a lead."

As to why the slowdown didn't last into the second half and why the Ducks were flattened by the UCLA press, Harter said "UCLA made adjustments and executed,

while we made adjustments and didn't execute."

It was obvious when the Bruins scored seven unanswered points in the first minute and a half of the final stanza that the slowdown was over.

Oregon did try to make Wooden's wonders come out after the ball, but the Bruins never really bit and it wasn't long until the only question was what time the fans wanted to leave.

While on Friday night the Ducks waddled, they were on the fly Saturday in the Sports Arena — home of the SC Trojans. They flew so high and so fast they almost stole the game.

As a matter of fact, any up-and-coming young thief might have done well to watch them. They stole everything that wasn't nailed down and a lot of things SC thought were nailed down. As Harter put it later, "they made hustle plays that couldn't be made."

Playing against a team that fast broke the Beavers — 90-72 — to death a night earlier, the Ducks let the Trojans break loose on clear breaks just twice.

The game may well have been won on the foul line for SC as they hit nine of 12 during the last 10 minutes.

Asked later if these same players would be able to play Harter's game with a few less fouls, Dick retorted, "I think in a

couple of years the officials will begin to appreciate good defense as we get bigger and smarter. He added, "I don't think we ever fouled. We just came up a point short."

The exciting game in the hands of both teams during the last two minutes, promises to be replayed many times in the next few years. The only senior on the floor or bench, was Doug Little who set the scoring pace with his deadly outside shooting. Little scored 24 points.

During those last two minutes, the Ducks lost chances to tie or go ahead several times. With 1:44 left in the game, Mark Barwig caught up with a fast break pass just a little too late to put it through. And at the 1:03 mark, he missed a foul shot that would have completed a three-point play and tied the game.

When Trojan Clint Chapman missed his one-and-one attempt, the visitors still had a chance. The ball changed hands twice in the next 16 seconds, then Oregon found itself on a two-on-two break with Ron Lee in possession of the ball. The stellar freshman then stumbled on a cut and lost it.

Later Harter said he might have called time out, but with Lee having the ball he figured it was the Ducks' best chance.

After that it was all over. The horn went off, the big board showed USC's one-pointer, and all 2500 fans went wild.

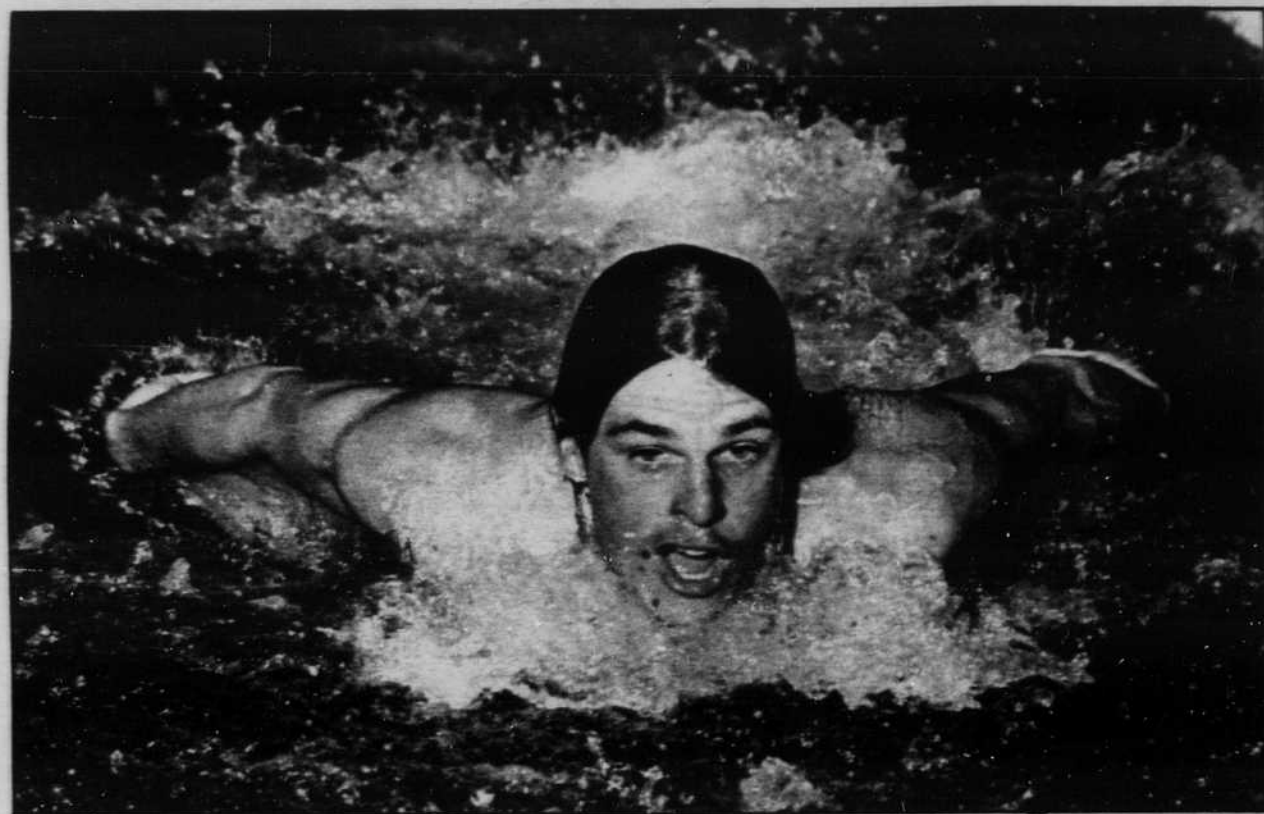


Photo by Jerry Benterou

GARY HIDLE ANCHORS BUTTERFLY RELAY

## Ducks win swimming relays

After a Christmas vacation in California—one of daily workouts under Coach Don Van Rossen—the Oregon swimming team returned home to host the Far Western Intercollegiate Relays over the weekend.

Apparently, the practice down south helped.

The Ducks won eight of 10 events and soundly defeated swimming teams from Oregon State and Washington State for the University division title. Oregon collared 132 points to 106 for the Beavers and 74 for Washington State.

The diving team qualified a man for the NCAA meet later this season. Pat McCornack scored 458.30 points off the three-meter board to make the qualifying standard.

About the only race of consequence Oregon lost was the 300-yard backstroke relay. Oregon State built up a big lead in the first leg and Duck anchorman Jon Ramey couldn't make up the difference.

The Ducks won the 300-yard butterfly with John Topar, Todd Omundson and Gary Hidle by over two seconds. Butterfly specialist Hidle swam the anchor leg and Oregon clocked 2:45.29.

Oregon took the 800-yard freestyle relay with John Hellman, Tony Ciochetti, Greg Boyce, and Steve Williams running legs.

This one was even easier. The Ducks clocked 7:23.90 to 7:33.39 for Oregon State.

In the breaststroke relay, Gary DeVereux, Matt

McCudden, and Roy Clark won in 3:09.79. The 400-yard medley also went to the Ducks' with Rick Basford, Clark, Hidle, and Ciochetti.

## PSU topples

## Duck matmen

Ron Finley figured Portland State would offer a tough wrestling match. He was right.

The highly-regarded Vikings won all but two matches Saturday and clobbered Oregon 30-10, handing the Ducks their first dual meet loss of the season.

It followed an easy victory over Central Washington and before the Christmas break Finley's team got third in the prestigious Washington Invitational and ripped Utah in a dual match.

Oregon's dual meet mark is now 3-1.

At 134 pounds Dave Luke picked up his fourth straight pin and sixth of the year when he flattened PSU's Dale Johnston. The only other points the Ducks could pick up came when Mike Oilar won his 126-pound match by a pin.

The Ducks' next match comes Friday at Seattle against Seattle Pacific College. The next day Oregon takes on powerful Washington. The Huskies are rated strong contenders for the national title.

## IM entries due Tuesday

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After a successful fall term, one which saw four teams score points at a record setting pace, the University's intramural program is organizing again for the winter term with a schedule which includes basketball, handball, cross country, and weightlifting. Seven other All-University championships are also scheduled for the winter term, but the deadline for all intramural team entries is Tuesday.

On top with 453 points after the fall term, Theta Chi is looking for its first overall team championship in over 35 years of IM competition. Intramural manager Scott Corbus comments that "we've never really won the team title, at least not till this year. We're ahead, that's what counts . . . but this term we don't have any real big names at the start so we're sorta going to keep ourselves quiet."

Theta Chi's A basketball team is their best bet for success in the winter term, with a squad which includes team members Bill Shedd, Corbus, Don Whilborg, Dave Horn, and Scott Wintermute among others. A surprising B volleyball championship and a very strong football team highlighted the fall term for Theta Chi; and outstanding performances from Shedd, Whilborg, Rod Raibe, Dale Hachiya, Jim Adler and John Williamson put them in the top spot after the first term.

All winter term intramural team entries must be turned into the IM office (171 PE) by Tuesday, January 9th and play schedules should be available for basketball as soon after that as possible. Two basketball teams may be entered by any one team (A and B), with competition starting January 15th and handball confrontation should follow after basketball is completed.

## Women's intramurals deadline is today

Don't be a mere sports spectator in 1973—take advantage of this term's women's and coed intramurals sponsored by the Women's Recreation Association (WRA).

WRA has extended its intramural entry deadline from Friday until today at 5 p.m. Entry blanks may be picked up and turned in at 170 Gerlinger.

The ASUO-sponsored organization is offering this term: women's and coed basketball, coed water polo and women's singles and doubles and mixed badminton. Individuals as well as living organization and independent teams are encouraged to sign up; individuals will be placed on teams.

Basketball intramurals begin this Wednesday evening and will be played each Wednesday. Five women are needed for fullcourt women's basketball. Five women and five men are required for coed basketball, playing the alternating quarters.

Three men and three women are needed for coed water polo to be played in inner tubes. Matches are scheduled for Thursday evenings with the first meeting, a practice match, set for Jan. 18.

Tournament action in badminton starts Jan. 23 and continues on Tuesday evenings through the quarter.

WRA recommends having substitutes for all team sports. More information is available from Angela Dreher, 170 Gerlinger, X3389.

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