

Three freshmen to start for Ducks

The youngest team in the nation?

Most probably the youngest collegiate basketball team in the country will take the floor Friday night when the Ducks seek their first Pacific-8 Conference victory ever under Coach Dick Harter.



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Three freshmen will most likely be in the starting lineup when Oregon hosts Washington State and Washington in Mac Court this Friday and Saturday each at 8 p.m.

Entering the starting lineup for the first time will be freshman Bruce Coldren, who has been seeing

considerable action throughout the season as a reserve. Coldren, a 6-8 forward will add needed height to the Oregon attack. Coldren replaces freshman Mark Barwig at the forward slot, who has been moved to the guard position.

The other guard, Ron Lee, is the third freshman in the Oregon lineup, joining sophomore center Gerald Willett and senior forward Doug Little in the starting lineup.

Barwig, who was recruited out of South Chicago Heights as a guard, will finally get the chance at playing there this weekend. He was forced into the role of a forward before the season started when Billy Ingram and Kim Swain both fell sidelined with leg injuries.

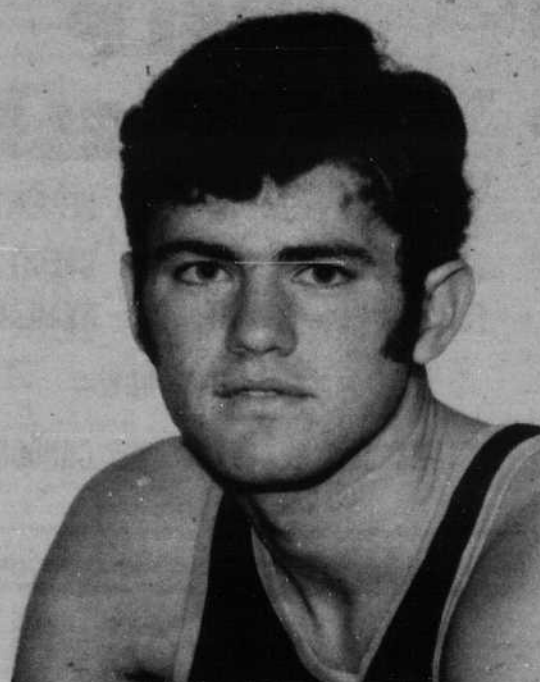
Now both Ingram and Swain are back at full strength, and Barwig will move back to guard where the once-talent-deep corp is dwindling.

Sharp-shooting sophomore Dean Roberts, who had seen minimal action this year mostly in a reserve role (he started against Colorado St. in the Kentucky Invitational) quit the team this week, becoming the second guard to quit the team in just over a month (Ken Kincheloe dropped from the squad just before the Duck's season opener in December).

Barwig may be the answer the Ducks need at the second guard spot that has been vollied by Burt Fredrickson, Paul Halupa, Walt Reynolds and Roberts throughout the season. But the move won't come without it's problems as Barwig adjusts to a new position.

Harter explained the switch, "If Ingram and Swain hadn't gotten hurt so early in the year then we would have had more time to work Barwig at guard. When they came back we got the time to get him ready."

Harter acknowledged the problems created by



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switching positions, "I think it's asking alot to ask a freshman to play two positions. It will take some time, but he did a great job against USC Saturday."

The three-freshman lineup carried Oregon the final 16 minutes against the Trojans Saturday as the Ducks just missed in a 66-65 verdict.

Coldren had been back-up man for center Gerald Willett thus far in the season. George Martin, tight end on the varsity football team this fall appears to have landed forward spot created by Barwig's switch.

*For Oilar,
half the battle
is making
his weight*

By MERLIN MANN
Of the Emerald

For Oregon wrestler Mike Oilar, the season begins anew every Monday. That's when he starts cutting weight for the next wrestling match.

Oilar, who wrestled last season at 142 pounds, this year has the unenviable job of cutting to 126 pounds for Oregon's wrestling matches.

So far it has worked. Oilar is undefeated on the season, and has three pins in his four dual match victories. Although Oilar has been very successful on the mat, his biggest battle is getting down to the weight.

"I eat just one meal a day," Oilar said. "Sometimes I eat a little something for breakfast, like a piece of toast or hot

chocolate, but otherwise I just eat at dinner."

Along with the rigid dieting, Oilar goes through vigorous workouts to trim excess weight. "I usually run a couple miles a day. And this week I'll start twice-a-day workouts with the team. That will help keep my weight down."

Head Coach Ron Finley admires the junior standout, "It takes a lot of discipline to cut weight like that. When the stomach starts hurting, it is easy to go into the kitchen and get something to eat or drink. The hardest part after getting down like that is he has to go through practice with guys who have better nourishment."

"A lot of people don't realize," Finley went on, "that when you get down to losing those last few ounces, a glass of water weighs half-a-pound."

The most remarkable thing of Oilar's dreadful task is his unwillingness to

exhibit any signs of the agony he suffers through in cutting weight the body would rather keep.

"Oilar has turned into a team leader, this year," Finley said, "his spirit is so high. Other guys who are also trying to cut weight can look at him and it'll help them too. It all helps keep team spirits high."

All this makes Oilar an awesome grappler on the mat. His record can attest to that.

"I feel a little weaker down at 126," Oilar said, "but I do a better job. I would probably feel better at 134, maybe, but 126 is a challenge. I don't think I lost that much in strength, but the guys down there are smaller."

On the mat Oilar has found he can handle his opponents much more easily than at 142 where he took third in the Pac-8 last year. He hasn't even been close to losing a match this year.



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