

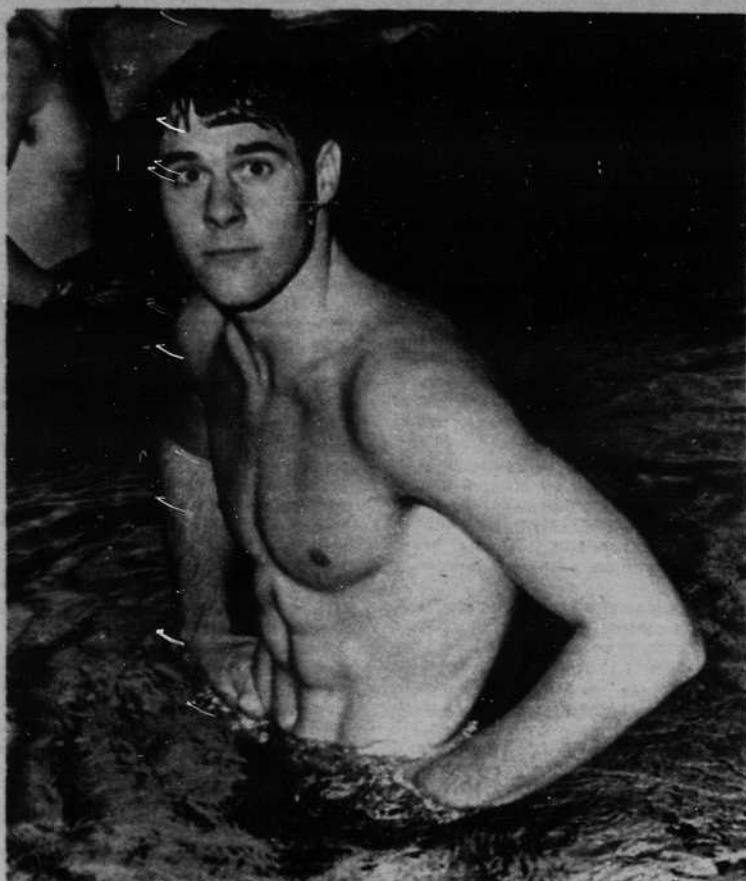


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OREGON'S TONY CIOCHETTI

It's Job, Hencken vs. Duck tankers

By MIKE YORKEY
Of the Emerald

The University of Oregon swim team, coming off a successful meet season last year, will try to improve this season on a sixth place in the Pacific-8 championships, and a very respectable showing in NCAA competition, where the Ducks finished in 17th place.

The Webfoots were a perfect 6-0 in dual meets in 1972, but California proved to be, as they have in recent years, a stumbling block towards a fifth place finish. But Coach Don Van Rossen has some different ideas with his strong, versatile squad. "Cal has knocked us out of fifth place the last few years," Van Rossen related, "and we like to see ourselves in that fifth spot."

The aquamen will have four school record holders returning and a bevy of good freshmen that will form the nucleus of this year's squad. "In terms of all-around strokes," says Van Rossen, "this is the most skilled team I've ever had here. We have swimmers who can swim different strokes well, and that means we have greater options in how we can move swimmers around against our opponents."

Tony Ciochetti, a sophomore freestyler and record-holder in the 200-yard freestyle, should head the list. Steve Williams is the top distance man for the Duck swimmers, and holds school records in the 1650 and 1000 freestyle events. Gary Hidle, a butterfly man, and John Ramey, a backstroke, also hold records in their respective events.

Freshmen who should see a lot of action at Leighton Pool are Roy Clark, Lee Freirmuth, Mike Heady, Mat McCuddem and Pat Sawyer of Eugene.

Today the Webfoots will open their 1973 dual meet season, hosting powerhouse Stanford at Leighton Pool, starting at 4 p.m. The Cardinals should prove to be a stiff test, and they boast in the estimation of Van Rossen, "the best one-two combination of breaststrokers in the world." The Oregon mentor is referring to Don Hencken and Brian Job. Hencken currently holds the world record in the 200-yard breaststroke, and won the gold medal in Munich. Job merely holds seven NCAA gold medals. Besides that juggernaut, Stanford fields 41 top swimmers on their varsity, compared to 17 for Oregon. "That lets you know about their recruiting and scholarship budget," quipped Van Rossen.

Stanford placed behind USC and UCLA in the Pac-8 last year, and finished eighth in the NCAA championships. The Cardinals are hoping to improve enough this year to challenge the USC-UCLA stranglehold on Pac-8 swimming.

After vying with Stanford today, the Oregon swimmers will take on the Alaska University contingent tomorrow, not once, but twice. Two meets will be held at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and these next two days should prove to be busy ones for the Ducks.

Huskies could be tougher than USC

By JIM HUNTER
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A day before the season started Dick Harter said he expected Oregon to be 7-5 entering the weekend series with Washington and Washington State.

Four opening wins, one against Gonzaga and two in the Far West Classic coupled with losses to powers Kentucky, Providence, Minnesota, UCLA and USC. He called it perfectly.

Harter is a realist. Not the eternal optimist nor the deadening pessimist, but a refreshing coach who knows his team's plusses and minuses and isn't wary of revealing them.

At that time he said if the Ducks were 7-5 they'd be in pretty good shape going into the final 14 games.

Now the prophetic Harter and his scrappy crew face the surprising Huskies and the improving Cougars. So what does Harter have to say? Nothing too specific, just the obvious, "If we take them both, we're in a good position to win some more games."

One might think that because Oregon came within a bucket of beating Southern Cal, Washington and WSU won't be any trouble. No such luck.

The Huskies at 8-4 just might be the second best team in the Pac-8 and the conference's entry in the NIT tournament. The Cougars, while not nearly as imposing, are on the rise and have won three of their last four.

To counteract the visitors and, incidentally, give Harter his first Pac-8 win ever, is, potentially, the strongest line-up Oregon can field this season.

Ron Lee is still at guard but his backcourt partner will be Mark Barwig. Harter's future plans include Barwig at guard, but personnel limitation forced him to use the freshman at forward this year. Though he has had little collegiate experience at guard, one week on the JV's and this week's practices show he can do the job.

Replacing Barwig will be a third freshman, Bruce Coldren. The Ducks' fifth leading scorer, Coldren has looked good in most of his prior appearances, including a 14-point effort against Kentucky. At 6-8 he gives Oregon some much needed height and

increased board strength. Doug Little is the other forward and Gerald Willett the center.

Washington is coming off a 76-55 loss to Stanford. But the score may not be an accurate gauge since its coach, Marv Harshman, was ill and missed the game.

They're a lot like Oregon in that they fast break; play man-to-man defense and have a small man at post, only 6-7. The guy who makes the team click is senior guard Louie Nelson, who is averaging 24.1 a game. Says Harter of the 6-2½ shooter, "He's probably the best guard we'll see this year."

Supporting Nelson are a couple of fine forwards, Ray Price and Reggie Ball. Price, who Harter says is the most improved player in the league, is the Huskies' leading rebounder, grabbing more than 10 a game. His scoring average of 14.3 is a bit deceiving. He can hit 25 one night but only eight the next.

Other starters are Ron Williams at guard and John Quigg at center.

Washington State has upped its record to 4-7 by winning its last two Far West Classic appearances and a 61-49 outing with Stanford. It lost last time out to California by six.

The Cougars present a contradiction to Harter. At the Classic Harter said he couldn't think of any game the rest of the season, except Cal Poly, in which Oregon would be favored. Thursday, Dick revamped his thinking and said, "Our record indicates we're the better team."

But, as he also noted, they're a tough team. Washington State plays a patient game, setting up plays that release only for the good shot. The most points scored either by WSU or an opponent this season is 74. The Cougars are averaging 56.5 while allowing 58.7.

The Ducks aren't strangers to the slowdown and Harter said, "We could fight fire with fire but whether we run or are patient just depends on what happens in the first 10 minutes."

Washington State is led by 6-9 center Mike Dolvan who's averaging 14. The Cougar frontcourt includes Morris Griffin and Bob Niehl. The backcourt features Ben Krause and Brad Jackson.

Face Huskies Saturday

Wrestling team in Seattle today

The Oregon wrestling team travels to Seattle today for a pair of weekend dual matches against Seattle Pacific and powerful Washington.

Undefeated on the season, Mike Oilar leads the squad into the matches with three dual match pins in four starts. Oilar will be wrestling at 126 pounds for the Ducks.

Dave Luke, the Ducks' senior sensation at 134 pounds may sit out tonight's action against Seattle Pacific. Luke will go after his fifth straight pin against Washington Saturday night. His 23 career pins is an Oregon record.

Luke has been in the infirmary this week suffering from the flu and his spot in the Friday lineup will be filled by freshman Ron Catalani.

Against the stronger Huskies the following night, Luke will regain his starting berth, according to assistant coach Jeff Smith, as the Ducks try in their upset bid of the nationally ranked Huskies. Defending co-champions of the Pac-8, the Huskies are aiming for the NCAA title in March that will be hosted by Washington.

The Huskies feature NCAA champion Bill Mur-

dock (177) and NCAA third placer Hajime Shinjo (150).

Against the Falcons of SPC, Wes Hines will be tested by Bill Knipple at 190 pounds. Knipple won fourth place at the Midlands Tournament in Chicago at 190 pounds, winning his first three matches easily before running into Olympic Gold Medalist Ben Peterson. Knipple lost, in a creditable performance, 6-1.

Hines, 3-1 with two pins, was the U.S. Olympic team alternate. He recorded the fastest pin in Oregon history last week in 20 seconds.

Tickets on sale

Student tickets for tonight's basketball game with Washington and Saturday's contest with WSU can still be picked up, according to the athletic department.

The AD ticket window will be open today until 5 p.m. and the cost of the tickets is \$2.

ATO-Chi Psi game kicks off IM basketball season

The opening two rounds of intramural basketball play have been released by the IM office.

All games will be played on courts 40 and 43—the ones used by the PE Department for volleyball classes.

Monday—3:35 on Court 40, ATO vs. Chi Psi. Court 43, Betas vs. SAE. At 4:20 on Court 40, Kappa Sigma vs. Sigma Nu. Court 43, Caswell vs. Clark. At 5 p.m. on Court 40, Ganoe vs. McAllister. Court 43, Moore vs. Smith.

Tuesday—6:45 on Court 40, Sheldon vs. Burgess. Court 43, High Hill Gang vs. C-Men I. At 7:30 on Court 40, Legal Eagles vs. Fork Lift Operators. Court 43, Sagehens vs. UBL Pigskinners. At 8:15 on Court 40, Carsonites vs. Sick Ducks. Court 43, Eugene Fish Co. vs. Speed.

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